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### **BLACK TIE & BOOTS BALL AT BRYN CLOVIS**

**DEVON, Pa.**—On May 8<sup>th</sup>, a record crowd of Devon Horse Show and Country Fair friends and supporters gathered at Bryn Clovis on a lovely spring evening for the annual Black Tie & Boots Ball. This is the fifth year for the Ball, and the second year at Mrs. J. Maxwell Moran's Bryn Clovis at Brushwood Farm.

The evening began with guests tasting cocktails and appetizers under the centuries old oak trees overlooking the rolling hills, horses and paddocks at dusk. Then guests enjoyed dinner and dancing under a sparkling, light filled tent and the stars at Bryn Clovis. A live auction with Carson Kressley is always a hit before hitting the dance floor to the music of Kenn Kweder who kept guests moving with classic sounds from the 70's, 80's and 90's. Catering was provided by Jimmy Duffy Catering. Beautiful floral arrangements were provided by Valley Forge Flowers and Wallace Associates. It was truly a magical evening in a one of a kind setting.

The Ball was a celebration of the Bryn Mawr hospital community and included the live auction emceed by celebrity guest Carson Kressley. Unique and one of kind auction items included a one week in a beautiful oceanfront condo in Boca Grande, off the west coast of Florida; a private tour of the Cartier Mansion in New York City including car service; or an overnight sleepover party at the Academy of Natural Science, just to name a few. Mr. Kressley has been a Saddlebred competitor for more than 20 years and is a long-time exhibitor and friend of the Devon Horse Show.

The Devon Horse Show and Country Fair Champion of the Year awards were presented to Jamie O'Rourke and Karen Meyers. O'Rourke received the award for his contributions toward furthering the coaching classes at Devon. "The real crowd pleaser at Devon, other than the jumpers, is driving," said Devon Horse Show and Country Fair Chairman, Leonard King. "Jamie has worked long and hard to build up the driving and four-in-hand classes, and we appreciate all his efforts."

The Country Fair recipient was Karen Meyers for her nearly 40 years of service. "I've enjoyed Devon from the very first time I was asked to volunteer," said Meyers. "I was so delighted to be asked. Our children and grandchildren are carrying on the tradition of volunteering at Devon. This is such an honor to receive this award." Devon Country Fair Co-Chairman, Mimi Killian, notes, "Karen's current responsibility it to fix everyone else's problems, yet she is unfailingly nurturing, gracious and always has her thousand watt smile ready for everyone."

The Devon Horse Show and the hospital have a unique partnership that dates back nearly a hundred years. The hospital is the beneficiary of the proceeds of the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair each year; to date that amount is nearing \$14,000,000. Members of the Bryn Mawr Hospital community are some of Devon's most avid supporters.

The Black Tie & Boots Ball was sponsored by Pepsi Beverage Company. Proceeds of the Ball benefit the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that funds the maintenance and improvement of the historic Devon Horse Show and Country Fair property. “We come into the 2010 Devon season having already achieved two great accomplishments, being named a USEF Heritage Competition and the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame Horse Show of the Year.” said President, Wade McDevitt, “It is with great pride we accept these awards and consider them as challenges to continue to push ourselves to remain the finest multi-breed, outdoor horse show in the world.” The designation of a USEF Heritage Competition is reserved for those competitions that have been in existence for a quarter century or more, promoted and grown equestrian sport, and made a contribution to the community outside the gates of the horse show by achieving, maintaining and promoting the equestrian ideals of sportsmanship and competition.

Bryn Clovis at Brushwood Farm is the birthplace of scores of successful thoroughbred race horses. Most notable in Brushwood's accomplishments is the gelding Crème Fraiche. In 1985, Crème Fraiche became the first and only gelding to win the third jewel of racing's Triple Crown, the Belmont Stakes. Mrs. Moran is not only an accomplished breeder and rider but also a preeminent philanthropist. She is a Board Member of the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair and has generously provided Bryn Clovis once again as the site for this year's Black Tie and Boots Ball. “Betty Moran has been our greatest supporter,” said King. “Her support of Devon has been long and strong.”

The Devon Horse Show and Country Fair runs May 27th through June 6th. It is one of the largest and most prestigious outdoor equestrian events in the country. The Country Fair offers boutique shopping, great food and fun for the whole family. Proceeds of the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair benefit Bryn Mawr Hospital. For information please call 610-688-2554 or visit [www.devonhorseshow.org](http://www.devonhorseshow.org).

**Additional Information:**

Leonard King, Chairman, Devon Horse Show  
Wade McDevitt, President, Devon Horse Show  
Mimi Killian, Co-Chairman, Devon Country Fair  
Sandy Shinnars, Co-Chairman, Devon Country Fair  
Lisa Estabrook, Chairman, Black Tie & Boots Ball

Devon Horse Show Champion of the Year: Jamie O'Rourke  
Devon Country Fair Champion of the Year: Karen Meyers

**SHOW DATES: May 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, June 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, and 06**