



2023 ELECTION BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

TINA MARIE BOND

As a breeder, owner, and farm owner, Tina has enjoyed an all-encompassing experience and lifestyle surrounded by such wonderful horses. Breeding, raising, and racing horses has been her passion over three decades. She met trainer H. James Bond in 1982, and married into the thoroughbred racing industry two years later. She continued in her business career working for Kodak as an Investment Specialist, while raising their two boys, Kevin and Ryan. In 1996, she left her corporate job and started working for Jim full time handling the administrative end of the business. As the business grew she became more involved, taking on new roles in managing Song Hill Thoroughbreds and its developing foaling operation. Song Hill has partnered with NYRA to do farm tours to educate our fans and horse lovers.

Tina is the managing partner of Bond Racing Stable and enjoyed success in racing, winning stakes races at all three NYRA tracks and Finger Lakes, and finishing in the top 5 owners during the 2020 Saratoga Race meet. It brings her great joy to share the excitement of thoroughbred horse ownership with her partners and to bring new partners into this sport.

Tina has served on the NYTHA board for the last nine years, six of those as Vice President. As President, she will work together with NYRA to ensure New York racing is the best and strongest in the country. She will always prioritize the safety of the horses. She is very committed to bringing stability to our industry and to ensuring the future of year-round racing in the state by bringing in new and younger owners and fans. She will continue to fight for New York Racing and Breeding because of the wonderful platform it provides for the sport.

CHAD SUMMERS

My name is Chad Summers and I am running for NYTHA President. For six years, NYTHA has not been represented by someone with boots on the ground. We need our voices heard now more than ever.

Call me to discuss plans (516) 557-4384.

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OWNER/DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

ANDREW (ANDY) AARON

ELECT (Andrew) ANDY AARON TO BOARD AS OWNER
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As a two-time NYTHA Board member and active owner at NYRA and Finger Lakes, I have brought hope and energy to our Association and industry. Having been tired of hearing and reading that our sport is dying, that as horsemen, we are only in it for ourselves and do not care about the welfare of the horses, I diligently spoke out to respond to public criticism of our names and reputations. I endeavored to increase communication and transparency between the Board and its membership regarding the important issues: purses, medication, facilities, after-racing care. I worked hard to ensure that all Notices of Meetings, Board minutes, Association financial reports and By-Laws are sent to all members as soon as they are available. I have been and will continue to be a Board representative for all NYTHA members.

I have brought the art of thoughtful reflection and compromise to the internal conflicts now being experienced in our organization, as well as to the discussion of major national and statewide issues.

I have represented our interests in Albany and attended National THA meetings around the country and am often seen at the barn or training track in the morning and am easily accessible to members. I am:

- A thoroughbred owner with almost 400 starts, including multiple Stakes winner Hoosick Falls, and owner of countless winners of claiming and allowance races.
- An attorney for over 37 years with experience representing trainers and jockeys on racing and business matters.
- A proven peace maker and negotiator as Small Claims Court Arbitrator.

I have placed every one of my retired runners and mares in new careers or retirement farms.

FOR A VOICE OF REASON WITH A PASSION, ELECT ANDY AARON TO THE NYTHA BOARD AS AN OWNER.

TOM BELLHOUSE

My name is Tommy Bellhouse and I am seeking your vote.

I Love New York Horse Racing!!!

For 19+ years I have resided in Saratoga Springs with my wife Karen. I'm a proud Long Island native whose childhood included frequent rides on the N6 bus down Hempstead Turnpike from my Grandparents home in Franklin Square to Beautiful Belmont Park. Attended 1st Belmont Stakes 1978....Alydar vs Affirmed... ENOUGH SAID!!!

I've enjoyed being a thoroughbred and harness owner in New York since 2003. Employed full time in the industry since 2008 with West Point Thoroughbreds. Introduced hundreds of new partners to thoroughbred ownership. Extensive experience with the inner workings of NY Gaming Licensing, NYRA Credentials, silks rotation, Horsemen's Relations, NYRA security, and Horsemen's Bookkeeping.

Over the last 15+ years, I worked closely with dozens of leading trainers and their teams, so I am extremely empathetic to the challenges our horsemen face on a daily basis.

