

Donor Appreciation Reception



The Cox Science Center and Aquarium (CSCA) welcomed supporters to a special *Donor Appreciation Reception* at the Palm Beach home of Ali and Lew Sanders. The evening celebrated the generosity of the Center's supporters and offered the perfect opportunity to introduce CSCA's new CEO, Kurt Allen.

Set against a picturesque Palm Beach evening with clear skies overhead, the intimate gathering brought together donors and friends of CSCA for Allen's first opportunity to connect with the philanthropic supporters helping propel CSCA's transformational expansion.

Guests were escorted to the Sanders' lush lawn, where the evening's program began with remarks from CSCA Board Chairman Eric Stonestrom. He thanked hosts Ali and Lew Sanders for opening their home for the gathering, recognized the outgoing *Smarty Party* Chairs and expressed appreciation for the growing group of donors whose generosity continues to drive momentum behind CSCA's \$150 million expansion campaign.

Among the supporters recognized were John Paulson and Alina de Almeida, Peter and Eaddo Kiernan, Pauline Pitt and the William A. Pitt Foundation, the John and Rosemary Brown Family Foundation, Leslie and Thomas Rosin, Wendy Bingham Cox and hosts Ali and Lew Sanders.

Stonestrom also welcomed Allen to the CSCA community, noting that CSCA is entering a transformative chapter as it prepares to significantly expand its campus and educational offerings.

Following his remarks, Lew Sanders, technology entrepreneur and longtime supporter of CSCA, shared a brief presentation exploring the growing influence of artificial intelligence and its implications for society and the global economy.

Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed curated canapés and specialty cocktails while reflecting on the future of science, technology and the role CSCA will play in helping inspire the next generation of innovators.

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FIRST ROW: Lew and Ali Sanders with Kurt Allen; Eric Stonestrom and Howard Cox; **SECOND ROW:** Leslie and Thomas Rosin; Wendy Cox and Ashton DePeyster; **THIRD ROW:** Francine and Gregory J. Purcell; Thomas Peterffy and Lynne Wheat; **FOURTH ROW:** Andrew and Lorraine Dodge; Allie Hanley and Tom Zacharias. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

