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DR. LARRY R. BRAMLAGE
DR. EDWARD HAGYARD FALLON
DR. A. GARY LAVIN

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Dr. Larry R. Bramlage

Born on July 12, 1951, in Marysville, Kansas, Larry Bramlage earned his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University in 1975. He did his residency in equine surgery at The Ohio State University and twice returned there to teach after serving as a guest faculty member in Germany and in private practice. Dr. Bramlage joined Lexington’s Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in 1989 and became a partner in 1992. He quickly built a worldwide reputation as an orthopedic surgeon, having already performed surgery on the filly Personal Ensign which allowed her to complete an unbeaten career with a triumph in the 1988 Breeders’ Cup Distaff. Dr. Bramlage developed a dependable technique for fetlock arthrodesis, a surgical procedure which has saved the lives of many horses. He has become the veterinarian of choice for cases of equine injuries and has performed more than 13,000 surgeries in the last ten years.

Dr. Bramlage also has accepted many roles of leadership in his profession, including presidency of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) and the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS). He was also the founding chairman of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation’s Research Advisory Committee and is a director of the Foundation.

Dr. Bramlage has received numerous honors both from his profession and from the racing industry. He is a member of The Jockey Club and recipient of its esteemed Gold Medal for Contributions to Thoroughbred Racing. Academic honors include: Distinguished alumni awards from both Kansas State and The Ohio State University; AAEP Distinguished Life Member, ACVS Legends Award for contributions to orthopedic surgery, and this year, the Kansas State Veterinary Medical Alumni Association Recognition Award.

Dr. Bramlage’s acclaim is worldwide. He was chosen to present the Sir Fredrick Habday Memorial Lecture of the British equine Veterinary Association and the Bain-Fallon memorial Lecture of the Australian Equine Veterinary Association. He was also awarded the Tierklinik Hochmoor Award for Contributions to Equine Fracture Repair. Dr. Bramlage has authored more than 100 published papers and audio-visual presentations.

In recognition of his dedication to the highest ideals of veterinary medicine, his service to the many owners who entrust him with their horses, his compassion for the animal, and his tireless outreach to the benefit of his colleagues, the Thoroughbred Club of America honors Dr. Bramlage this evening and welcomes him as an honorary lifetime member.
Dr. Edward Hagyard Fallon  

Born on October 10, 1931, in Lexington, Kentucky, Ed Fallon grew up on Beaumont Farm, where his father, Harold Fallon, was farm manager for Hal Price Headley. On his mother’s side, Dr. Fallon connected to a long family tradition in the veterinary profession. This was begun by Dr. Edward Thomas Hagyard, a graduate of Toronto Veterinary College who in 1876 was called to Kentucky to treat a prized short-horn bull.

Attracted to Central Kentucky, Dr. Hagyard set up a practice and was eventually joined by three sons, also veterinarians. In the next generation came Dr. Charles Hagyard, whose sister is the mother of Ed Fallon. Ed Fallon graduated from the Cornell Veterinary School in 1956 and came home to join the family firm, which by that time also had attracted Dr. William McGee and Dr. Art Davidson.

From the beginning, Dr. Fallon was amenable to new scientific developments and he and Dr. McGee followed a suggestion that palpating mares’ ovaries was a new idea that would help diagnose pregnancies earlier and determine when a mare should be bred. They also employed the new science of putting mares under lights to encourage estrus. These practices, which they shared with colleagues, had an impact on a business in which stallions’ books had tended to be limited to about thirty mares. Dr. Fallon and Dr. McGee also performed one of the first successful equine Caesarian operations. Later, when ultrasound and other developments came along they adapted to new technology again.

Dr. Fallon’s distinguished farm client list was a veritable Hall of Fame, including Green tree, Gainesway, Jonabell, Dixiana, Clarkland, Big Sink, Hedgewood, Circle O, Brownwood, and Plum Lane, and the successful veterinarians who rode with him as young men included Drs. John Chandler, Stuart Brown, and Walter Zent. Another was his own son, Luke Fallon, who also graduated from Cornell and today represents the fifth generation of the Hagyard veterinary legacy.