I'm a passionate handicapper, bettor, and student of the game who understands the concerns of our betting public.

We've made it a life priority to give back to organizations that better the lives of people in our community and industry.

- Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2nd term)
- Vocal advocate for NY Racing in the Saratoga County community.
- Belmont Child Care Association (BCCA) Advisory Board-Head Saratoga Committee
- Volunteer for the NY Racetrack Chaplaincy Saratoga
- Helped implement the BEST "Groom of the Day" program
- Captain Family Services (Saratoga County) "Helping people help themselves."

My passion for our game is unwavering....

I want to continue to be a voice for:

1. The horses
2. The people who care for them
3. The people who invest their dollars to own them
4. The people who wager that make the game go and thrive

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KEVIN F. BRADY

I love thoroughbred racing – morning workouts, racing days, sales auctions, breeding farms – all of it. Growing up near Belmont and Aqueduct trying to decipher the Racing Form, I never thought ownership was within my reach. Over the last 15 years, first in partnerships and then adding independent ownership and breeding, I feel fortunate to be a small player in this world.

I recognize, though, that our sport faces serious issues – safety, competitive integrity, and providing a decent life for our workforce. This is all complicated by the lack of central governance. We are at a critical time for our sport. We have one chance to implement HISA, one chance to launch the new Belmont Park. We need to get these things right. NYTHA has been a force for constructive change, and I believe it can play a larger role. I would like to be part of that effort.

I do not have immediate answers, but I do have relevant experience and skills. After graduating from Princeton and the University of Virginia Law School, I spent the bulk of my career in pharmaceuticals, becoming General Counsel of a multi-billion-dollar global business. That industry brings miraculous advances, but like thoroughbred racing, it faces existential challenges. I have learned the value of listening to critics and being open to change. I also learned that it is not enough to do the right thing. We also need to effectively communicate to our members, policymakers, and the public about why our actions are appropriate.

Because of my service on numerous Boards, both charitable and commercial, I understand how to be collaborative and constructive in those settings. Being part of NYTHA leadership would be a priority for me. I would be grateful if you gave me that opportunity.

DAN COLLINS

I am seeking board re-election having spent the past three years as chair of the Communications Committee and instrumental in the hiring of NYTHA's first communications professional working with the Executive Director to expand communications to the membership and bringing aboard a video marketing intern to develop social media actions broadening awareness of horse ownership.

My love for horse racing began in 1971 at The Saratogian newspaper as Pink Sheet editor. I went on to a career in newspaper, government relations and Fortune 500 corporate communications.

In 2005, I established Bona Venture Stables, headquartered in Saratoga Springs. BVS is a family business with my wife, Sarah, serving as COO, daughters Claire and Maura, and sons-in-law Chris and Joe providing ownership assistance and recruiting.

BVS has introduced more than 150 first-time owners to NY racing. We maintain a string of 8-12 horses with success at the claiming, state-bred stakes, graded stakes, and Breeders' Cup level.

My communications experience, focused on crisis situations, government relations, executive media training and media relations, positions me to support NYTHA efforts to:

- Introduce a new generation of owners ensuring a vibrant future for the industry
- Continue improving the living/working conditions of backstretch workers
- Support aftercare programs to ensure safe retirement for racehorses.
- Advance nationwide medication standards
- Lobby NY legislators to support NY horse racing.

I am a graduate of St. Bonaventure University and served 17 years as a Trustee, the last five as Vice Chair of the board. A past member of the Arthur W. Page Society, The PR Seminar and the Council on Communications Strategy. In 2011, Business to Business Magazine recognized me as top corporate marketer for the innovative "A Day Made of Glass" video.

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MATTHEW CUTAIR

Matt Cutair has owned horses on the New York racing circuit for nearly 20 years, starting out as a partner with Sovereign Stables, eventually running under his own stable — Cutair Racing, and now running the Adelphi Racing Club partnership group. Cutair currently owns and campaigns over 30 horses in New York (with more than half of them being New York bred). In addition to his racing interests, he also owns six New York based broodmares. He is married to Lily Cutair who rides dressage and his son Lucas Cutair (10) is a competitive rider as well. The family has a 3-stall horse barn in their backyard which is home to a retired racehorse, a retired NYPD mounted unit horse and a retired equine therapy horse.

