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Olympic excitement in B'ville

'Fuel the Dream' reception supports U.S. wrestling team



The historic Bernards Inn in Bernardsville was the setting for a Saturday, June 21 fundraising reception and send-off party for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Wrestling Team.

The Chinese-themed evening, titled "Fuel the Dream" and attended by members of the local wrestling community, was co-sponsored by the Bernards Inn, the N.J. Night of Champions Committee and USA Wrestling, the national governing body for the sport of wrestling.

"We hope the community and the entire country will get behind this effort to support our Olympic hopefuls and their families," said Jeff Hanson of Bernardsville, owner of the Bernards Inn and a leader in the Fuel the Dream fundraising campaign. "Providing support to help them (athletes) train and allow their families to watch their loved ones compete in Beijing in our goal."

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From left, Jeff Hanson of Bernardsville, owner of the Bernards Inn, Lin Miller of Bernardsville, Steven John Jastrabek of Branchville, and Harold Imperatore of Basking Ridge, Bernards Inn general manager/owner, pause a moment from the festivities during a fundraising reception called "Fuel the Dream" for the U.S. Olympic wrestling team on Saturday, June 21 at the Bernards Inn.