

An Evening in Old Saratoga

The gala benefit "An Evening in Old Saratoga," held August 2 at Saratoga, NY for the benefit of New Bolton Center by A Weekend in Old Saratoga, Inc. raised \$100,000 for the planned new Imaging Building. During the five years that the organization has held annual galas to benefit New Bolton Center at Saratoga, it has raised \$507,000 for Center projects. Among them are a colorflow Doppler imaging system and the development of the first trans-esophageal probe.

This year's gala and surrounding activities were again special. In addition to the festive carriage outings and the New Bolton Center race at the Saratoga track, there was a ceremony retiring "New Bolton Center Graduate" Victorian Hill, the all-time money winner in American Steeplechasing. Vic, the 12-year-old gelding, became an NBC "graduate" under rather trying circumstances. In 1991, at the peak of his career, he suffered a severe bout of colic which led to half his colon being removed. His chances of survival were slim, but this plucky horse made it through the surgery and then recovered to race again. He won six graded stakes and stake races and earned an additional \$300,000 after his surgery. He is truly a special "graduate!"

Events like "An Evening in Old Saratoga" require strong guiding spirits. Mrs. Lawrence E. Ensor is one of the prime movers behind the gala and the other activities connected with the event at Saratoga. Dean Alan M. Kelly recognized Mrs. Ensor for her superb efforts on behalf of New Bolton Center and presented her with the School's Bellwether Medal during a luncheon in November.



Mrs. Ensor presents the money raised through the 1997 Gala An Evening in Old Saratoga to Dean Kelly and Dr. Virginia Reif, professor of medicine, who spearheads the expansion of the imaging program at New Bolton.



Carriages at Saratoga.



Dean Kelly presents the Bellwether Medal to Beverly Ensor.



Victorian Hill during the retirement ceremony at Saratoga Race Course on August 2 accompanied by (l to r) Dean Kelly, Dr. Benson Martin, Dr. Virginia Reif, Mrs. William C. Lickle, Mr. William C. Lickle, his owners, Ms. Janet Elliot, his trainer and Mr. Jeff Teter, his jockey.