SANFORD GOLDFARB

Sandy has been deeply involved in the horse racing industry for over 35 years, making him a highly experienced and dedicated individual. With a passion for these magnificent animals, Sandy embarked on a mission to make their post-racing lives better.

In 2005, he co-founded the Unbridled Foundation, an organization dedicated to rescuing horses when they retire from the racing industry. Recognizing the importance of providing these horses with a safe and loving environment, Sandy has successfully rehabilitated and rehomed countless retired racehorses.

Now, Sandy is taking his commitment a step further by running for a board seat on the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA), representing the owners. His goal is to make a significant difference and foster improvements in all aspects of the racing business.

With his extensive knowledge and years of experience, Sandy believes he can contribute fresh perspectives and innovative solutions to the challenges faced by the industry. He envisions creating a more sustainable model that ensures the welfare of the horses and supports the growth of the sport.

Sandy's dedication to horse racing goes beyond mere competition; he is driven by a genuine love for these extraordinary animals. By striving to improve the racing industry on all levels, Sandy aims to create a future where both the horses and the people involved can thrive.

MICHAEL IANNAONI

My love of racing took shape in the 1980s. I attended Pace University in Westchester County and took the CPA exam in Saratoga. From that date forward I have attended Saratoga and all tracks in the NY circuit with a core group of friends and family.

Being a fan turned to ownership in the early 2000s and in 2010, I was involved in a partnership that won the Turnback the Alarm Stakes.

I am currently a Managing Partner of Acrisure LLC, a worldwide financial services company. With one of my Partners, Bob Scavetta, I have been able to fulfill my lifelong dream of creating our own racing partnership, Rainbow's End Racing Stable, which races primarily in NY. We have over 40 partners and have participated in 175 races since our inception in 2016. One of our Belmont winners, Cynane, took us to Royal Ascot this summer. We have built this partnership on the premise of being informative and providing transparency to our partners. Racehorse ownership is a journey that goes well beyond the day of the race and through almost daily emails we can give our partners an appreciation for every aspect of the sport.

New York Racing and the industry as a whole is at a critical junction. I believe I have the knowledge, as a longtime fan and owner, to help navigate through the important decisions that lie ahead. Also, I have the time necessary to do the work needed to achieve these goals.

Since its inception, Rainbow's End Racing Stable has been an ardent supporter of the NY Racetrack Chaplaincy. We are advocates of thoroughbred aftercare through TRF, Inc. and ReRun Thoroughbreds and partner annually with the PDJF — two very important organizations that represent all that this sport should and can aspire to be.

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PATRICK LEWIS

I have been an avid horseman since my youth in middle Tennessee. Growing up around foxhunting parents, I had extreme exposure to all that comes with the care of horses. I left Tennessee for a career in finance in New York in 2006, and helped launch two bond trading desks. In the ensuing years, I remained an avid racing enthusiast and used some of the capital I had earned to buy a farm and start a stable. I have gone from 1 horse in June 2021, to 31 as of this writing with approximately 10 slated for or actively training in the NYRA circuit. Upland Flats Racing has been and will continue to be involved in Racing, breeding, claiming. Integrity and good horsemanship is my most critical focus as we shepherd our cherished sport into the future. I have tremendous support from my wife and two young boys. I believe that my passion as an owner and champion of the sport would be a boost to this body and hope we can work together.

STEVEN ROCCO

I have been a fan of horse racing from a young age when my parents would spend summers in Saratoga Springs, New York. I have been fortunate enough to enjoy the sport now as both an owner and breeder since 2015, when I bought my first share of a racehorse with Team Valor. I have since grown my interests as an owner of over 30 horses either on my own or in partnership. As a New York resident I am a big supporter of the NY-Bred program and look forward to the opportunity to offer my voice on how the NYTHA board can better serve the interests of horsemen and the backstretch community. I am an avid consumer of content from listening to hours of industry related podcasts on a weekly basis to reading daily publications like the TDN and the BloodHorse in an effort to stay as informed as I can on all matters. I have been lucky enough to form many close relationships simply by being a part of this wonderful industry and I truly want to give back as much as I can to a sport I love. I currently reside in New York City with my wife Soraya and my two young boys Jackson (9) and Lincoln (5). My family continues to spend our summers in Saratoga Springs, as residents of that community. After graduating Cornell University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, I began a career in finance, and I am currently a Partner at Lord Abbett & Co. I have been at the same firm for 20 years. I look forward to the chance to work with you all in the coming years. Thank you for your consideration.

