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On Friday June 13 and Saturday, June 14, the sights and sounds of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. could be seen and heard in and around Philadelphia. The Committee for *An Evening in Old Saratoga*, an event that has raised approximately \$800,000 for the School's New Bolton Center over the past dozen-plus years, reconstituted its weekend-long event in Philadelphia this year, where most of the Committee members have their roots.

More than a dozen antique carriages and road coaches came from places as far apart as Middleburg, Va. and Boston, Mass., to support a weekend of driving and fundraising for New Bolton Center and the Devon Horse Show Foundation. A black-tie dinner dance and silent auction took place on Saturday evening at Ardrossan Farm in Villanova, Pa., the inspiration for the Katherine Hepburn movie *The Philadelphia Story*, which gave the weekend its theme. A charming note from Miss Hepburn's assistant advised that due to age and delicate health, Miss Hepburn would be unable to attend the gala, but she wished us good luck. Sadly, Miss Hepburn died just two weeks after the gala.

Nearly 330 guests from across the Philadelphia region, as well as others from Virginia, New Jersey, and New York, and places even further afield, danced to big band music, ate at tables decorated in the signature blue and yellow of *An Evening in Old Saratoga*, and bid on a variety of items displayed in the gorgeous



Mrs. Gretchen, CW'59, and Mr. Roy, C'61, Jackson and Betsy de Marino, V'80.



The New Bolton Center coach on Kelly Drive.



Mr. Bruce Rappaport and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grafton.

surroundings of Ardrossan Farm's main house. Fabulous vacations, antiques, sporting art, gourmet meals, unique artifacts, and services made up the silent auction inventory. There was something to please everyone—even if that “everyone” already had “everything.”

The Committee of *An Evening in Old Saratoga* anticipates a stellar outcome from the fundraiser. Beverly Ensor, the Board of *An Evening in Old Saratoga*, and the entire Committee have once again achieved a stunning

success in support of New Bolton Center. The School thanks them for their hard work, creativity, and resourcefulness, and we thank all who attended the Gala or brought coaches and horses for their wonderful generosity and enthusiasm for this event. Everyone looks forward to another fabulous weekend in June 2004!



Mr. and Mrs. Hector Alcalde and Mrs. Beverly Ensor.