In recognition of his long career in veterinary medicine and his contributions to the improvement and refinement of breeding farm practices, his reputation as a gentleman of integrity, and his willingness to share his knowledge, The Thoroughbred Club of America honors Dr. Fallon this evening, and welcomes him as an honorary lifetime member.

Dr. A. Gary Lavin  

Born on November 6, 1937, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Lavin grew up in racing as the son of noted racing secretary Allan [Doc] Lavin. After taking on various jobs at the race track, Gary Lavin entered veterinary college at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1962. The young Dr. Lavin established himself as a race track practitioner in Louisville while also working at Warner L. Jones Jr.’s Hermitage Farm and for clients in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and in Indiana.

Over the years, other long-term associations included working for such clients as John Ed Anthony and Peter Willmott. In that capacity, Dr. Lavin was involved with such horses as Preakness winner Pine Bluff, as well as the noted future stallion Cox’s Ridge, plus Demon’s Begone and Eddington.

Dr. Lavin’s long career as a practitioner and surgeon was accompanied by a degree of dedication to the sport and his profession that led him to accept many roles and challenges. He has served terms as president of both the American Association of Equine Practitioners and the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, and he currently is vice chairman of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and a director of Keeneland Association. In 1994, Dr. Lavin became the first veterinarian elected to The Jockey Club and he also has served as a steward of that organization. He has also been on the boards of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and the Breeders’ Cup.

He and his family also established Longfield Farm in Goshen, Kentucky, and family members, including his wife, Betsy, and sons, Alan and Kevin, similarly have been involved in the industry in diverse roles, including bloodstock work, insurance, and racing regulation.

Dr. Lavin has received many honors, including his alma mater’s Bellwether Medal for Distinguished Leadership. He is a Distinguished Life Member of the AAEP, recipient of the Distinguished Practitioner Award of the Kentucky Equine Practitioners, and namesake of the Lavin Cup for Equine Welfare. The Lavin Cup was established in 1996 by the AAEP. Dr. Lavin also served for years on the Keeneland yearling selection team.

In recognition of his steadfast integrity and astute horsemanship, his leadership to both colleagues and family, and his professionalism in the practice and continuing education of veterinary medicine, The Thoroughbred Club of America honors Dr. Lavin this evening, and welcomes him as an honorary lifetime member.
Larry is one of the most respected people in our industry. He is not only an extraordinary orthopedic surgeon, but also gives his valuable time serving many organizations with his expertise. His help on the Thoroughbred Safety Committee and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation are but two groups where he serves with distinction. He richly deserves this recognition.

— Ogden Mills Phipps
Larry’s clinical expertise is well documented. His ability to diagnose and treat lameness and orthopedic injuries is unprecedented in the world of Thoroughbred horses. Larry’s competence and ability to provide day in and day “reproducible results” has allowed countless numbers of horses to perform to the best of their abilities. Larry is the consummate gentleman, who while practicing the art of veterinary medicine is concerned about and genuinely cares for the people with whom he interacts – from the affluent owner to the stable employee. It is his marriage of passion for the horse and for people that makes him the unique individual that he is.

On behalf of everyone at Rood and Riddle, congratulations to you, Larry - you are most deserving of this prestigious honor and it is my pleasure to count you as a colleague and as a friend.

-- Dr. Bill Rood

We’ve known Dr. Bramlage for 25 years. Over those years we have formed a close friendship and he has been a very big part of our success, including with Successful Dan and Wise Dan. We cannot say enough good things about Dr. Bramlage as a person, his ability to detect lameness and his talent as a surgeon. When checking a horse, Dr. Bramlage leaves his ego at the door and always thinks more about the well-being of the horse, where he goes the extra mile to ensure the horse’s health. We have the utmost faith in everything that he does. There are a lot of trainers who feel that way.