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VINCENT VIVOLO, JR.

Hi my name is Vincent. I am a candidate for Owner/Director of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. I am a third-generation horseman. My grandfather owned and bred thoroughbred racehorses from 1945-1963. My father owned and bred racehorses as well. I have worked as a hotwalker, a groom and an assistant trainer from 1979- 1985. I bought my first racehorse in 1992. I am currently involved in many aspects of the horse racing industry. For example: owner, breeder, pin-hooking and part owner of a stallion standing in New York.

Horse racing has been a passion of mine since I am a young man. It would be my pleasure to serve on the NYTHA board.

Thank you.

DR. JENNIFER WHITE

I bought into my first thoroughbred in 2017 and have never looked back. We started with one thoroughbred and now are partners in ten. I was completely hooked and wanted to learn about every facet available. I decided that if I was going to continue to buy into horses I should learn as much as I could about the process and the industry. I am currently enrolled in online equine classes from the University of South Carolina at Aiken.

NYTHA represents everything that matters to me in the horse world. I would like to give back to the industry that has done so much for me over the years. The care of the horses and the care of the people caring for the horses is paramount to me. I would like to represent all of the "everyday" owners on the board. In the mornings I can be found watching the horses work and breeze on the backstretch. When I am not with the horses at the racetrack, I am at home or at the lake snuggling my two miniature dachshunds, Rosebud and Ripple.

I have been practicing hospital medicine for the last 20 years. I grew up in Colonie, NY and came to Saratoga Racetrack every Sunday with my family. I graduated from Siena College with a Bachelors in Science and then went on to Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine to pursue my medical degree. When Mark and I were trying to decide where to settle after completing my internal medicine residency in Philadelphia, it was natural that we settled in Saratoga Springs. I currently work full time as a hospitalist physician for Saratoga Hospital. It would be absolutely thrilling and my honor to serve on the NYTHA Board.

ARON YAGODA

Goals:

I am seeking re-election as an Owner/Director of NYTHA. I feel that we have made great progress the last 6 years to enhance the health and wellness of the backstretch employees and our horses but there is always more we can do especially in this constantly changing environment. As a board member, I hope to continue to make positive strides for the entire industry and especially for those of us who race year-round on the NY circuit. We must protect our industry and work to safeguard the integrity of our sport as we are all in this together. I have been very active as a board member and I promise to continue to be if re-elected.

Experience:

I have participated in the horse business in many different capacities: as an owner, breeder and pinhooker. I am also on the B.E.S.T board. I am very hands-on and accessible to everyone in our industry from backstretch personnel, to owners, trainers, and racing executives. I can be found at NYRA tracks throughout the year. There is no better day for me than one that starts on the backside and ends after a full day of racing. Horse racing is my life's passion, it isn't just a business or a hobby for me.

Personal:

I was born and raised in New York and have been around the NYRA tracks my entire life. I actually attended my first Saratoga meet before I was born and this will be my 57th consecutive Saratoga. My grandfather and father both raced horses on the NY circuit, and I have been an owner since 1985. When not at the track, I am the Executive VP of Streit's Matzos.

Thank you for considering me for an Owner/Director seat on the NYTHA Board.

TRAINER/DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

JENA ANTONUCCI

As a lifelong horsewoman, I have had the opportunity to appreciate so many different avenues and opportunities the horses provide us all with. My goal would be to apply lessons learned throughout my career to champion for the betterment of the horses and humans of New York Racing. Recognizing there are exciting times ahead including the rebirth of Belmont Park, it's an excellent time to get involved to help ensure the horses and racing are positioned for success for decades to come. I feel having a unique perspective, skill set and involvement in the industry will offer a lot to the horsemen as their representation with a balanced and fair approach.

