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Lectures, Luncheons, Ladies, and Legends ...



Cocktails at The Metropolitan Club for The Animal Medical Center's Sixth Annual Living Legends Luncheon.

Last Thursday, May 15th, the Upper East Side's Rockefeller University played host to some of New York's most influential and notable names for the 17th Annual Women & Science Spring Lecture and Luncheon. For over 15 years, The Rockefeller University Women & Science initiative has brought more attention to the many important scientific contributions made by women, the imperative role of research on challenges related to women's health, and created a network of support for both women in science as well as those looking to support the cause.

Through the Partners in Discovery fund-raising program Women & Science has raised over \$21 million for women pursuing careers in the sciences at Rockefeller University. This year's Lecture and Luncheon alone has raised over \$1.7 million for the initiative.



This year's lecture was given by Rockefeller University's own Rebecca C. Lancefield Professor, **Dr. Elaine Fuchs**, whose list of professional achievements include being awarded the National Medal of Science in 2009 by **President Obama**, and serving as president of the International Society for Stem Cell Research. This year, Dr. Fuchs captivated the audience as she discussed her vigorous pursuit of information on stem cells- the body's "fountain of youth" cells. Her research on the biology of the skin is breaking ground on the role that stem cells play in the generation and regeneration of tissue, revealing that molecular signals instruct skin stem cells when to make skin and when to halt repair.

Dr. Fuchs intelligently and eloquently explained that while skin stem cells normally only replace the skin's lost or dying cells, they are related to many other types of stem cells that have the ability to repair every type of bodily tissue. This research has huge implications for the treatment of many illnesses from certain types of blindness to malignant tumors, and therefore its continued research is of utmost importance. After the fascinating and enlightening lecture given by Dr. Fuchs, guests enjoyed a beautiful luncheon on the esplanade and surely continued the discussion on the prior lecture.



Elaine Fuchs, Judy Berkowitz, Lulu Wang, Robin Chemers Neustein, Carol Einiger, and Sydney Shuman

Guests who attended the event included **Frances Beatty Adler, Sade Baderinwa, Gabrielle Bacon, Samantha Boardman, Debra Black, Wendy Breck, Tory Burch, Judy Carson, Eva Dubin, Blair Pillsbury Enders, Lise Evans, Princess Firyal of Jordan, Olivia Flatto, Clarita Fodor, Barrett Frelinghuysen, Marjorie Gubelman, Marlene Hess, Ronnie Heyman, Nancy Kissinger, Beth Kojima, Justine Koons, Nancy Marks, Lisa McCarthy, KT McFarland Gigi Mortimer, Claudia Overstrom, Karen de Saint Phalle, Alexis Phelps, Courtney Rae, Emily Rafferty, Amy Falls Rogers, Daryl Roth, Denise Saul, Christine Schwarzman,**

Sydney Shuman, Laurie Tisch, Shirin von Wulffen, Caroline Weber, Lulu Wang, Claude Wasserstein, and many others.



Alexis Phelps and Courtney Rae



Beth Kojima and Alex Shuman



Caroline Weber and Samantha Boardman



Dr. Eva Dubin



Princess Firyal of Jordan



Christine Schwarzman



Claude Wasserstein and Marcia Mishaan



Claudia Overstrom and Lisa McCarthy



Cindy Whitehead and Karen de Saint Phalle



Debbie DeCotis and Jeanne Fisher





KT McFarland



Lisa McCarthy and Sherry Carr



Pia Norris, Bobbi Collier, Cynthia Whitehead, and Judy Berkowitz



Shirin von Wulffen and Marjorie Gubelman





Marjorie Gubelmann, Samantha Boardman, Rosen, Tory Burch, and Gigi Mortimer



Sydney Shuman, Pat Rosenwald, Judy Berkowitz, and Lulu Wang



Mady Harman and Karen Kennedy





Amy Falls Rogers, Kim Merlin, and Frances Metrick



Caroline Weber, Peggy Noonan, Nancy Kissinger, and Nicole Selgiman