-- Amy and Charlie LoPresti
Since I first met Dr. Larry Bramlage in the early 1970’s, I have watched him make things better, starting with the equine section of the Ohio State University and continuing to Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. In 1999 he took the reins of one of the most important committees within one of the world’s best equine research funding agencies, the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, and improved its function. Helping horses is his passion and while he is best noted for being a talented surgeon, his application of “…from bench top to bedside” assured that GJCRF would fund projects that help horses. Dr. Bramlage has an inquisitive mind and an independent nature and combined with his intelligence, leadership, practicality and intuition, he gets things done. Larry is not afraid to challenge dogma and does so in a professional and non-confrontational way. Everything he does results in much more than he promised which is why his colleagues describe him as a “rainmaker” and “impact player”. Dr. Bramlage is for the horse but gives first consideration to family and Marilyn, Joey and Matt know he is a loving husband and great father.

-- Dr. Steve Reed

I have had the distinct privilege of working alongside Dr. Bramlage on a variety of projects with The Jockey Club’s Thoroughbred Safety Committee and with the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. In those capacities, and in everything he does, Larry is a compassionate and tireless advocate for equine health, safety and welfare. He places the horse’s interests above all others and he is a credit to our industry and to his profession.

-- Matt Iuliano

Although I have worked in the industry for 50 years, I always revert to feeling like a student when in the company of Dr. Larry Bramlage. I cannot imagine anyone having a more productive career in his/her chosen profession, and Larry’s ability and willingness to share knowledge is a bonus. I hope his children see beyond their day-to-day “Dad,” and appreciate that their father is a giant in an honorable profession.

-- Edward L. Bowen

Doctor Bramlage’s reputation as a veterinarian is world renowned. What makes him even more special is his gift of time for the benefit of the industry. His efforts for Grayson along with
Dr. Lavin have made the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation the gold standard for research. We should all be grateful for Larry's respect and dedication to the horse.

-- Dell Hancock

Tonight we honor and celebrate with The Thoroughbred Club of America, the life and accomplishments of Dr. Larry R. Bramlage. At once a talented surgeon, and as a wise counselor in his guidance and common sense approach to topics of industry importance, in which he regularly participates, and is eagerly sought. Because of a lifetime of study, a blameless character and impeccable surgical skills and judgment, his innovations and successes in orthopedics have attracted and benefited many in this assemblage, and gained the confidence of horsemen around the world.

But in addition to all of that, I am very proud to say that he is, and has been, my friend since the days of his residency.

Heartiest congratulations for this well-deserved honor.

-- Dr. Bob Copelan
Ed, I am so thrilled that you are being honored with this recognition as you are so deserving. Growing up together on Beaumont, you were like a brother to me. Later you cared for our horses at Mill Ridge and you provided a sense of comfort that I appreciated daily.

That our roots run so deep with your father managing Beaumont Farm and assisting with the construction of Keeneland for Daddy makes this evening even more special. It is very fitting that you are being recognized by your peers with this honor. You are the best at what you do and this is the highest honor extended in our industry.... Congratulations.

-- Alice Chandler

It is very fitting Ed, for you to be recognized with this distinguished honor. As fourth generation from a family of veterinarians dating back to 1875, you have inspired many with your natural gift of innovation and horsemanship. Influenced by your Uncle Charlie Hagyard, you provided a daily framework of professionalism, care, expertise and service to assist with Hagyard-Davidson-McGee becoming the legendary firm it is today.

For me personally, I give thanks for your wonderful example of faith, family, kindness, work ethic, exercise, sense of humor and on... You have mentored many and inspired us all. For this, we all extend our appreciation and
joy in sharing this evening with you and your family.

— Headley Bell

Through Dr. Ed Fallon’s decades of work with the premier breeding farms of Central Kentucky, he has left his mark on the inventory of international bloodstock that exists today. His steady and profound manner is the example today’s successors strive to attain.

— John Ward

I arrived in Lexington, Kentucky in the late 1960s at the invitation of Dr. Charlie Hagyard. I quickly had the wonderful pleasure of meeting Doc Charlie’s nephew, Dr. Edward Fallon, and retrospectively the finest Christian gentleman and the best equine reproductive veterinarian I have ever known. Ed had the most respectful relationship with all personnel at the farms from the owner, the general manager to the stable lads on first name terms. He and all accompanying staff on our visits enjoyed the occasion as much as he did amid lots of banter and funny stories. When leaving Lexington in November, 1970, I said to Ed I just could not thank him enough for all he had taught me. His reply was – go home and help some of your own young vets.

