

## OSCARs

# Wanda Sykes on Smith slapping Rock: 'It was sickening'

The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** » Wanda Sykes said she felt physically ill after Will Smith slapped Chris Rock across the face at the Oscars, and she's angry Smith was permitted to stay and collect his award.

Sykes, who co-hosted Sunday at the Dolby Theatre with Amy Schumer and Regina Hall, told Ellen DeGeneres in an interview to air April 7 that she missed the confrontation live as she walked between her trailer and the theater after a costume change.

"Then someone showed me on the video," Sykes said, "and I just felt so awful for my friend, Chris. It was sickening. I physically felt ill, and I'm still a little traumatized by it."

Smith, seated close to the stage during the awards show, walked up to Rock and slapped him after the comedian made a joke about Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith. After he walked back to his seat, Smith cursed twice at Rock to "keep my wife's name out your (expletive) mouth."

The room and millions watching live were stunned. Soon af-

ter, Smith won his first-ever Academy Award for playing tennis dad Richard Williams in "King Richard" and gave a tearful acceptance speech in which he apologized but not directly to Rock. That came later in a statement.

Sykes, in a video released of her interview by "The Ellen Show," said letting Smith stay and accept his award should not have happened.

"I was like, how gross is this? This is the wrong message. You assault somebody and you get escorted out the building and that's



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Host Wanda Sykes appears onstage at the Oscars on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

it. But for them to let him continue, I thought it was gross. I wanted to be able to run out (on stage) after he won and say, 'Uh, unfortunately, Will couldn't be here tonight.'"

Sykes said she caught up with Rock later at a party and he apologized to her.

"I'm like, 'Why are you apologizing?' And he was like, 'It was supposed to be your night. You and Amy and Regina, you all were doing such a great job. I'm so sorry, this is now going to be about this.'"

## Women **in** Business

### Maria Dunlevy



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Maria had been the sole caregiver to her 87 year old mother and recognized the need for in-home care, without which she would not be able to dedicate the time needed to her professional career. Maria's personal and professional experiences afford her the ability to bring the zest, energy, sensitivity and compassion to the home care field.

This led her to join in forming our agency where she uses her personal and professional experience to help our in-home care clients.

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Our caregivers undergo annual physicals and TB testing. They have continuous education requirements that must be met as a part of their employment.

Victorias' Home Care strives to be recognized as the employer of choice by providing an extraordinary and talented staff with an environment which nurtures positive relationships and personal growth.

### Karen Waxman

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Karen Waxman is the Co-Owner of NXT Computers in Springfield, PA. Karen handles the day-to-day management of the store; providing individualized service and supports. She believes in a personalized customer service model that encourages consumer interaction and education regardless of computer skill level. NXT Computers offers computer repair services for personal and business needs, free diagnostics and one to one tutoring on standard pc use. Nxt Computers has received Best of Delco and favorite Talk of Town six times over. Ms. Waxman is invested into the community through her volunteerism with a Cat Rescue in Springfield, PA.



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# Kim Roguszewski

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Riddle Village Retirement Community

So many are proud to call Riddle Village Retirement Community their home thanks to the warm atmosphere, the friendly people, and the dedicated staff members. Riddle Village has a reputation for putting residents' safety, comfort, and happiness above everything else thanks to the example set by Kim Roguszewski, the Chief Executive Officer.

Kim joined the Riddle Village team shortly after graduating from Widener University where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Her educational career continued with a Master's in Business Administration with

a Certificate in Female Leadership from Rosemont College. Kim's first job out of college was at Amerigas, Inc. but it wasn't long before she knew her career needed to be in more of a service industry where she could use her business skills but also help people make the most of their retirement years. She started at Riddle Village in early 1995, not long after the community opened its first apartment buildings in October 1993.

Kim has held many different titles over the last 28 years and has taken on more responsibilities as the years have passed. She started at Riddle Village as a Staff Accountant and later became

the Assistant Director of Accounting in 1996 before becoming the Director of Accounting in 1997. In 2000, Kim became the Chief Financial Officer, and in 2019 she was named the Executive Vice President. Her work in these roles and her longtime dedication to the community made her the clear choice to become the new Chief Executive Officer in 2021. The decision, made by a special Board Committee that included several Riddle Village Residents, was unanimous.

"When I walked into Riddle Village as a relatively new college graduate, I could never have imagined I would someday be named the CEO. Today, I cannot imagine being anywhere else or doing anything else. I am truly honored to be given the opportunity to continue my career right where it started in a place I consider my second home."

