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THANKS FOR NOTHING: Before hitting the morning news shows and the book store circuit for "Thank You Power, Making The Science of Gratitude Work for You," **Deborah Norville** gave some thanks of her own at a party in her honor Tuesday night in New York. Mayor **Michael Bloomberg**, **Dan Rather**, **Lally Weymouth**, **Steve Forbes**, **Hilary and Wilbur Ross** and Norville's husband, **Karl Wolkner** were among the well-wishers at Michael's. In a telephone interview the next day, Norville said she used the occasion to applaud Rather, "as a class act from start to finish."

"When CBS hired me after my career imploded at the Today show, literally within minutes of signing my contract with CBS — I don't think the ink was even dry — a gift basket arrived with CBS mugs, hats and pins, and a handwritten note from Dan welcoming me to the network, assuring his support and saying if there was ever anything I needed, he would be there," she recalled.

The "Inside Edition" anchor said of her Ratherfest, "When you are able to publicly return a favor, you should take advantage of that," adding several guests privately told her they were Rather fans, too. "It's a big world and we all live in it together. We can do so harmoniously or be all elbows and knees. I live in New York — there are enough elbows and knees."

Norville was also thankful for another guest, **Pilar Rossi**, who designed the silver cocktail suit she wore. The newly minted author showed her thanks to the "leading researchers" interviewed for the book by doing something she said she never does as a reporter — forwarding them her take on their work to assure she hadn't misinterpreted their data. — **Rosemary Feltelberg**