— Dr. John Hughes

Dr. Fallon embodies the essence of the equine practitioner emulated
throughout his career in the daily care bestowed by him to his equine patients and the attention to the needs of his revered clientele. Over the course of that career, he has advanced the area of equine reproduction through a uniquely honed skillset that has seen the advancement of numerous techniques employed today by virtually every practitioner in equine veterinary medicine. Additionally, he has been and continues to be one of the most provocative thinkers in the areas of foal and yearling care as it relates to disease prevention. He has been an advocate for the profession and the Thoroughbred industry throughout his career in Central Kentucky, with a strong basis established by his family lineage that has been furthered in his own right. Not to mention all the while, the numbers of "young" practitioners over several generations, both domestically and internationally, that have been mentored by this honor guest and have benefited from his keen insights in developing themselves as members of the equine veterinary profession. I know that experience firsthand, as I have often reflected how fortunate I have been to count Dr. Ed Fallon as one of my cherished mentors. On those daily visits throughout the initial breeding seasons spent with him, Dr. Fallon taught me not only the art and skills of equine practice, but even greater life lessons as a professional allowing me to serve a greater good with my career. There can be no finer example set in our profession for
mentoring, veterinarians and horsemen alike, than our Dr. Edward Hagyard Fallon.

-- Dr. Stuart Brown

I first met Dr. Fallon in 1966 when I joined the faculty of the Department of Veterinary Science at the University of Kentucky. He had been in practice long enough to build a firm basis of confidence and trust among his client farms. Dr. Fallon’s contributions which resulted in improved reproductive performance and management constitute a very long list. My collaboration over the years in field research projects with Dr. Fallon was more than gratifying. Dr. Fallon’s dedication to his profession, equine patients, client farms, and to the equine industry, especially the Thoroughbred industry of Kentucky, is unsurpassed. I consider myself fortunate to have worked with him and greatly privileged that I may call him friend.

-- Robert G. Loy

The Fallon family has been an important part of Clarkland Farm for as long as I can remember. Dr. Charlie Hagyard did all the vet work for my father, until he retired and Ed took over. Ed’s wife Priscilla was my best friend growing up (and I was a bridesmaid in their wedding). If it were not for Ed Fallon, Clarkland Farm would not be in business today. When Fred and I took over the farm in 1975, it was no trouble to get boarders. Everyone wanted Ed Fallon to be their broodmare vet! The history continues today as Luke Fallon has taken over our vet work and we couldn’t be happier.

-- Nancy and Fred Mitchell

Ed Fallon. Doc. Husband. Father. Friend to all creatures, both 2- and 4-legged, and has as many friends on the end of a shank as with professional peers. Master of jokes, some even repeatable in polite company. Renaissance man – conducted many a symphony between farm calls. Spiritual advisor. Marathon man – hours worked and miles run. Notre Dame Football fan. Historian – our go-to guy before Google was a verb. Mentor. Philosopher. Friend. Ed, you have been an integral part of the lives
of all of us on Bowman Mill Road. Congratulations for the honor being bestowed upon you tonight, and thank you for all you did for us along the way.

~ Jimmy Bell

Congratulations on the recent honor by the Thoroughbred Club of America. Your accomplishments and professionalism reflect on, and brings pride to, Cornell. On behalf of the College, congratulations and well done!

~ Michael I. Kotlikoff V.M.D., Ph.D., Dean, Cornell University

Always the living example of a “southern gentleman,” Dr. Fallon possesses a gentle, confident, cheerful demeanor that always put his patients, clients, and the many graduates he mentored over the years completely at ease. He was an astute clinician who thoroughly enjoyed his work, which made working with him a pleasure for all involved. In addition to his influence as a mentor of younger clinicians, Dr. Fallon was always at the forefront in the development of new technology as he collaborated closely with the researchers at the University of Kentucky Veterinary Science Department. He was among the first to implement lighting programs to advance the breeding season. He participated in many field trials and provided clinical evaluations during the development of new vaccines for diseases such as strangles, viral abortion and Salmonellosis. Over the years he was also involved in evaluating new anti-parasitic drugs and new deworming protocols. He pursued these important accomplishments in his usual quiet manner while conducting his active participation in the Hagyard, Davidson, McGee practice, which evolved into the Hagyard Equine Medical Institute employing up to 65 equine practitioners with the most advanced medical equipment available.

