



Owner Candidate

FREDERIC C. HEYMAN

Fred Heyman was born and raised in Baltimore County, where he still lives, and has been a Thoroughbred racehorse owner for more than two decades.

Heyman, an attorney by trade, primarily races in Maryland but has raced throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. He usually owns five or six horses at a time but dispersed his stock before the COVID-19 shutdown earlier this year because of financial considerations. Heyman intends to return, however, and would like to get more involved in the industry through the MTHA Board of Directors.

“You don’t get involved in this business as an investment,” he said. “It’s a lifestyle choice.”

Heyman has owned numerous horses either outright or in partnerships. Top horses include Crossing Point, who earned almost \$550,000 and won 15 races including four stakes, one of them the Dave’s Friend at Laurel Park; Maryland-bred P. Kerney, who won 13 races, four of them stakes, and banked more than \$460,000. Both were Maryland-bred runners.

Heyman said conversations with others in the business led him to run for the MTHA board.

“There is a need for everyone to have an understanding and appreciation of backstretch workers and how hard our blue-collar trainers ply their trade,” he said. “It’s important for everyone to have a seat at the table and a voice at the table. There isn’t a lot of synergy between the blue-collar trainers, those who train a lot of stakes horses, and racetrack management. There is a need for synergy across all bases.”

Heyman said in order for racing to grow, tracks must focus on enhancing the consumer experience and cultivating trainers who can bring quality stock to Maryland to showcase the state as “the place for racing across all spectrums.” He is an advocate for the continued push for uniformity of regulations, including those related to medication, and keeping the playing field level for all participants.

“There can be a disconnect among the stakeholders in racing,” Heyman said. “I want to try to be a consensus-builder across all platforms. The table should be big enough so everyone has a voice.”