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Simone Lutgert, Shelly Stayer and Linda Malone turned heads at the stylish Hats in the Garden event. And Roger Penske will do the same in the limited-edition Lamborghini he won for \$900,000 at the Naples Winter Wine Festival.

“Racecar legend Roger Penske paid a whopping \$900,000 for a bright yellow limited-edition Lamborghini. And he actually had a smile on his face when he did it.”



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DAZZLING FASHIONS, CREATIVE FUNDRAISING, stirring emotions - we had quite a season in 2013-2014. Looking back, here are the people, places and things I cherish as most memorable.

BEST NEW CHARITY EVENT

THE OLD BAGS INAUGURAL LUNCHEON, BENEFITTING THE Shelter for Abused Women & Children. Leave it to three gifted party-planning divas - Kirsten Ferrara, Vicki Tracy and Sharon Treiser - to create a stunning designer handbag auction featuring a spellbinding runway show with designer Carmen Marc Valvo. A woman's handbag holds her cell phone, credit cards, lipstick - and the key to her heart. There were plenty of bags and a lot of heart

on display as the 500 fashionable women (and a few well-dressed men) got into the spirit of the event.

MOST FASHIONABLE EVENT

HATS IN THE GARDEN BENEFITING NAPLES BOTANICAL Garden. We get this luxurious luncheon every November with ladies sashaying under the spectacular tent in their finest fashions and most stylish millinery. What a cool way to signal the start of season in Naples. This being the 10th anniversary of the event, the program was over the top with a runway show that impressed event this fashion-forward crowd. And, wow, what a grand finale. We tip our hats to the show-stealing bridal extravaganza that included puppies, a ring bearer and two flower girls.