In spite of his numerous professional accomplishments, Dr. Fallon remains a humble Renaissance man devoted to his family, his patients, his clients, his religion, and his beloved Notre Dame. With his artistically talented wife, Priscilla, he appreciates opera and great art. An accomplished hunter, he has also been known to enjoy a lively party and good scotch. A truly well-rounded southern gentleman. No one is more deserving of his honor from The Thoroughbred Club of America than Edward Hagyard Fallon, and I would like to offer him my warmest congratulations.

~ Dr. Robert B. Hillman, Cornell University

Practically all I have and have become I owe to Ed Fallon. He was the second person I met in Kentucky on the 9th December 1966. I was visiting Jack Bryans at UK and he arranged for me to ride with his brother-in-law Ed on Friday 9th December, which was the turning point in my life.

We got on extremely well and having travelled around the USA for the next six months I returned to Lexington to spend more time with him and a couple of months later I was offered a job with Hagyard, Davidson and McGee.
During the next couple of years he familiarized me with the two basic Bs of Kentucky life, Bourbon and Basketball, and we spent a lot of time studying the philosophy of Fitzgerald. Old, that is. His first client was Alice and Mill Ridge Farm, so I spent a lot of time there, and you know how that turned out. I still live there.

We have spent many long hours discussing philosophy, religion, music, honor, ethics, family values and the infallibility of Notre Dame football.

There is no person more worthy to be honored for his contribution to our profession and our industry.

--Dr. John A. Chandler

When I first met Dr. Fallon in 1981 while working for Jonabell Farm, he was already an international icon & respected for his pioneering work on developing manual ovarian palpation, eliminating twin pregnancy, and implementing the use of artificial lights and hormonal synchronization to dramatically increase a stallion's book of mares. Dr. Fallon is not only a wonderful veterinarian but a horseman first with a tremendous instinct as to how to treat the horse. Professionally he is a leader but on a personal level he is much more. A teacher of life, an example of a family man, always generous with his trove of stories of life experiences, dashed with a unique sense of humor. Congratulations, Dr. Fallon, on being an Honor Guest of The Thoroughbred Club of America, truly one of the finest awards in our industry.

-- Bill Harrigan
It may have been lost in time to many in the room that Doc Lavin, and Betsy too, are the product of Hot Springs, Arkansas, my home for much of my life. As I have often harped to the racing world, Hot Springs is without a doubt the best place in America to winter for racing. However, the national park, lakes and forests of the region offer a splendid atmosphere for youngsters to grow up as well.

As is evident by the honor being bestowed on Doc tonight, it’s clear that he has graced the lives of many in the room while trudging among the shed rows and bridle paths of race tracks all across America with his special talent and friendly nature.

As many know, Doc played a key part in the development and success of our Loblolly Stable. I’ve tried to draw up a specific instance where his advice, counsel, and veterinary skill were exemplified; however, they are so numerous that I am at a loss to name a single decision or a single horse to share tonight. His boundless optimism even in the darkest moments has saved many a day which otherwise would have been spent in despair.

Suffice it to say that in the forty plus years where Doc and I have shared the highs and lows of thoroughbred racing, I’ve never met a man with more integrity, broad perspective, and heartfelt dedication to any task than
Doc Lavin. But that’s only a small part of my friend Gary. Aside from the professionalism and the integrity, there is also a very human side that so many of us know. I question if there is anyone who has spent time on the backside or at the sales who doesn’t know Doc Lavin. Anytime I’ve ever spoken his name to a stranger or a new acquaintance the response I always get is a smile. And on top of the qualities that I’ve noted we certainly can add wit, a sense of humor, and more stories and obtuse references than anyone I have ever known.

Congratulations to Gary for this well-deserved honor and I look forward to continuing to work with him through Shortleaf Stable for as long as our strength permits.