Since joining Riddle Village and becoming a member of the Executive Team, Kim has much to be proud of regarding her time here. Riddle Village has made several expansions and many enhancements through the years, many of which were done under her leadership as Executive Vice President and now CEO. Without Kim, our community would not be what it is today.

One of the things that has been important to Kim throughout her career is making sure she does not expect anything from an employee that she would not be willing to do herself. "We are all in this together. Riddle Village is



not successful because of one person, it is successful because we work as a team and support each other. If we want employees to show up for the organization, I know it is important for us to show up for them. It cannot just be lip service; you have to be willing to view things from the staff's perspective and to be there during good and bad times. The happier staff is, the better they can care for our residents. It is a win-win." Some of Kim's greatest moments have been watching others grow. When asked if there is one tip she would give to other people starting in their careers, Kim said, "make sure you choose a path that you are passionate about so you never lose yourself in what you are doing. Know that you will make mistakes, everyone does. It is what you learn from those mistakes that will determine your ability to be successful as you move forward."



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## Melissa Berger

### OWNER

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I was born and raised in the area (Lenni/Aston Mills). I Graduated from Sun Valley High School in 1994. I am a mother of 3 amazing kids that all work for the business and 3 grandkids. I have a huge family that I love more than life and to say the least they are my biggest support system. I am a very outgoing person, and a no b/s kind of girl. My family and friends will tell you that I am a straight shooter and very honest (sometimes it gets me in trouble lol) I strongly believe and have taught my kids to pay it forward and go the extra mile, to go above and beyond and help anyone you can.

I have been very blessed in my life and was not handed anything. My parents taught me about having goals and working hard for what you want in life and it has paid off. In my down time, I love spending time with my family, going to the beach, camping etc....and going to the gym( huge stress reliever).

One thing I stand by and I strongly believe, that to run a successful business you need God, Trust, Honesty, Respect, and to realize no matter how hard you try you're not going to make everyone happy, but to always do the best you can. I currently own 2 Outdoor Power Equipment stores. My journey started over 10 yrs ago with my husband, when we purchased our first location in Newark Delaware (Bowersox Equipment) and it is still going strong. We have a very good reputation, and a very good repour with all the other Power Equipment shops in our area. We all look out for each other, and help when we can. That is the way it should be.

Long story short, I was approached in 2018 and asked if I was interested in buying Toms in Aston. It had changed hands a few times, and needed help. At first I said No Way! My plate was full! But.... I did it anyway, lol, a challenge is what I love the most. Not that being a girl in this type of business isn't hard enough, the first year to say the least had many challenges. Trying to find the best fit employees to be a part of my team, It was rough! BUT a challenge is what I love and it made me fight harder! I was determined to let everyone know that even though I was a girl, I'm just as good, and in some cases better than any guy in this field! All of my hard work was paying off and in 2019 we were nominated and won Best of Delco and everything was going great!

Then In 2020 Covid hit and the Governor of PA made every Mower Shop in Delco Non Essential. Knowing that there was no special paper, permission or exception to be open, we had to shut down right during our busy season, boy it hurt, but we refused to let it get the best of us, and we did what we had to do and once again we fought through and overcame.

In 2021 we were nominated again and we won Best of Delco , and we are going stronger and better than ever! I have an amazing Team of workers that I could not be more proud of! I cannot even express enough to all of the Landscapers, Businesses, Townships, FireHouses, School Districts, Police Depts, residents etc... for sticking by us. We love seeing new faces and meeting new people, so if you're ever in the area, stop in and say Hi! We would love to see you!

## Deborah Zdobinski

### Founder, CEO

**Body Align Studio**



Following two total hip replacements, former professional ballerina Deborah "Deb" Zdobinski discovered firsthand how Gyrotonic exercise, practiced in over 80 countries around the world, has gained its faithful following. She's one of them.

The Gyrotonic method, not only helped the Wallingford resident regain full range of motion, balance and flexibility, but has helped her stay as fit as she was decades earlier. Zdobinski believes in the Gyrotonic method so deeply, that she opened her own studio to share the method with others. "It's exciting to introduce a totally new exercise modality to the local community," Zdobinski said.

The licensed Gyrotonic trainer is the founder and sole owner of Body Align Studio, the first fitness establishment to offer the Gyrotonic Exercise Method in Delaware County and its surrounding area.

