

*Kathleen Turner is returning to Broadway in the play "High" by Matthew Lombardo.*

"I play a foul-mouthed recovering alcoholic nun," she said Friday at the Citymeals-on-Wheels 24th annual Power Luncheon, held at the Pierre Hotel where she was being honored.

Turner is a longtime volunteer and board member of the agency, which delivers meals to homebound elderly New Yorkers in need. "This organization means a great deal to me," she said, recalling her friendship with **Muriel Fleit**, a woman she delivered meals to, who passed away last year.



Gael Greene and Kathleen Turner.

Turner credits her mother with helping her understand the importance of volunteering. **Pat Turner** not only made a mark “because she simply gave birth to me,” her daughter joked, but because she was one of the earliest volunteers for Court Appointed Special Advocates in Springfield, Missouri.

**Diana Taylor**, managing director at Wolfensohn & Company, and **Mayor Bloomberg’s** girlfriend, was also honored. She drove home the economic reality of aging: “Think about it: your cost of living doesn’t go down but your income certainly does,” she said. She also said she’d recently learned that her father was the treasurer of an organization delivering meals to seniors in Connecticut. “The things your parents do without telling you! They’re worse than children.”



A Citymeals-on-Wheels client who said she wouldn't know what she'd do without her meal.



A Citymeals-on-Wheels client who said the food is excellent most of the time and when it's not excellent, it's just good.

The Power Luncheon for Women raised more than \$1.1 million this year. It is legendary for attracting women executives across New York's power industries: media, beauty, finance, fashion, and hospitality to name a few.

What this means is that every guest at the event seems to have a new project to tell you about. **Laura Day** is writing a book on intuitive parenting and **Tory Burch** has opened a boutique in Rome and **Divya Gugnani** is coming out with a book on how sexy women eat. Because these women are astute networkers, the pre-luncheon reception is a serious schmooze. That means the focus during the seated lunch can be exactly where it should be: on the work of the organization and the people who make it happen.



Sandra Lee, Andrew Cuomo's girlfriend and soon-to-be New York's first lady.



Rikki Klieman and Gael Greene.

Launched by **Gael Greene** and **Joan Weill** in 1986, the lunch has a very clever proposition: women can attend for as little as \$350, and premium donors are listed in the program as "The Angels Who Share Their Power." However men can attend only by paying \$10,000. Nineteen "\$10,000 men" were listed in the program, and speakers at the podium made it clear they'd like to see more. "Giving is empowering for women and for men," said Taylor, who, as a confidante of Mayor Bloomberg, ought to know.

Speaking of politicians, with **Sandra Lee** a much-talked-about guest at this year's lunch, perhaps **Governor Andrew Cuomo** will join the Power Luncheon next year.

— **Amanda Gordon** for NYSD



Barbara Tober.



Betsy Bernardaud and Michael Lynne.



Board members Jackie Reses and Janis Smith-Gomez.



Dee Soder and Barbara Alden Taylor.



Diana Taylor with Alexander and Faith Hope Consolo.



Amy Fine Collins.



Christine Baranski checking in with other guests.



Citymeals-on-Wheels Executive Director  
Marcia Stein and John Cochran of FIJI  
water.



Carmen Dell'Orefice.



Diana Taylor, Joannie C. Danielides, and Donna Hanover.



Divya Gugnani and Allison Podell, who told me they were both married at the Pierre.



Face Stockholm's CEO Gun Nowak with Joan Helpert.



Fern Mallis.



Donatella Arpaia.



Evelyn Lauder, one of the guests to win a Nespresso CitizDot New York Espresso Coffee Machine.



Emily Sussman and Laurie Tisch.



Fern Berman and Paulette Satur.



Dr. Ann Gold, Shelly Lazarus, and Abby Kohnstamm.



Jessica Lappin, chair of the City Council's Aging Committee.



Jonathan and Lizzie Tisch.



Laura Day.



Karen Martin-Eliezer and Betsy Gotbaum.



John Pomerantz.



Joe Cohen and First Deputy Mayor Patricia Harris.



Nicky Kinnaird of Space NK and Ann Keating. Patricia Duff.



Nina Rennert Davidson.



Maryanne Liss and Jill Eikenberry.



Rohini Dey of the Latin-Indian fusion restaurant Vermilion.



Peggy Kerry.



Vivienne Brown-O'Neill.



Tory Burch and Jamee Gregory.



Thelma Golden.



Linda Stasi and Donna Hanover.



Susan Magrino Dunning and Rozanne Gold.



Silda Wall Spitzer.