-- John Ed Anthony

I met Doc in November 1977 when I came to work at Hermitage and remember our visits in Warner Jones’ office. Jonesy loved cross examining and berating Doc about the cost of a Bute shot (25 cents he maintained) versus what Doc charged. In his mind whatever it was, it was high crime. There was the weanling Pinhooking Partnership with Jonesy when you wanted to reserve the yearlings at X and Mrs. Lavin valued them at 1/2 of X (“they gotta go”). Then Mr. Jones telling you “Doc I love ya but I’m puttin’ in with Betsy”. They all got sold. I distinctly remember the day you told us with pride you bought Dan Lasater’s farm and named it Longfield for the obvious (home of your Churchill surgery). I appreciate your contribution to the equine veterinary profession both in Kentucky and nationally and for
being a good citizen and representative of Oldham County. Most importantly I admire you for being a great, caring dad and an even better grandfather.

~ Bill Landes

Dr. Gary Lavin is an accomplished veterinarian and horseman. He has had a long and distinguished career in the thoroughbred industry, during which he has received recognition nationally for his professional success in the care of Thoroughbreds. Most importantly, he is an honest, hardworking, family man with a great sense of humor. We are in the thoroughbred industry because of Gary and his family. All of my family join me in thanking him for his great work and wish him the very best. I am proud to call him a friend.

~ Peter Willmott

Doc Lavin would have been a success no matter what profession he chose. Horses are lucky he became a veterinarian as are those of us who love Thoroughbred racing – Doc will stick his neck out to make sure the right thing is done for the horse and the sport. There’s no finer person. He deserves this wonderful honor.

~ Dell Hancock

Dr. Gary Lavin’s CV history is impressive, yet the essence of this man is far more significant. He describes
himself as curmudgeonly, but he is wrong. He doesn’t even qualify as cranky. His charm and easy manner are shared with all, from hot walkers to captains of industry and everyone between.

With insightful diagnosis and skilled hands, Dr. Lavin has cured, saved and fostered numerous horses. As one who sees the bigger picture, he has worked to propagate equine research and improve continuing education for veterinarians. He knew he couldn’t fix every horse, but he was humble and confident enough to believe that, someday, someone else could.

At the 1993 AAEP Convention in San Antonio, Dr. Lavin gave a farsighted, memorable speech entitled “Our Friend, The Horse”. In truth, the title should be reversed: “Dr. Lavin, A Friend To The Horse” – and to the countless people whose lives he has enriched.

-- Gary Carpenter

To the most knowledgeable gentleman in racing! Our friendship is one of the highest privileges of my life

-- Charles J. Cella

The Bonnies, way back when, had as their veterinarian a well known DVM who was never at a loss to give a diagnosis! As he was out of town, we called Dr. Lavin, recently moved to Louisville, to come examine a horse.
with some mysterious ailment. He came, examined the horse and said, “I’m not sure what’s causing the problem.” One of us had heard of some potion that was being highly touted on the backside – a cure all for whatever. So we asked the then young Dr. Lavin if such and such might help. He thought a minute and then pronounced the following, “If people thought a basketful of eagle feathers would work as a cure, there would not be an eagle left flying in the sky.” That long ago, Doc combined humor and wisdom. Over the years he and Bets have been and remain great friends. To this day we roll our eyes when we think of all the remedies that sweep across the horse community! Thank goodness the eagle still flies in our sky, and that Gary spent so many years dispensing common sense medicine for the benefit of equines, their owners, and eagles!

-- Nina and Ned Bonnie
I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Dr. Bramlage, Dr. Lavin and Dr. Fallon for this honor. Dr. Bramlage is an exceptional surgeon and he deserves immense credit for the success I’ve achieved. Dr. Lavin has been a loyal supporter and confidant of mine from early on in my career. I’m grateful for all he has for the sport and all he has done for me. Dr. Fallon has been a pioneer in his field and his contributions to the thoroughbred breeding industry certainly deserve recognition like this.