"I began practicing the Gyrotonic method in the early 1990s," Zdobinski added. "It kept me sane in the hyper-competitive NYC corporate world." After dancing internationally, Zdobinski, a Pittsburgh native who performed in leading roles with San Francisco Ballet and as an international guest artist, followed up with an over 25-year career as a corporate executive on Madison Avenue.

In 2019, she left advertising, became a licensed Gyrotonic Trainer and began teaching in New York City. Then in March 2020, New York was locked down because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In July 2020, after 40 years of living in NYC, Zdobinski decided to move to Wallingford, to live with her sister, Diane Holstein. In May 2021, Zdobinski opened up Body Align Studio on the second floor of The Hometown Wellness Chiropractic Center, 120 E. State Street.

Zdobinski's unique blend of physical awareness and agility as a ballet dancer combined with her communication skills from the advertising world, enable her to provide highly personalized coaching in a thoughtful, safe and insightful way.

The Gyrotonic Method is a unique system of exercise that incorporates movement principles from yoga, dance, gymnastics, swimming and t'ai chi. Gyrotonic exercise addresses the entire body, opening energy pathways, stimulating the nervous system, increasing range of motion and creating functional strength. These carefully crafted sequences create balance, agility, strength and flexibility.

Gyrotonic exercise can be done by anyone at any age or level from total beginners, to experienced fitness buffs, to accomplished athletes, to seniors and those recovering from injury or living with a disability. Zdobinski added, "I'm so grateful for the incredible support and encouragement I've received from Steven Amoia, D.C. and everyone at Hometown Wellness and Chiropractic Center, as well as my family, friends, and the Delaware County community."

All sessions at Body Align Studio are "one-on-one" allowing for a safe and respectful environment and tailored to each individual's needs. For more information go to [www.bodyalignstudio.com](http://www.bodyalignstudio.com).

## Loretta Pratt MD

The Sally Balin Medical Center

Dr. Pratt is board certified in Internal Medicine and Dermatology. She received her medical degree from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in NYC and was a Fellow in Investigative Dermatology at The Rockefeller University. Dr. Pratt is an experienced cosmetic dermatology and women's skin problems. She has been quoted in Glamour, Self and Elle magazines. Dr. Pratt believes the best part of being a cosmetic dermatologist is seeing the transformation created not only in the improved appearance, but in how her patients feel about themselves after the treatments. A series of microneedling, fillers, and periodic botox treatment can lift the appearance as well as one's spirit!



"I'm here to help you achieve your individual goals for a more youthful appearance."

## Mary Wood CRNP

The Sally Balin Medical Center

Mary received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Delaware. She received her master's degree and is certified as an adult nurse practitioner. With over 10 years experience in medical dermatology, Mary will be performing full skin exams, skin cancer screenings, biopsies, and general dermatology. We are excited to have Mary join our practice.



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Kathryn A. Meloni, Esquire, is a solo practitioner with offices at Santander Bank Bldg., Ste. 205, 2 South Orange Street, Media, Pennsylvania. She is a 1983 graduate of West Chester East High School, and a 1987 cum laude graduate of West Chester University, where she majored in Criminal Justice and minored in both Psychology and Sociology. After graduating from Widener University School of Law, she initially clerked for the Honorable Francis X. O'Brien in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Family Law Division, and then became employed as an Associate in the Media firm, Michael A. Paul and Associates, P.C. Kathryn has practiced in the areas of family law, personal injury, workers compensation, and wills. She is currently a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) and Delaware County Bar Association (DCBA).

In the PBA-Young Lawyers Division, Kathryn was on the executive council, serving in the positions of Zone 9 Co-chair, Secretary, Chair-Elect, and Chair of the organization. In her role with the YLD, she chaired many committees.

Ms. Meloni held the position of Chair of the PBA-YLD, where her emphasis was on children's issues; through this, she began a YLD project which was implemented across the Commonwealth where identification cards (including name, vital statistics, picture and fingerprint) were made to be used by the parents in the event of a future kidnapping/missing child scenario. Kathryn served on the Pennsylvania Bar Association Board of Governors. Since that time, she has continued to be active with the organization through the Members Benefits Committee, Commission on Women in the Profession, Animal Law Committee and Family Law Section.

In the Delaware County Bar Association, Kathryn was working on numerous community service projects, including the annual holiday party for disadvantaged children in the community, reading to Chester elementary school children, working at City Team Soup Kitchen in Chester, and fund-raising for community charities. Other projects in which Ms. Meloni has been fundamental include the Young Lawyers Practicum and the New Judges Dinners held to welcome each new judge onto the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas.

