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For the last seven years the first weekend in August in Saratoga, NY has been dominated by New Bolton Center, thanks to the members of *A Weekend in Old Saratoga*, a group of coaching enthusiasts who are dedicated to the advancement of pleasure driving and coaching in America. Between August 5 and 8, horse-drawn carriages, ranging from single-pony carriages to stately four-in-hands, were a common sight in Saratoga as carriage enthusiasts traveled to polo and the races.

On the evening of August 7, 1999 many of the carriages transported guests to the gala dinner dance, *An Evening in Old Saratoga*, at Victoria Pool in the Saratoga State Park at Saratoga Springs. This event, underwritten by Sotheby's, benefitted New Bolton Center. More than 300 guests danced the night away to music by the Alex Donner Orchestra and participated in the silent auction. The gala, chaired by Mrs. Lawrence E. Ensor, raised \$100,000 for an exercise physiology laboratory in the to-be constructed Almira and Hardie Scott Sports Medicine Building.

Activities focused on New Bolton Center began on August 5 with a carriage drive to the Saratoga Racecourse for the New Bolton Center Race which was run in honor of the Center's "honorary graduate" Go for Wand, the spectacular filly bred and owned by Mrs. Harry Lunger's Christiana Stables. Go for Wand, racing in 1989 and 1990, earned \$1,373,338, won ten of 13 starts, captured the Breeder's Cup and two Eclipse Awards. Go for Wand was fatally injured in the 1990 Breeder's Cup Distaff race. She was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 1996.

Mrs. Ensor is also the chairman of *A Weekend in Old Saratoga*. Other members of the board of directors are: Mr. John R. Landan, Jr., president; Mr. Gregory L. Landis, vice president; Mr. Gilbert V. H. Sheck, vice president; Mrs. John R. Landan, Jr., secretary; Mr. Charles F. McWilliams, treasurer; Mr. William J. Buchanan; Mrs.

Georgiana Ducas; Mrs. Charles F. McWilliams, chair, silent auction; and Dr. Gary Montsdeoca.

The galas at Saratoga have raised more than \$700,000 for equipment and facilities at New Bolton Center. The 2000 edition of *A Weekend in Old Saratoga* will be held August 2 to 5, with the gala on Saturday, August 5. 🐾



*A Weekend in Saratoga* board members present the check to Dean Alan M. Kelly in November. Shown here, from l to r, are Mr. William J. Buchanan, Mrs. John R. Landan, Jr., Dean Kelly, Mrs. Lawrence E. Ensor, Mr. Gilbert V. H. Sheck, Dr. Eric Birks.



Bruce Rappoport, associate dean for New Bolton Center, Dean Kelly and Mrs. Kelly in the School's antique wagonette, drawn by a pair of registered Morgan horses at the carriage drive to promote the American Gold Cup. Mr. Rappoport took the Morgans and a slat sided phaeton to Saratoga to participate in the drives there.