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DeMeo Family donates Woodstock Statue to the Sonoma County Fair

Jack DeMeo honored; special donation unveiled at Wine Country Racing

SANTA ROSA, CA – August 10, 2017 – A dozen years ago, the City of Santa Rosa started a project called “Peanuts on Parade”, where one-of-a-kind, life-sized statues from the ‘Peanut’s gang’ were commissioned by local individuals and businesses. The Sonoma County Fair holds one character from the ‘Peanut’s gang’ – a fair inspired roller-coaster-riding Lucy – located outside of the main administration building. On August 4th, during the second day of this year’s Wine Country Horse Racing meet, the Sonoma County Fair accepted another Peanut’s statue to add to their collection. Generously donated by the DeMeo family, a horse racing themed Woodstock was unveiled. The Woodstock statue was created for the late Jack DeMeo who passed away last year and who was honored this week by his peers at the races during the Sonoma County Bar Association’s Day.

During the unveiling ceremony in the Fair’s newly renovated racing paddock, Jack was recognized for his devotion to the Fair where he had served as past President and a member of the Board for 17 years. Jack was a family man who had a passion for horses and the community. His other love was the Sonoma County Fair where he continued to be a driving force for nearly 50 years. Jack was a trusted advisor, particularly, on issues related to horse racing. He provided many with great racing memories in his past. He and his wife Judy raced more than 25 horses at the Sonoma County Fair while winning 2 of their most signature races.

When Jack wasn’t at his horse ranch in Santa Rosa, he worked in Sonoma County as one of the most respected trial attorneys and represented injured jockeys at his family law practice, DeMeo & DeMeo. The law firm had been recognized as one of California’s leading practitioners of equine law, representing countless interests in the industry.

Jack continued to attend the Racing Committee meetings after his retirement and helped with challenging issues and offered insight and guidance. Earlier this year, Judy DeMeo asked the committee if they’d be



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interested in a life sized 'Peanut' statue that had stood outside Jack's Law Office all these years. The committee gratefully accepted the kind donation.

The newest 'Peanut's gang' statue, which will be kept at the Wine Country Racing track in Santa Rosa, is one of Snoopy's best friends, his Wingman, Woodstock on his favorite racehorse. During the big reveal, Max Mickelsen, Sonoma County Fair Board member said, "As Woodstock watched over Snoopy, having the DeMeo Woodstock at our racetrack is knowing Jack is still our Wingman."

Wine Country Racing continues now through the last day of Fair, this Sunday, August 13 and returns for a "Bonus Week" of racing August 18 – August 20. Bonus Week parking, admission and grandstand seating (unreserved) are all FREE! Box seats & Preferred Grandstand seats are \$5. This is your chance to get the coveted reserved box seats that are not available during Fair. For more Bonus Week deals and discounts, visit SonomaCountyFair.com/fair/horse-racing-bonus-week.php.

Every day is a holiday during "Holidaze at the Sonoma County Fair!" Celebrate now through August 13. You won't want to miss this year's Community Concert Series, the thrill of live horse racing, excitement of an ALL NEW giant carnival, nostalgia of "Holidays in Bloom" themed flower show, live entertainment, incredible food, fun contests, new games and more. For details, visit SonomaCountyFair.com or call (707) 545-4200. Like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter to keep up with the fun. See you at the Fair!

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