

# GOLDEN EYE KICK OFF

SHARPENS VISION FOR THE COX SCIENCE CENTER AND AQUARIUM



The Cox Science Center and Aquarium welcomed more than 200 guests at a kick off for its 2023 *Smarty Party*, to be themed as the *Golden Eye: Revealing the Hidden Universe*. The kick off was hosted by Event Co-Chairwomen **Kathleen Crampton**, **Katharine Eyre** and **Laing Rogers** as well as Honorary Chairwomen **Wendy Cox**, **Christine Stiller**, **Frances Fisher**, **Mary Freitas**, **Elizabeth Gordon** and **Caroline Rafferty**. Guests admired Cox Science Center and its *Willis H. du Pont Observatory's* new state-of-the-art telescope with champagne, light bites and exciting capital campaign chatter.

“Each year our *Smarty Party* invites dynamic and engaging speakers to share their research and unique stories,” said **Kate Arrizza**, President and CEO of Cox Science. “Our 2023 event is no exception — event leadership is reaching for the stars with exciting plans, which includes sharing news about our expansion as we open every mind to science. The kick off was a sweet arrival to all the signature events we have to look forward to.”

Looking ahead, the *Golden Eye* evening will be hosted at Cox Science on January 19, 2023. The event will feature **Project Scientist** at the **Space Telescope Science Institute**, **Dr. Alex Lockwood**, who will share fascinating graphics and imagery from the Webb telescope. Webb’s infrared-detecting technology will reveal the hidden universe: stars shrouded in clouds of dust, water in the atmospheres of other worlds, and the first light from the earliest galaxies ever formed.

Formerly the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, the recently renamed Cox Science Center and Aquarium’s current indoor/outdoor venue features more than 100 hands-on educational exhibits, a 10,000-gallon fresh and saltwater aquarium, digital planetarium, Pre-K focused *Discovery Center*, 18-hole conservation-themed Mini-Golf Course and quarter-mile-long outdoor science trail. One of its celebrated permanent exhibitions includes *Journey Through the Human Brain*, which features the most advanced neuroscience research in the world. The Cox Amphitheater hosts daily live science shows, seasonal laser shows, and special event programming. The Center took on a new name at the end of 2021 when leadership announced a \$20 million gift from Palm Beachers, **Howard and Wendy Cox**, to launch a transformative capital campaign — with a target completion date of 2025.

Individual tickets for the *Golden Eye* are \$1,000 with sponsorships available. For more event or capital campaign information email **Marcy Hoffman**, Senior Vice President of Institutional Advancement at [mhoffman@coxsciencecenter.org](mailto:mhoffman@coxsciencecenter.org) or call 561.370.7738.

**FIRST ROW:** Lew and Kathleen Crampton; Katharine and Bill Eyre; **SECOND ROW:** Laing Rogers and Allie Hanley; Lisa Tananbaum, Wendy Cox and Nancy Roe; **THIRD ROW:** Christine and Bob Stiller; Pam Taylor Yates and Kate Arrizza; **FOURTH ROW:** Wilbur and Hilary Ross with Howard Cox; Ben and Elizabeth Gordon.

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