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“My big concern in this election is the grandma theory.”

JOHN CAHILL
CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

“I do my best thinking on my bike or in the pool.”

TODD KAMINSKY
CANDIDATE FOR ASSEMBLY

“There are mansions and housing projects in this same district.”

KATHLEEN RICE
CANDIDATE FOR THE 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

“When my father was 88, he changed his registration from Republican to Democrat.”
New York Foundation for Eldercare Marks 25th Anniversary of Geriatrician Training Program at Recognition Dinner

by Janet Fulk

At the New York Foundation for Eldercare (NYFE) Recognition Dinner, held to honor leaders in the field of training geriatric psychiatry fellows on Wednesday, October 22, at 6:30 pm at The Yale Club in New York City, the focus was on a training program that addresses the critical need to train geriatricians to care for the baby boomer generation.

The honorees were Gary J. Kennedy, M.D., Director, Division of Geriatric Psychiatry, Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Melinda S. Lantz, M.D., Chief of Geriatric Psychiatry, Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center; and Alessandra Scalmani, M.D., Ph.D., Psychiatrist, Psychiatric, Behavioral Sciences, Montefiore Medical Center; and the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a member of CenterLight Health System.

City Councilmember Rory Lancman (District 24) presented the Community Service award to Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Accepting the award were Michael Fassler, President & CEO, Centerlight Health System; Yoel Lichtstein, Executive Director; and Linda Spiegel, Director of External Affairs, both of Margaret Tietz.

The event celebrated the 25th anniversary of Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine professionals in the Bronx, working collaboratively with the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Jamaica Hills, Queens, to run a distinctive geriatric psychiatry training program. Unique to the program is the opportunity for the facility to refer a patient for a Geri-psych conference, under the distinguished leadership of Dr. Gary J. Kennedy and the direction of Dr. Rubina A. Malik. Patients of diverse cultures and religious beliefs are referred to Geri-psych program fellows for purposes of behavioral management, psychosocial interventions, medication review and recommendations for continued plans of care. Margaret Tietz has its core commitment to provide care for Holocaust survivors. Although the number of individuals in this particular population continues to decline, the Geri-psych program provides a forum for education professionals, who work with survivors and their next generation, in a sensitive, culturally competent manner.

In addition to the Geri-psych program fellows, participants include clinicians in training at nearby hospitals and universities, as well as the Margaret Tietz medical team, social workers, psychologists, and rehabilitative therapists. Key to the success is the integration of a comprehensive review of the patient’s medical history and in-depth interviews with patients and their family members. The multi-disciplinary sessions have yielded remarkable insights into patient personalities, attitudes and care that have had a resounding impact for individual patients. More than 60 fellows have rotated through the program over its 25-year history.

“The New York Foundation for Eldercare is thrilled to recognize the leadership of Dr. Gary J. Kennedy and the contributions of two alumni fellows, Dr. Melinda S. Lantz, and Dr. Alessandra Scalmani, to the field of clinical geriatric psychiatric education, as well as the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for its ongoing relationship and management of the geriatric psychiatry training program,” said Michael F. Tietz, President of the Foundation. "Inspired by this training, many fellows have deepened their passion for geriatric psychiatry and continued in this practice, becoming leaders in clinical settings, in academic medicine and in professional development," he added.

The evening was emceed by Rita Cosby, Emmy award-winning TV and radio host, best-selling author and CBS Inside Edition special correspondent. The event included a musical performance by members of Arts in Action, a student-led club at the Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music and the Arts, whose mission is to bring the artistic talent of students to the greater community. The students perform in senior homes, hospitals and in the residences of the homedbound, and participate in sessions that bring visual art to similar locations.

The keynote address was given by Jonathan Bowles, Executive Director, Center for an Urban Future.

More than 120 guests attended the event. NYFE will direct the funds raised to programs that serve the elderly population and Holocaust survivors in the New York metropolitan area, especially those residing in nursing homes or other long-term care institutions. NYFE also directly funds a variety of other programs that provide targeted services, bringing caring and dignity to older New Yorkers since 1966.