

**ALW EARTHLINK  
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**Happy New Year!**

**As 2007 begins, we wish you:**

**HEALTH**

**so you may live each day to the fullest;**

**LOVE OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

**so you will have peace within your heart;**

**THE BEAUTY OF NATURE**

**that you may enjoy the work of God;**

**WISDOM**

**to choose priorities for those things that really  
matter most in life;**

**GENEROSITY**

**so you may share all good things that come  
to you;**

**HAPPINESS AND JOY**

**in the New Year and ALWays;**

**THE BEST OF EVERYTHING**

**Because that is what you deserve!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOURS!**

**January Birthdays**

**Wishing the following ALW Angels a happy January birthday! May all of you have wonderful celebrations!**

**Maddie – January 10**

**Amanda – January 14**

**Maureen – January 25**

**Mary – January 31**

**We also want to give a birthday ‘shout out’ to a good ALW friend – Teri Blanton of KFTC and Kentucky Riverkeepers! Teri’s birthday is January 12!**

**Fundraiser Updates**

**Thanks to each of you who supported our “Holiday Treats with a Twist” fundraiser. Because of your generosity, we raised a total of \$478 to be awarded to a charity of Kevin Richardson’s choice (charity TBA). ALW Angel Ali from Canada was the**

winner of the 'Holiday Basket' raffle prize – and the package is on its way to her! Congrats, Ali – and thanks again to everyone who supported this FUNdraiser. It means a lot to us and to the charities you help us support!

**Adopt A Child – Be on the ALW Honor Roll!**

We are working diligently at planning our second annual summer environmental camp for needy Appalachian students. We have just enough money to bring the kids to camp free-of-charge, but now we need kind, generous people to adopt our 14 campers! When you adopt a child, you make a donation of \$100 that is used to purchase everything the child needs for his/her week at camp – items such as bedding, towels, toiletries, first-aid supplies, flashlights, rain gear, etc. We also purchase a personal gift for each child, chosen from a 'wish list' the child provides for us. After you make your \$100 donation, we give you the name of your adopted camper so that you can write a letter to the child, which we present to them on 'Heroes Day' at camp. After the camp, you will receive a personal letter from your adopted child, a photo of your adopted child (this year we have approval to send you a photo of your child!), and a special hand-made gift from your adopted child! New this year: When you make your \$100 donation, ALW sends you a framed certificate, and we add you to the ALW "Adopt-a-Child Honor Roll" that will be framed and hung in the school attended by our campers!!

We have one person already on our 2007 Honor Roll – ALW Angel Becky from Connecticut! We appreciate your kindness, Becky!

This is a VERY BIG DEAL to the kids, and those who attended our camp last year can attest to how much your support is appreciated. So – please dig deep and make a donation to adopt a child! If \$100 is too much for your own personal budget, get a group together (your bowling team, your quilting club, your Scout troop, your prayer group, your work colleagues, etc.) and adopt a child in the name of your group! We have 14 campers this year, so it is crucial we have lots of help!

Questions about the Adopt-a-Child program? Contact us at [alastingworld@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alastingworld@sbcglobal.net).

Thanks, and God bless each of you who respond to this very, very special need!

**Roots & Remembrance 2007**

Horse lovers of the Earth – come to Lexington, Kentucky on May 4-5, 2007! There, in the "Horse Capital of the World,"

ALW is going to give you LOTS of horses/horse activities/environmental connections to horses – and more!

ALW's theme for Roots & Remembrance 2007 is -- "Hands on the Bluegrass/Taste of the Bluegrass" – and it will focus mainly on those wonderful, beautiful, Bluegrass horses!

We promised to send each of you a full itinerary for our annual Roots & Remembrance celebration. However – we are still waiting for official confirmation on two more of the activities/events we have organized, so we haven't yet been able to send out the complete itinerary. **HOWEVER** – the dates are firm, the place is firm, and the cost is firm. We hope you'll ALL think about attending. We should have ALL the details to you by January 15 (we are driving down to Kentucky just before that date to check things out). **BUT** – if you are considering coming – even if you are just **THINKING** about coming – you **NEED TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW!!!!** (You can book now and hold your reservations up until 72 hours before arrival without penalty.) May 5 is Kentucky Derby Day – and very shortly there will be **NO ROOMS AVAILABLE ANYWHERE NEAR THE LEXINGTON/LOUISVILLE PART OF THE STATE!** We have a hotel phone number, a special code for you so that you can get our group rate, and we have other hotel information – so – if you are even **THINKING** of coming into town for our event – book now!!!! Our block of rooms is going fast, and the remaining rooms will be held for only a little while longer before being released to the Derby fans! Contact us at [alastingworld@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alastingworld@sbcglobal.net) for all information.

