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HEAVEN CAN WAIT NEWSLETTER – June 2010

*This edition of the Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of New York*

### News from the Ranch

Unfortunately the update on New York is not what we had hoped it would be and is what caused the delay in sending this Newsletter out. After a month of positive improvement, he took a big slide backwards on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. An x-ray disclosed a bone chip that was causing a secondary infection. Although that infection was treated aggressively, it did not go away and was very close to the fetlock joint. Surgery was now required to remove the bone chip with a 50/50 chance that New York would not be pain free because of possible damage to the joint. Due to his age, and sadly a very small bank account, the decision was made to send him to Heaven on June 1. It was really the best for him. It cost us well over \$2,000 to get him to the point we did....but the underlying issues, undetected at first, came back as belated and unpleasant surprises. We didn't want our handsome and charming big black Thoroughbred to suffer another day. **Godspeed New York. We love you and will miss you.**



We are grateful to report that an automated fly spray system to control summer pests has been donated by our very special friends Sharon and Renny Avey and will be installed at the Sanctuary in time for the Open House. Thank you so much, the horses and donkeys will be very happy...

### Open House June 13<sup>th</sup>



Come join us at the Sanctuary, 6275 Cerros Pioneros Way, San Miguel 93451, on Sunday June 13 from 11 to 4 – it's our fourth Open House at Heaven Can Wait. **Tour** the Sanctuary, meet the residents and learn their stories, enjoy a catered lunch by **Hospitality Catering** for \$5, have the kids meet Christina Reid as "**Freckles the Clown**," shop some HCW-supporting businesses like Peggy Talkovic's **Scentsy** wickless scented candles and Wendy Scruby's Pewter Creations, **Graveyard Vineyards** (who will be pouring for the adults), and again this year we have a tempting raffle that includes a big oil painting by **John Philip Sousa IV!** The March King's great grandson has donated his depiction of American Flags to benefit the equines. This is a signed original anyone would be proud to display.

After 2 PM, we are proud to present the amazing up-close magic of strolling sleight of hand artist and award winning entertainer **Rich Ferguson**. Don't miss him – he is also going to “call” the raffle.

Thank you to these businesses and individuals for donating to the raffle prize list: Apropos Women's Clothing (Paso Robles), Ranchita Canyon Vineyard, Vista del Rey Vineyards, Paso Robles Licensed AVON Beauty Center, Tierra Verde Soy Candles, Scentsy, Upscale Resale of Templeton, Hotel Cheval, the Independent Grape Growers of the Paso Robles Area, and several generous individuals. There will be plenty of parking, children are welcome, those wishing to tour the stable and pasture areas should consider wearing closed shoes because of the ground. Please leave your pups at home for this date, however, as we have plenty of canine critters at the Sanctuary to meet and play with.

### Police Horse Pros Clinic

A dozen riders and nearly that many auditors showed up at Cindy Nacey's handsome Rancho del Rio Equestrian Facility in Atascadero on May 15 and 16 to practice communicating with their horses on the ground and from the saddle at the Police Horse Pros Sensory Training Clinic. (Go to [www.PoliceHorsePros.com](http://www.PoliceHorsePros.com) to learn more about this organization.) Beautiful weather, skilled coaching from Retired Captains Jim Barrett and Wendall Hildebrandt, a lively group of riders and auditors converged to produce a fruitful learning experience. While the ground work, formation riding, self-defense on horseback and despooning segments were applauded, the highlight for everyone had to be lunch both days provided by Liz Bannon of Lombardi's Family Restaurant in Paso Robles. Thanks, Liz! Even the coaches said it was the best food they'd ever had at one of their clinics.



We also want to thank the many devoted and hard working volunteers and HCW Volunteer Coordinator Jessica Bittner who organized them, with a hug to Cindy Nacey for providing the venue.

And best of all, we thank our riders and auditors, who really made this fundraiser possible.

### Consignage Store



A new consignment store for home and garden furnishings has opened at 1041 Paso Robles Street, Paso 805/239-2343 (across from Farm Supply) and owner Liz Bannon has set up an account there to benefit Heaven Can Wait. If you (or someone you know) want to bring something to sell on our behalf, HCW will receive 60% of the purchase price when it sells! Or call Susan 805/368-5702 or Ramey 805/712-3109 if you have an item we can pick up and bring to the store.

Consignage is managed by Lecia Brannon and has a wonderful array of treasures from dining room sets to decorated jewelry boxes, mirrors to armoires, lamps to landscapes, rugs to rockers. Glance at the photo on the left and you will want to visit them yourself to shop for unique items at great prices. HCW will be at their Grand Opening on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and you are invited.

### Pre-Halloween Costume/Lingerie Show

Pillow Talk of Paso (1210 Park Street, Paso Robles) and El Vino Restaurant (15<sup>th</sup> and Park Streets, Paso Robles) join up on Monday, September 13 to showcase the newest Halloween costumes and some beautiful lingerie fashions to benefit Heaven Can Wait Equine Sanctuary. Orders will be taken that evening so if you see a costume you want, you can choose from a fresh selection. These are

adult costumes, not quite naughty but very nice. No Barney or Iron Man suits – which wouldn't be as much fun to watch being modeled by our volunteer guys and gals anyway.

Delicious complimentary snacks will be provided and pitchers of Margaritas, beer and other drinks both alcoholic and non can be purchased. Times and donation prices to be announced, so mark your calendars.

### Hot August Night



Photo of Faux Diamond from Ruby's Retro Dance, March 2009

On Saturday night, August 21 Heaven Can Wait will present a show devoted to the music and magic of Neil Diamond (as channeled by Dr Dave Ramsey, one of the Sanctuary's truest friends and a very talented entertainer). Wine and dessert pairings, dancing and a surprise opening act are planned. Donation price will be \$25 per person to benefit the horses and donkeys. The show will start at the Sanctuary residence at 7:30 PM and last until the stars are out! Anyone who loves Neil Diamond will want to be there.

### The Nest

Next time you visit HCW stop into "Dharzy's" barn where one of the stalls has been converted to a comfortable meeting place with tables, chairs, magazines, books for all ages, educational materials on equine health and anatomy, drawing supplies, photographs, a CD player and even fine art for your pleasure. If you have books, artwork, photos, craft materials, etc., to share, they would be appreciated by everyone in The Nest.



Café HCW? No, but just as good – The Nest

### Please Patronize the Businesses that Support HCW

Our website will be displaying links to the businesses that support our efforts at HCW, and we encourage you to patronize them whenever you can both as a thank you for their generosity and as a way of maintaining the vigor of our local economy. The retailers, wineries, boutiques, artists, services and restaurateurs helping us have wonderful products. Enjoy them!

### Check Us Out on Facebook

Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Heaven Can Wait Equine Sanctuary-San Miguel to see the latest news and views on many of the issues we, as compassionate souls, are involved with.

*Your kindness continues to inspire us.*

**Susan Schwartz, Founder**

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