

Honors for Elizabeth Moran

At the annual Thoroughbred Charities of America auction, held on December 7 at **Herb and Ellen Moelis'** Candy Land Farm in Bohemia, Md., **Mrs. Elizabeth Moran** was honored by Thoroughbred Charities of America and by the School.

Herb Moelis, W'53, president of Thoroughbred Charities of America, made the presentation of the Allaire duPont Humanitarian Award to Elizabeth Moran, recognizing her generous and continued support of various equine-related charities and especially her long standing support of New Bolton Center. He also noted that beyond the equine charities, Betty's philanthropic endeavors were wide spread. For instance, when the horrific events of 9/11 occurred, Betty was one of the first to offer financial support to the Hero's Fund. Herb further explained that the T.C.A. had very much wanted to honor Betty long before this, but when Betty was asked, she said absolutely, positively not. Finally, the organization simply decided to proceed with the honor in 2002, without her having any advance knowledge. After the presentation her comment was "had I known about it, I would have dressed for the occasion." According to Ellen Moelis, "How gracious and so typically Betty. A true Grand Dame of racing, a true philanthropist and a wonderful person."

Betty Moran has had many winning horses and is one of the people in racing who had winners in both the Thoroughbred Classics and the Grand National Steeplechase.

After Herb Moelis' presentation, **Dean Alan Kelly** honored Mrs. Moran by presenting the School's silver Bellwether Medal to her, the Veterinary School's highest honor. He read the following citation:

Elizabeth (Betty) Moran has been a staunch friend to the School of Veterinary Medicine for more than forty years. Her early association with the late Mark Allam, a beloved friend, and her use of the New Bolton Center's clinical facilities forged a bond of mutual respect and affection that grows with each passing year. With insight, vision and unparalleled kindness, Betty's gifts have allowed New Bolton Center to grow in excellence and have greatly enhanced the Center's ability to cure the ailing horse. Her love of Thoroughbreds and commitment to their well being is manifest in all she has done and continues to do for the School of Veterinary Medicine.

New Bolton Center has the reputation of being the finest equine clinic in the world, a preeminence that would have been unattainable without Betty Moran. Her philanthropy scintillates and inspires. No institution could ask for a more generous and caring friend.

So, it is with great pride that the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine awards the first silver Bellwether Medal to Elizabeth R. Moran.



Mrs. Moran listens to Dean Kelly as he reads the citation. She holds the Allaire duPont Humanitarian Award.



Dean Kelly bestows the Bellwether medal.



Dr. Raker and Mrs. Moran.



Mr. Riley McDonald, Ellen Moelis, Herb Moelis, Mrs. Moran, Dr. Kelly.