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Polo Cup weekend generates family feeling

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Saratoga Springs could use more people like David N. Deutsch. His annual David N. Deutsch & Co. Polo Cup and Saratoga Weekend is a wonderful showcase of all that is good about Saratoga.

Over the course of three days last weekend, the Spa City native generated a warmth of spirit and goodwill for all who attended, whether they were CEOs of major corporations or simply friends from high school.

"Someone joked we are becoming a branch of the Chamber of Commerce," Deutsch laughed.

The weekend's events included a business roundtable featuring a panel of business leaders Friday followed by a cocktail reception at the Saratoga Golf & Polo Club; at the fifth annual David N. Deutsch & Co. Polo Cup Saturday at the Saratoga Polo Association; and at a day at Saratoga Race Course on Sunday.

And though the crowd was well-stocked all weekend long with heavy hitters from the national and international corporate world, you couldn't help but notice the overwhelming sense of family.

There were kids everywhere. Almost 50 of the 250 people at Saturday's polo event fell into the "I'm Too Short to Ride Space Mountain" category. What's even more amazing is that each one of them had a great time.

Deutsch and his wife Lisa, themselves parents of two young daughters, hired Patrice Mastrianni of Creative Sparks in Saratoga Springs to come up with activities to entertain the children. Mission accomplished. There wasn't a frowning face in the crowd.

That was especially true for Mayor Ken Klotz, who was in attendance with his wife Karen (both of whom are tall enough for Space Mountain).

Earlier in the day, the mayor hit an exacta for $511. He took great pleasure in telling anyone who'd listen of his good fortune. (Declaring it to the IRS won't be nearly as fun.)

Also spotted enjoying the event were Jeff and Mary Lou Wait; Deputy Mayor Hank Kuczynski and his wife Jaye; Bob Bailey of Racemark International and his wife Ginger; Ken Blass, CEO of Blass Communications of Albany, and his wife Karen; Teri Bordenave, CEO of Girls Inc., and her friend Ray Sinboli; Dr. David Brill, CEO of Drug Risk Solutions; Charles Wait, CEO of Adirondack Trust; John Cay III and Elizabeth Fleming, CEO of Palmer & Cay, one of the nation's leading insurers of thoroughbreds; Bill Dake and Gary Dake of Stewart's Shops; Linda Daines, managing director of Goldman Sachs in Manhattan; Murray Forseter, editor and publisher of Chain Store Age (the leading retail industry publication) and his wife Gilda; Jerry and Suzanne Hennigan; Lehr and Julie Jackson of William, Jackson & Ewing; Susan Schafer of Saratoga Springs; Tom and Marilyn Jacobs of Reliable Racing Inc.; Kevin Johnson and his wife, Laura Sausville of New York Long Term Carebrokers; Reid and Stephen Krakower of Continental Plants; Mark Lieberman of Nomura Securities, the largest securities firm in Japan, and his daughter Rachel; Rick and Sandy Like; Mark Patten II of the Business Review; Jeff and Deane Pfeil of Saratoga Springs; Carl Rosner of CardioMag Imaging and his wife Nancy; Kara Ulasewitz of Howe Caverns; Louise Vogel, CEO of Atlantic Conferences; and Betty Yu of Daiwa Securities.

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