Catching up. The American Academy in Rome’s Tribute Dinner took place April 25th at The Plaza. The Academy celebrated the Arts and Humanities by honoring artist William Kentridge, RAAR’11 and theatre director Peter Sellars for their contributions to art and culture.

More than 230 attended, and the Academy raised in excess of $750,000 for its mission in support of artists and scholars. John Guare was Master of Ceremonies, while Brazilian opera star Paulo Szot introduced William Kentridge and Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison presented Peter Sellars.
The event was hosted by Mercedes Bass, with special guests including Nancy Kissinger, Chuck Close, Fred Wilson, Anna Bulgari, Joel Shapiro, Angela and Rea Hederman, Alice Waters, Paul LeClerc, Richard Meier, Michael Graves, Thom Mayne, Morley Safer, Barbara Goldsmith, Lynn Nesbit and John Guare.
Catching up. On a Thursday late last month, more than 250 friends of God’s Love We Deliver gathered at the Ninth Annual Authors in Kind literary luncheon at The Pierre. They were marking the end of the 25th anniversary of God’s Love We Deliver which was launched at last year’s luncheon.

Board Member, author extraordinaire and Authors In Kind founder, Linda Fairstein, emceed. The guest authors each took the podium to share anecdotes and remarks about their work to the delight of all. The authors also signed books before and after the event, meeting and greeting guests and fans.