-- Shug McGaughey

As far as veterinarians go, this is the super trifecta of all time. Each one has made unbelievably extraordinary contributions to their profession and is a credit to their entire community. I am proud to call each one of these gentlemen my friend, and I think it is a wonderful and appropriate tribute for them to be honored by The Thoroughbred Club of America.

-- D. Wayne Lukas

The three gentlemen honored tonight represent the best of veterinary science, albeit in three separate disciplines. Dr. Fallon represents the finest in Thoroughbred reproductive care, and has spent countless hours and long nights in the foaling shed, caring for broodmares and foals. Dr. Lavin, track veterinarian, is known throughout the country, particularly in Kentucky and his native Arkansas, and many Kentucky Derby winners among others have benefitted from his expertise. Dr. Lavin is well known on the backside for his affable way with people at all levels of our sport, including trainers, owners and grooms – the backbone of racing. Dr. Bramlage has contributed to
the industry in many ways, two in particular. Dr. Bramlage's surgical talents have brought many race horses back to pinnacle levels of the sport. Dr. Bramlage also has a unique ability to translate to the general public the issues surrounding injuries when they happen on the track, explaining them in a manner that is comforting to the general public. I am very pleased these three gentlemen are receiving this special honor from The Thoroughbred Club.

-- Rogers Beasley

Doctors Bramlage, Fallon and Lavin are three of the industry's most respected equine veterinarians, a distinction earned by expert knowledge combined
with impeccable integrity. It is a great distinction for The Thoroughbred Club of America to honor these three very deserving legends for their ingenious gifts and abilities in their field and for being on the cutting edge of veterinary medicine for the betterment of the horse and the industry. It has been a pleasure working with each of them from my beginnings at Mill Ridge Farm over 30 years ago to today, with Doc Lavin as a long and trusted member of the Keeneland Board. Their knowledge and judgment are unparalleled and a testament to their meriting of this tribute.

-- Bill Thomason
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1937  Samuel D. Riddle
1938  Mrs. Payne Whitney
1939  Carlton E. Burke
1940  Warren Wright, Sr.
1941  Hal Price Headley
1942  George D. Widener
1943  Col. Matt J. Winn
1944  Arthur B. Hancock, Sr.
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1947  Edward Small Moore
1948  William Du Pont, Jr.
1949  Thomas Piatt
1950  Walter M. Jeffords
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1953  Alfred G. Vanderbilt
1954  F. Ambrose Clark
1955  James E. Fitzsimmons
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1967  Jack J. Dreyfus, Jr.
1968  Leslie Combs, II
1969  Humphrey S. Finney
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1971  John A. Bell, III
1972  Louis Lee Haggin, II
1973  Preston M. Burch
1974  Charles A. Kenney
1975  Paul Mellon
1976  Duval A. Headley
1977  Dr. Elise Asbury
1978  Frank E. Kilroe
1979  John A. Morris
1980  Horatio A. Luro
1981  Fred W. Hooper
1982  Bill Shoemaker
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1985  Woodford C. Stephens
1986  William T. Bishop
1987  Charles Nuckols, Jr.
1988  Charles Whittingham
1989  Alec Head
1990  Ogden Mills Phipps
1991  John Ryan Gaines
1992  Dr. Arthur H. Davidson, Jr.
1993  MacKenzie Miller
1994  Joe Hirsch
1995  DeWitt Owen, Jr.
1996  W.T. Young, Sr.
1997  Albert G. Clay
1998  D. Wayne Lukas
1999  Jim McKay
2000  Seth Hancock
2001  Howard L. Battle
2002  William C. Greely
2003  Dr. Jack Robbins
2004  Robert E. Courtney, Sr.
2005  Alice Headley Chandler
2006  W. Chip Knapp
2007  Robert W. Copeland, DVM
2008  Thomas Taylor Hammond
2009  Catesby Woodford Clay
2010  Richard L. Duchossois
2011  George Strawbridge, Jr.
2012  Penny Chenery
2013  Claude R. "Shug" McGaughey III
We shall soon part ... And even if we are occupied with most important things, if we attain to honour or fall into great misfortune - still let us remember how good it was once here, when we were all together, united by a good and kind feeling which made us better perhaps than we are.

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