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Birthday, Schmirthday!

At 50, Fran Drescher is sexy, savvy, and successful. Yeah, baby!

OH—MY—GOD! Fifty never felt so fabulous. As I looked around the beautiful private dining room at Georgetown's ever-popular Cafe Milano, my heart was filled with affirmation that I was, indeed, in the right place at the right time.

A glorious mix of DC power players—Lynn and Wolf Blitzer, elected officials including Senator Arlen Specter and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, women's health leaders like Bernadine Healy and Ellen Sigel—and many dear friends all gathered around to feast, laugh, and raise their glasses in my honor.

Who knew that being 50 years young could feel so good? I'm a woman who is old enough to do anything and still young enough to do everything. I'm finally comfortable in my own skin, and I care far more about what I think of other people than what other people think of me. And the best part: I'm healthy, I have true wisdom gained through life experience, I enjoy lifelong friendships, and I am blessed with loving parents.

To think that my transformation into a women's health advocate, the visionary and president of the Cancer Schmancer Movement, and a familiar face on Capitol Hill is all due to my cancer survival. Sometimes the best gifts come in the ugliest packages.

Here's to turning pain into purpose, good health, and long life for us all! Oh, yeah, and to a Stage 1 diagnosis for all women with cancer. ★



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Fran Drescher hungrily eyes her birthday cake; Lynn and Wolf Blitzer with Drescher; Cafe Milano, the site of Drescher's 50th birthday party; Drescher with (FROM LEFT) Senator Arlen Specter, Representative Jesse Jackson, and Blitzer; (FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT) Drescher and Jackson; (BACK ROW, FROM LEFT) Blitzer, Franco Nuschese, Secretary Alphonso Jackson, Joe Robert, Quincy Jones, Specter, and Bob Johnson.