Read our Environmental News section for some insight about why Roots & Remembrance is focusing on HORSES this year!

### **ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS**

#### **Woodland Defined**

Environmentalists often talk about saving or preserving woodlands. What is woodland? Woodland is a general term referring to amount of tree cover. When 10-50% of an acre has tree cover, it is known as a savanna; 50-80%, a woodland; and 80-100%, a forest. Now you know!

#### **Mountaintop Removal Road Show – Year-End Report**

Our good friend Dave Cooper, who has been fighting to stop mountaintop removal mining, sent us his year-end report. We'd like to share it with all of you, since your generosity has enabled ALW to make monetary contributions to help Dave with his cause.

*“Friends of the Mountaintop Removal Road Show,  
I just wanted to send you out a brief year-end report on the Road Show. I just finished my last speaking gig of 2006 (this morning at the University of Kentucky) and am looking forward to a few days of rest and catching up on work.  
Many of you have supported the Road Show, either financially or helping me get speaking gigs (thanks again!) so I just wanted to let you know where I've been and what's upcoming for me.  
I have been speaking almost exclusively on college campuses this fall – towards the end of the year we have been getting huge responses, especially in Virginia and Tennessee. Our biggest crowd was 400 at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.  
I have been traveling a lot with recent college grads from Tennessee who have worked on successful campus clean energy campaigns (check out [climateaction.net](http://climateaction.net)) and this*

*has really energized me – plus they are a lot of fun to travel with. Not as much fun as Judy Bonds and Patty Sebok of course, but when we all get together it's a blast. As you may have read earlier, I have really expanded the Road Show into a mentoring program, trying to get more people to travel and speak against mountaintop removal. I believe this is an important effort for the whole campaign, and will really help put some new voices into the campaign.*

*The Mountain Justice Summer planning seems to have a lot of good positive energy and so we are looking forward to another summer of fun in the coalfields. I am doing my best at recruiting and promoting for all the grassroots groups. I will be sending my sign up sheets out in a few days. Hopefully some of these college students at the schools where we speak will get involved this summer and then eventually become more involved with the established grassroots groups....we have already had some wonderful success stories in this area.*

*So it's been a great year for me – thanks again for all your support. I couldn't do this Road Show without you. See you on the road! Dave”*

### **HORSES & THE ENVIRONMENT**

As you know, ALW does all of its hands-on environmental work in Kentucky, and some of it is done in and around Lexington, the “Horse Capital of the World.” We have been studying three fundamental facts about horses – 1) horses are social animals; 2) horses are grazing animals; and 3) horses are **highly sensitive to their environment**. What about horses and the environment? What happens when urban sprawl takes over more and more of the pastures, farms and lands where horses graze? What happens when we take the horse's nature and natural lifestyle for granted? How do horses and the environment work together? How do horses adapt to climate changes and other environmental changes? How do horses benefit other species? Do horses have a positive or negative effect on the entire ecosystem? We have the answer to these and many other questions relating to horses and the environment waiting for you at our 2007 Roots & Remembrance event! Come learn, come share, come enjoy and come make a difference!

### **CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!**

We have articles on the recent listing of polar bears as ‘threatened’ species.....we have articles on global warming.....we have updates on what the Waterkeeper Alliance is doing to save our rivers, lakes and streams.....we have interesting facts for kids.....we have all this and much, much more! So – get over to **[www.alastingworld.com](http://www.alastingworld.com)** and check it out for yourselves! And – to all those students who have told us they have found topics for school papers on our site – thanks for letting us know – and we'll keep trying to help you out!

### **AND FINALLY.....**

*“Climb the mountains and  
get their good tidings.  
Nature's peace will flow into you  
as sunshine flows into trees.*

*The winds will blow  
their own freshness into you,  
and the storms their energy,  
while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.”  
(John Muir)*

*What Horses Teach Us  
Love thy ‘neigh-bor’  
Nuzzle the hand that feeds you  
Give free rein to good habits  
Maintain a stable life  
Always get right back up in the saddle  
Don’t ‘stirrup’ trouble  
Try to show good breeding  
“Manely” express your unbridled spirit!  
(Author Unknown)*

**Happy New Year!  
See you in February!  
Linda and Wen**