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State Legislators Take the Reins to Compete; Komen Foundation Receives Major Donation...

**Thousands Will Attend 6th Annual Fall Harvest Festival Tomorrow, Saturday, October 11th
at Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway
Family-Fun Event Showcases New York State Craft Beer, Food, Horse Racing & Agriculture**

What: 6th Annual Fall Harvest Festival with pony rides, face-painting, the pumpkin patch, NYS craft beers, musical entertainment and a celebration of horse racing & agriculture.

Where: Trackside at Empire City Casino @ Yonkers Raceway, 810 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704

When: Saturday, October 11, 2014 4:00-8:00 PM

Schedule:

- **5:30 PM – The Legislators Pace**
 - Race 1:** Senator **Martin Malave Dilan**, District 18, Brooklyn;
Assemblymember **Francisco Moya**, District 39, Queens
Assemblymember **Andrew Raia**, District 12, Northport;
Assemblymember **Keith Wright**, District 70, Manhattan;
 - Race 2:** Assemblymember **Andrew Garbarino**, District 7, Bayport
Senator **Ruth Hassell-Thompson**; District 36, Bronx/Westchester
Assemblymember **J. Gary Pretlow**, District 89, Mt. Vernon
Assemblymember **Joseph Saladino**, District 9, Massapequa Park
 - Race 3:** Assemblymember **Michael Benedetto**, District 82, Bronx
Senator **Phil Boyle**, District 4, Bayshore
Assemblymember **Michael DenDekker**, District 34, Queens
Assemblymember **Michaelle Solages**, District 22, Valley Stream
- **Winner Circle Presentations by Yonkers Mayor Michael Spano and Nadia Manginelli, Miss Westchester 2015** (Ms. Manginelli is a strong breast cancer awareness advocate, having lost her mother to the disease).
- **6:30 PM – Susan G. Komen Greater NYC Receives \$15,000 Donation from North American Amateur Drivers Association and Empire City Casino** (accepted by Michelle Marquez, Esq., Director of Development Nine year Breast Cancer Survivor and counting)

Other attending (non-racing) elected officials and notables include: Congressmembers **Eliot Engel** and **Charlie Rangel**; Assemblymembers: **Tom Abinanti**, **Joseph Borelli**, **David Buckwald**, **Carl Heastie**, **Anthony Palumbo**, **Dan Quart**, **Annette Robinson**; Senator **Andrea Stewart-Cousins**; Bronx Borough President **Ruben Diaz, Jr.**; BOEDC President **Marlene Cintron**; **Elizabeth Harris** representing Governor Andrew Cuomo; **Yolanda Robinson** representing Comptroller Tom DiNapoli; **Robert Voorheis** representing Assembly Member Shelley Mayer; Yonkers City Council Members **Chris Johnson**, **Dennis Shepherd**, **Corazon Pineda**, and **Michael Sabatino**; Mt. Vernon City Council Member **Deborah Reynolds**; Rosemary DeLuca of Bronx Zoo; **Chief Charles Gardener** of Yonkers Police Department; **Kevin Gorman** of Lincoln Park Taxpayers Association; **Orla Kelleher** of Aisling Irish Community Center; Radio Show Host **Jerry McKinstry**; **RJ Puma** of McLean Avenue Merchants Association; **Augusto Rosa** of Laborers Int'l Union of North America Local 60; **Justin Tubiolo** of Hyatt Association.

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Yonkers, NY— The most significant “political race” of the season is on the horizon for Saturday, and it’s not a gubernatorial debate. A dozen elected officials – members of the New York Assembly and Senate from Westchester, Long Island and New York’s five boroughs – will go behind the starting gate at **Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway** in the annual **“Legislators’ Pace”** on Saturday, **October 11th**. The heated political battle over the historic half-mile Yonkers oval is part of the **Sixth Annual Fall Harvest Festival**, an exciting community event. The Harvest Festival is slated from **4:00-8:00 PM** trackside at the historic half-mile oval, and will showcase New York State products, as well as the thriving relationship between horse racing and agriculture.

And while the Autumn hues are in full array – red, orange and yellow – the Harvest Festival will be **“IN THE PINK!”** In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the theme for the night of harness racing is **“Have Fun! Wear Pink!”** Empire City, Yonkers Raceway, its horsemen and the North American Amateur Drivers Association (NAADA) have once again joined in the fight against breast cancer. A donation of \$10 will be made (with a maximum gift of \$15,000) to the Susan G. Komen Greater NYC Chapter for every Fall Harvest Festival guest who wears the color du jour.

Of course, the customary sights, sounds and tastes of live music, pony rides, New York State craft beers, exciting Standardbred action face painting, a pumpkin patch and so much more in a fun, family atmosphere are all back.

In keeping with the theme, pink horseshoes will be given away on the raceway’s track apron (while supplies last), all the drivers that evening are carrying pink whips, and the winning horses will receive pink blankets, sponsored by Team Allard, Richard Banca, Amber Buter, Rick Dane Jr., Scott DiDomenico, Mark Ford, Allan Johnson, Peter Pellegrino, Jody Riedel, Brittany Robertson, Nick Surick and Anita Vallee.

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