

PCA 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented to Dr. Joseph Gnall

The winner of PCA's prestigious 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award was announced on June 30 during the Annual Convention in State College. The well-deserved award recognized the accomplishments of Dr. Joseph Gnall (Taylor, PA), a long-time leader within Pennsylvania's Chiropractic community. Due to health problems, Dr. Gnall was unable to attend the convention and accept his award.

PCA's Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Gnall on August 25th by PCA Immediate Past President Dr. Ray Benedetto and 2018- 2020 President Dr. Alison Benedetto at Dr. Gnall's home and office in Taylor.

In presenting the award, the Benedettos noted: "Dr. Gnall, you have been the embodiment of the spirit of Chiropractic, serving as a doctor, humanitarian, leader and a catalyst for positive change within our profession and your community. Included among your many positions held within Pennsylvania's Chiropractic community, you served with distinction as President, Board Chair, Executive Committee Chair, District 8 Director, an early and key Pennsylvania supporter of the Wilk vs. American Medical Association suit, a key architect of Act 188 of 1986 (Chiropractic Practice Act) and other professional and community roles too numerous to mention, especially on PCA's Lifetime Achievement Award plaque!"

Attended by several PCA leaders and colleagues, as well as Dr. Gnall's family, the Lifetime Achievement Award presentation by the Benedettos was well-received by Dr. Gnall, who immediately quipped, "What? You're telling me my lifetime is over?" Once the audience stopped laughing, Dr. Benedetto continued by reading the award to Dr. Gnall and the audience. It is worth noting that Dr. Gnall continued with quips and jokes throughout the presentation, followed by a lunch gathering, as well as an abundant amount of laughter-laced reminiscing about the challenging times in the history of the profession.

Kudos to Dr. Gnall's daughter, Kimberly Gnall, who secretively coordinated the event with PCA and organized a luncheon for her father and guests

In addition to the entire Gnall family, Drs. Benedetto and PCA EVP Ed Nielsen, Dr. Gnall was joined by long-time Chiropractic friends and colleagues Drs. John DeMatte, John Pammer, Robert Rush, Mary Rutkowski and Mario Spoto.

A special thank you goes to Dr. Louis Sportelli, who could not attend the event due to a scheduling conflict, but was instrumental in nominating Dr. Gnall, as well as providing abundant background information on Dr. Gnall's many contributions to the profession.

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