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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The annual banquet was held last weekend at The Chadwick in Wexford. It was great to see the 59 people who attended, all dressed up in their Sunday clothes. Mary Hetzel did a great job of organizing and putting on the annual banquet. The club subsidized about \$10 of the banquet dinner cost for paid members. I had a couple of glasses of the cash bar's excellent Chardonnay. Our Treasurer, Marge Humphrey handled the many on-line purchases for membership dues and the

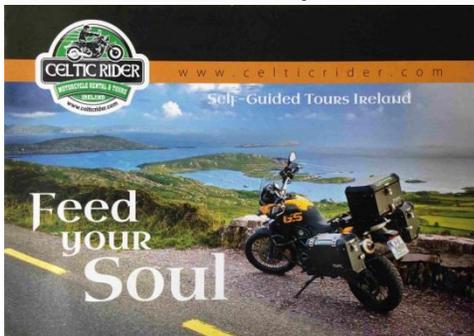


banquet dinners. I can remember when I introduced credit card processing several years ago at the rally. Now, more than half of you use on-line, credit card payment.

New board member, Vince Giannetti was the MC at the banquet and he introduced one of the very early members, Philomena Caldwell. He also introduced **the new owner of European Motorcycles, Mike Kuening** who joined us at the banquet. Mike told us he had been looking at many motorcycle shops and at least ten BMW dealers for many years, finally deciding on European. He is in the process of moving from the southwest to Pittsburgh and is working at the shop. Stop by and say hi to Mike. I think we all are looking forward to a mutually successful relationship with the new owner.



Glen Kidd's "Superbike Productions" captured all the action at the 50th Four Winds Rally, last August and played during appetizers at the banquet. Sean and Nancy Barrett had an interesting presentation about **their tour of Ireland**. They had lots of photos of sheep and narrow roads. It looked like an interesting trip.



I was pleased to hand the **2017 MOA Medallion Special Service Award to Diane Pears**. Aside from her great work on the club's website, Diane, Marge and I lost most of the summer getting ready for the 50th rally. It turned out to be an enormous commitment to get the word out to a much larger mailing list. In addition, we had to deal with rally notices, advertising, over \$5,000 in prize sponsorships, door prize mugs, three nationally known speakers, additional T-Shirts, banquet, concession food, music, field events, pins, antique bike show and whole a lot more.



The membership is now over 100 and the latest marketing item is the new club reflective sticker that we handed out to each paid member at the banquet. If you want one, come to a meeting and ask for it. The stickers are added to the hats, patches, mugs and our very impressive club website.

Jay Singh is working on meeting locations. We have scheduled a couple of fun outdoor park meetings and ride in June and July. We are trying to set up repeating meeting locations at restaurants with a separate area, preferably with a door. We would like a large TV for presentations, but we have a projector and screen. Separate checks and ordering from the menu with no minimums or room fees is preferred. If you know someplace, let Jay know.

More local group rides and national events will be posted on the website home page and calendar. Finding volunteers to commit time, effort and enthusiasm is increasingly difficult. We now have many new and younger members in the club. I'm looking to members to get involved and keep the club going strong. Thanks to the recent volunteers who joined the officers and board; Jay Singh and Vince Giannetti.

Banquet Photos are [are online HERE.](#)

