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BUTCH COMEGYS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Gathering at a reception for the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine at Glenmaura National Golf Club, are, from left: Donna and Dr. Bill McLaughlin, hosts Lois and John Kearney, and Dr. Matthew Schure, PCOM president. BUTCH COMEGYS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER 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. Veit, dean, Mr. Kearney, Nancy and Dr. Michael Washinsky.

## 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. Cuzzolino, Ed.D.; Vice President for Alumni Relations and Development Florence Zeller and alumni from the college.