While there are large shoes to fill from previous directors, to have the opportunity to represent fellow horsemen and women would be an honor.

AMIRA CHICHAKLY

I have been a trainer in New York since 2020 and worked as an assistant in New York, Kentucky and Florida in the years prior. I am currently very active in thoroughbred aftercare and would like to continue to be as a board member. I definitely incorporate out of the box thinking into training, one example being the cross training program I started. I would like to help bring ideas to the table that would create positive change in our industry. As we head into a new stage of racing, our approach must be dynamic. As a member of the NYTHA board, I would hope to bring to the table a perspective not just as a small trainer, but as a rider in multiple disciplines and a horse person since the day I was born. I would appreciate your consideration.

DAVID DONK

I have been involved in horse racing since I was 8 years old. I established my own racing stable in January of 1991 after working as an assistant for Woody Stephens for five and a half years. In my travels, I have met many people and I understand the various perspectives of everyone involved in racing, from owners, trainers, track management and most of all, backstretch workers.

I have been a director of NYTHA in the past and would again like to help serve and represent the horsemen of New York. I believe it is in the best interest of horsemen to keep the lines of communication open between horsemen, the NYRA, the Governor, our local politicians, as well as in Albany. We have begun to see a lot of positive steps being taken in New York recently. With your help and support, I would like to continue to do this and more. Thank you.

DAVID DUGGAN

David Duggan, 55, born and raised in Tipperary, Ireland, he rode as a professional jockey in Ireland, Germany, Australia and India.

He moved to California in 1993 to work for Neil Drysdale, spending eighteen months there before moving to New York as an assistant to John Kimmel for five years. In 2000 he headed west again to Santa Anita assisting Eoin Harty and Godolphin, spending seasons in Santa Anita, Arlington Park and Dubai, working with Street Cry, E Dubai, Tempera, Imperial Gesture and Zosima.

He started training in 2005 in New York. David has had success with graded stakes winners such as Porte Bonheur, Stud Muffin and the recently retired Drafted.

David is married to Lara and they have two teenage daughters, Lili and Emily.

TRAINER/DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

JAMES FERRARO

This November marks the 46th anniversary of my career training at NYRA's three racetracks. I have served on NYTHA's Backstretch, Benevolence and Scholarship Committees over the course of the past two decades. I have also spent the last 12 years on the N.Y. Backstretch Employees Pension Plan Trainers' Committee.

The main issue that is forcing many trainers out of business, and others to avoid stabling in New York State altogether, is the continued high cost of workers' compensation insurance. We must make sure that NYRA doesn't reduce winter racing dates at Aqueduct. I hope you will allow me to continue working with the NYTHA Board. Thank you for your consideration.

ROBERT FALCONE, JR.

No bio was provided for candidate.

LEAH GYARMATI

No bio was provided for candidate.

JOHN TERRANOVA

No bio was provided for candidate.

LINDA RICE

A native of Wisconsin, Linda Rice grew up in horse racing, learning how to identify and develop a racehorse from an early age thanks to her father Clyde Rice. A third-generation horse trainer, she is the leading female conditioner in North America with over 2,300 wins and \$100-million in purses. Rice was the first female to win a training title in New York, topping the Saratoga standings in 2009 & most recently in 2023, and now owns a total of eleven training titles in the Empire State and one in Maryland. Some of her star pupils include Eclipse winner La Verdad, and Grade I winners City Zip, Palace, Voodoo Song, Tenski, Princess Violet, Lucifer's Stone and Things Change. Rice won the 2020 GIII Withers S. with Max Player, who also finished third in both the GI Belmont S. and GI Travers S.

Off the track, Rice has been an active member of the NYTHA board since 2002. Her biggest achievements on the NYTHA board were increasing purse money from VLTs in conjunction with securing live race dates for New York horsemen; minimizing workmen's compensation issues that have plagued the industry; and marketing horse racing aggressively as a national sport. In addition, her position as chairman of the Scholarship Committee has allowed her to help backstretch employees who seek to further their education and promote self-improvement. Rice's goal is to represent all horsemen in her efforts to improve the future of New York racing.

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