Kathryn has also been active with the Family Law Section of the Delaware County Bar Association, where she held the offices of Treasurer and Secretary. She was a member of the Delaware County Bar Association Law Day Committee, the Family Law Legal Education Committee and the ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Committee. Further, Ms. Meloni is the recipient of the 1995 DCBA Nicholas D. Vadino, Jr. Award and the 2000 DCBA President's Recognition Award, two awards of which she is very proud. She served as both Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary on the Delaware County Bar Association Board of Directors, as well as serving 2 other terms as Director on the Board.

Kathryn served on the Board of Directors of Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania (LASP), and was a member of the Board of Overseers of the ALS Association, Greater Philadelphia Chapter. She is currently very active with PAWS for People, through which her dog is a certified therapy dog, and, as a team, they visit hospitals, nursing homes and elementary schools.

## Jill Laxton

OWNER

Laxton Trash Removal

Jill Laxton is the owner of the family owned business —Laxton Trash Removal. The company was started by her father Ralph and uncle Wesley in 1969. Jill was 15 when she started helping her mother with billing and light bookkeeping.



Keith and Jill

While she attended Penncrest High School, she took business and accounting classes and then continued small business classes at DCCC. After the loss of two brothers, her father decided she could handle it all and 50 years later here she is!!

Being a woman in a man's world has had its' challenges, but Laxton has been very lucky to have excellent long time employees. They have a mutual respect within the company. Most of the employees have been lifelong trash company employees. Ten years ago Jill's nephew Keith returned to the company after a stint in the plumbing business and has since become her right hand!!

After work Jill enjoys her grandson's baseball, wrestling and swim meets, and her granddaughter's cheer competitions and spending time with her great nieces.

With the challenges of the past couple years Laxton Trash continues to strive to give our customers the best service possible!

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## Eloise Jay Jones

### PRESIDENT

Granny's Helping Hands PA Inc.

What motivates me is knowing that I can be the calm to the storm and a source of help when people are hopeless! I run my life and my businesses the same way. I've created a culture of professionalism mixed with the love and compassion of an extended family. Over the last 29 years God has blessed my life with the ability to communicate with more than just words. I'm able to sort out like-minded people to carry out the task of caring for vulnerable seniors and adults who are unable to care for themselves.

Surely, we can speak of background, education and accolades, the day to day hands on activity is what make the difference.

Being at the helm of this amazing opportunity is inspiring. At Granny's Helping Hands, we strive to hire individuals who "get it," and understand that caregiving is way beyond "just another job." Often, entry-level employees think their jobs are not important because maybe they don't have higher education, or they've worked in a series of trivial jobs previously. However, at Granny's Helping Hands, we help our caregivers to understand that the love and compassion that they give to someone who is aging or disabled far exceeds any other job. They are not only helping an individual live their best life, but they are also helping society by treating our most vulnerable, with dignity, compassion, and respect. As the head of this company, I am driven by our employees having that "aha moment, realizing, 'I am invaluable. I am part of the solution.' Sometimes, a family member will tell them what a huge relief it is to them, knowing there are still good people out there who really and truly care and treat them in the way that we all want to be treated when we can no longer do everything ourselves. Sometimes, it's just the look in a person's eyes as they interact with our caregivers. These are all a-ha moments for Granny's Helping Hands professional team members. I have truly been blessed to ultimately be a part of the solution of caring and loving someone in need.



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My career in the home care industry has also afforded me the opportunity to mentor folks, to teach life skills and to create trainings that address cultural differences and diversity in the home care industry. Such trainings have been utilized in nursing assistant courses and also in the everyday life of my employees. It's like music to my ears when previous employees have expressed to me throughout the years with comments similar to "Ms. Eloise I just needed to tell you thank you because you said I can do it ,or by watching you, I'm starting my own business or I'm going back to school to further my education or this is how I manage my family and my personal affairs. You took the time with me to show me or because you are stayed in my ear to ensure I was in the right track." Basically, I care and will not settle for less from them and most of all I won't allow them on my watch to settle for less from themselves. I take the responsibility as a leader very seriously. Inspiring future generations of women to understand there is nothing they can't accomplish with continued discipline and undying effort.

Everyone doesn't have the strong shoulders for holding up the totem pole regarding caring for our fellowman, but God has blessed me with them. I am pleased to be a contributor as he wills over my life to help others. I will settle for nothing less." EJ

