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Lone Star Gala a "suite" deal

n Thurs., June 23, commercial flooring specialist, Bill Jeter Inc., hosted its 2005 Lone Star Park Gala at the famous thoroughbred racetrack in Grand Prairie.

Jenny Jeter Gonzales and her father Bill were joined by the company's entire staff in welcoming family and friends, suppliers, customers and business associates to an amenity-filled night at the races.

The dressed-to-impress partygoers occupied two fifth-floor penthouse suites where they enjoyed a bounty of colorful appetizers, entrees and beverages amid an atmosphere of relaxed congeniality.

With panoramic views from the penthouse balconies of the raked dirt and



L-R: Fred and Judith Banes, SMU; Tommy Tomlinson, Roppe Corp.; Byron Donelson, HKS Inc.; John Jeter and guest Penni Lucaro; Jenny and Rick Gonzales; David Kane, Sunbelt Tile; Anthony Lauchner, Centex Construction Co.

green turf tracks, guests were prompted to make educated guesses and capricious choices about potential winners in this "anything can happen" sport of kings.

Bill Jeter Inc. and several suppliers, including Altro Limited, Professional Flooring Supply Company, Hi-Tec Flooring Distributors, Roppe Corp., Mannington Carpets Inc. and Tarkett Inc. sponsored six named races. As a result, each guest was summoned to the Winner's Circle for an opportunity to appear in a "win picture."

As the night unfolded, tall tales of near misses, long shots, beating-theodds and what-ifs were bantered about among this robust gathering of construction industry thrill seekers. -idl