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LAST MEETING: 5/4/11

By: *Kelli Robbins*

As the bell rang to signal the start of our Wednesday May 4th meeting, many Pittsburgh Rotarians had already enjoyed the opportunity to meet and greet the two Republicans and two Democrats who wish to

succeed Dan Onorato as Allegheny County Executive in the upcoming election on Tuesday May 17th. Republicans Chuck McCullough and D. Raja, along with Democrats Mark Patrick Flaherty and Rich Fitzgerald, assembled pre-meeting to welcome and talk with our members as we filed into the Omni William Penn.

President Elect **Andy Dlinn** began by introducing our own **Stacey Hans**, Manager at Northwest Savings Bank, to deliver an inspiring invocation, followed by a rousing Rotary version of "God Bless America", led by the skillful hands of maestro **Jim Hall** and the voice of yours truly. I could not have been prouder to sing the praises of the USA with all of you!

President **Andy** began our regular business by first reminding us that our annual Ethics Symposium will be held next Wednesday May 11th at Duquesne University. Our regular lunch meeting will be held in the Powers Center, and our keynote speaker is David Shribman, Executive Editor and VP of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

The always enthusiastic **Ethan Nicholas**, President of the Pittsburgh Social Exchange, next introduced us to our newest Rotarian, **Demetria Pappas**, co-founder of Mother May I. MMI is certified nationally to teach and train International Protocol and Corporate Etiquette. Welcome **Demetria!** We couldn't be happier to have a woman of your intelligence and style to join us as a Pittsburgh Rotarian.

Our dynamic **Sally Mizerak**, President of Performance Drivers Inc, gave us an update on our Centennial Party, "Rotary Rocks!" to be held **June 3rd at the Heinz History Center**. It is exciting, folks! Preparations are in full swing; decade committee volunteers are moving to action; party details are being finalized. All we need now is YOU! Save the date.... **You cannot miss this once in a lifetime 100th Celebration of the Pittsburgh Rotary Club!** Tickets go on sale this upcoming week. Stay tuned for more information via Terry Dougan and ClubRunner e-blasts.

Many many thanks to our dear friend **Lynne Popash** and the

VisitPittsburgh Home Team, for the donation of a Pirate box suite at the May 20th Pirates vs. Tigers game, valued at \$1,900, to benefit Rotary Foundation. Auctioneer **Jerry Cozewith**, President of Entrepreneurship Youth, awarded the winning bid to **Ethan Nicholas**. Congratulations and happy baseball to **Ethan** and friends!

Now to the "Main Event": The candidates for the hottest race in town, the Allegheny County Executive seat. The contenders took center stage to inform, educate and inspire our members.

On May 17, Allegheny County Democrats will choose between former County Council President Rich Fitzgerald of Squirrel Hill and County Controller Mark Patrick Flaherty of Mt. Lebanon. The Republican primary candidates are former County Councilman Chuck McCullough of Upper St. Clair and Mt. Lebanon Commissioner D. Raja. This primary election features a deep pool of candidates, with no incumbent on the ballot. Dan Onorato's replacement will face many difficult challenges, including property reassessments, transportation funding problems, mounting deficits and the continued talk of city-county consolidation. Candidates skillfully discussed issues that ranged from stimulating our local economy through the growth of jobs; retaining our youth for the local workforce; budget deficits; the funding of Port Authority; repeal of the "drink tax"; revisiting the home charter rule; privatization of the Pittsburgh International airport; business and high technology investment in our region and tax reform.

All four candidates agreed that the next county executive should support Marcellus Shale reserves beneath county property to generate revenue and to create jobs. Differences in planning and implementation for Marcellus Shale development were discussed, even though all four men support the drilling as a regional economic driving force.

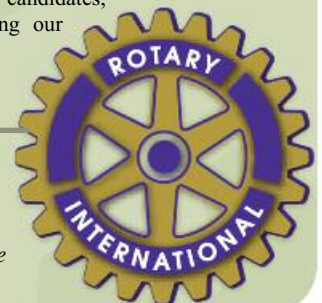
There are few traditions more central to political campaigns than debates between the candidates. In national races, we are accustomed to nationally televised debates that journalists and the public anxiously cover. On our local level, community gatherings where business leaders are able to get to know their would-be leaders are essential. A big thanks to **Andy Dlinn** for bringing us together with the candidates, addressing the issues facing our county and our future ahead.



NEXT MEETING

Date: May 11, 2011

*Ethics Symposium at Duquesne University, The Power Center
Luncheon Keynote Speaker: David Shribman, Executive Editor of the
Pittsburgh Post Gazette and Pulitzer Prize Winner in Journalism*





It's a Great Day for Rotary!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Event: Board of Directors Meeting
 Date: May 18th
 Time: 11:00 am – noon
 Location: Third Floor Conference Room

Event: New Citizens Reception
 Date: May 20th
 Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am
 Location: Lawrence Welk Room

FUTURE PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH

Jack Ouellette
 CEO
 American Textile

WEDNESDAY MAY 25TH

To Be Determined

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1ST

Ray Klingensmith
 Rotary International President

CLUB BIRTHDAYS

Linda Fischer May 9th
 Tom Nixon May 14th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Lynne Popash 9 years

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Kirk Chambers

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER
Demetria Pappas

Job Title and Company: Co-Founder of Mother, May I
Work Responsibilities: Teaches and reintroduces social skills, proper behavior, and modern courtesies to the public.
Family: Husband Chris, children Nico, Alex, Tory and Effie
Hobbies and Interests: Running, biking, socializing, teaching at-risk youth
Something about yourself that Rotarians don't know: I entered a Cher Look-A-Like Contest and was 1st Runner-Up, the winner was a GUY.



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