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## Kearneys host PCOM event

**John P. and Lois Kearney** were the hosts and Glenmaura National Golf Club provided the setting for a gathering of pre-med students and their parents, advisers and faculty from 10 local colleges and the administration of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The event was the **Kearneys** third annual reception designed to celebrate PCOM and its legacy in Northeast Pennsylvania.

"It gives me and Lois great pride when parents of our PCOM students approach us at social events or drop us a note or e-mail to tell us how happy they are with PCOM and the education their child received. We are very proud to be part of the PCOM family," said **Mr. Kearney**, who is on the college's board of trustees, board development committee, finance committee and executive committee, and is chairman of the board of trustees foundation committee.

The **Kearneys'** son, **John D.**, was a second-year medical student when he

died in a tragic hiking accident in Arizona in 1999 trying to save a friend who had fallen.

"**J.D.** was accepted to five other medical schools," according to **Mr. Kearney**. "But when he was introduced to PCOM and the osteopathic philosophy in his junior year at Wilkes, his dream was to go to PCOM. He loved every day he was at PCOM."

The **Kearney** family established a scholarship at the college to honor the memory of their son to help students achieve their dreams of becoming osteopathic physicians, according to **Carol Weisl**, PCOM's public relations manager.

**Mr. Kearney** is president of **John P. Kearney and Associates Inc.**, in Throop. He and his wife, **Lois**, an artist, reside in Moosic, and also are the parents of **Elizabeth, Drew and Adam**.

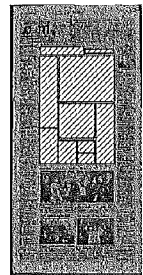
## Joining in

Some 120 people attended the reception, including **Jim and Susan Brady; Paul and Irene Woelkers**, whose daughter, **Lisa**, is a first-year medical student at PCOM; **Denise Caesar**, chief

executive officer of Blue Cross of Northeastern PA; **Dr. Joseph E. Gilmour**, president of Wilkes University; **Dr. Eileen Sharp**, pre-health adviser at Wilkes; **Dr. Bill and Donna McLaughlin**, **Dr. Michael and Nancy Washinsky**, and host committee members **John F. Callahan, D.O.**; **Jeffrey P. D'Andrea, D.O.** and **Kimberly S. D'Andrea, Psy.D.**

## High notes

The **Kearneys'** reception provided attendees with the opportunity to meet PCOM's President and CEO **Matthew Schure, Ph.D.**; Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean **Kenneth J. Veit, D.O.**; Vice President for Enrollment Management **Carol A. Fox**; Director of Admissions **Deborah A. Benvenger**; Director of Clinical Education **Richard A. Pascucci, D.O.**; Vice Dean for Clinical Education, Vice President for Graduate Programs and Planning **Robert G. Cuzolino, Ed.D.**; Vice President for Alumni Relations and Development **Florence Zeller** and alumni from the college.





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Also enjoying the reception at Glenmaura National Golf Club are, from left: Donna and Dr. Bill McLaughlin, hosts Lois and John Kearney, and Dr. Matthew Schure, PCOM president.



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Among those attending a reception for the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine at Glenmaura National Golf Club hosted by John and Lois Kearney are, from left: Dr. Darlene Dunay, Dr. Vincent Bobby, Kenneth J. Velt, dean; Mr. Kearney; Nancy; and Dr. Michael Washlinsky.

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