

“party time” for Rotarians of the King of Prussia Rotary

It was “party time” for Rotarians of the King of Prussia Rotary as we gathered at the Bonefish Grill in KOP to celebrate two key club events of our 2016-2017 year. On 21 June we held our annual President’s Picnic, which this year was combined with our 60th year in Rotary. With the help of the Wayne Rotary Club as a sponsor, our “King of Clubs” was chartered in 1956.

We were joined in celebration by several Rotarians from the Wayne Rotary Club as well as our District Governor Dave Haradon, our incoming District Governor Dawn deFuria, Past District Governors Russ deFuria (2007-2008) and Doug Blazey (2014-2015). We very much appreciated the inter-club camaraderie among us.

Past President Carl Pinto welcomed our guests with a 60th Anniversary speech about our club’s beginnings “three score and naught year’s ago” in 1956 which included stanzas from our Club’s Charter President Carl A Beck who authored a ballad titled “Long Live the King”. This was written to help understand our kinship with King of Prussia and its famous Inn, which then stood in the middle of Route 202.



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<p>An inn was built to succor those Who traveled 'round the Earth. And its creator (by most forgot) Did name and dedicate This edifice unto his friend , King Frederick the Great.</p>	<p>Though cold, raw snow And wintry blow Did scream across the lands, The King of Prussia Inn held fast, And still today it stands.</p>
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President Guy Homer presented Club Achievement Awards to Jack Alfonse, Marianne Furman, Kevin Katarynick, Renata Maslowski, Bill Miller and Carl Pinto. In addition, Paul Harris Fellow recipients in attendance were recognized and presented with their respective pins; Bill Miller PHF, Barbara McMullan PHF +1, George Shoffner PHF +2, Kevin Katarynick PHF +3, Dave Staiger PHF +3 and Carl Pinto PHF +8. (At our regular club meeting June 26th, Barry Fry was presented his first Paul Harris Fellow and Earl Clairmont was present his PHF+7.) A total of 12 Paul Harris Fellow were obtained this past Rotary year.

Special recognition to Karen Geller was presented by incoming club president Bill Miller, for her 11 years of service with the Club and wished her well, as she and her husband Bob are relocating to the beaches of New Jersey. Bill also presented Guy with a gift of appreciation for his service to the Club as President for the past year.

Everyone in attendance agreed that the food and service presented by the Bonefish Grill was superb. The King of Clubs has endured for 60 years , and our Rotarians, past, present and future, have consistently provided for the needs of our community with one goal in mind, “*Service Above Self.*”



President Guy Homer and Incoming President Bill Miller

Submitted by: Carl Pinto, Executive Secretary,
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