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LAST MEETING: 11-3-10

By: Margaret DeLeeuw

We were lucky enough to be joined by Jon Delano, KDKA Political Analyst, today – a tradition after major elections. On 3 ½ hours of sleep, Jon still had plenty of energy to engage the club. The Republicans won big in the most significant turnover since 1960. Like in '82 under Reagan, '94 under Clinton and in

2006 under Bush, we had another national referendum election yesterday. Voters did not evaluate the candidates; rather, they voted along party lines. “All that mattered was whether you were a Republican or a Democrat.”

In Pennsylvania, the Republicans picked up 5 congressional seats, flip-flopping the 12-7 Democrat majority to a 12-7 Republican one. In the west, Mike Kelly, a Butler car dealer won. In the east, long-time incumbents lost. Just by the skin of their teeth, two incumbents were beat out by Republicans backed by the Tea Party. Jason Altmire lost by only 5,000 votes and Mark Critz by 3,000.

In the Senate, Toomey won by only 60,000 votes – a small percentage of the 4 million ballots cast. Perhaps the narrow margin can be attributed to the fact that Sestak is not your typical democrat. He said no to Obama and Rendell when asked not to run against Arlen Specter. He was seen as a bit different.

Across the country, Democrats did not show up to the polls and they lost their core constituencies including union households, young voters and African Americans. To compound those losses, Independents went Republican. A message was sent to D.C. – the same message that was sent in 2008 – “we want change.” So now it is the Republicans’ turn to deliver change to a public unhappy with government. Their biggest challenge will be the divided culture so prevalent in Washington today.

In Harrisburg, the Republicans’ chances of realizing change are increased with the governorship and control of both the House and the Senate. Fiscally, Harrisburg is a mess. The unemployed have not been paying taxes while the state has been paying out benefits; so Corbett will have to cut, cut, cut and create a climate for jobs. Governor Christy of New Jersey may serve as a model to Corbett. He stood up to government labor unions, is in

power and is making a difference.

Sadly, Mr. Delano predicts that we are not going see real change, and he attributes this to the fact that the 2012 presidential election began this morning. Candidates will start battling it out; the party divide will widen and compromise will become increasingly difficult to achieve. And Americans are not patient. There must be change because if not, the same fickle public that turned against Obama in 18 months will turn against the Republicans. He wishes that he could end on a more positive note, but the realities of today are stifling his optimism.

Richard Dixon kicked off a rousing Q & A session, wondering: “Are democrats across the country on suicide watch?” Mr. Delano fielded great questions from all Rotarians – inquiries about negative attack ads, what’s next for Hillary, Dan Onorato’s loss in his own county, Jane Orr’s popularity despite felony charges against her, whether we will see the emergence of a viable 3rd party, and his predictions on the Republican candidate for president in 2012.

After saying farewell to Mr. Delano, we honored Student of Distinction, Juliana Schneider. Maybe she should run for office one day. Juliana has certainly proved her capability to get things done with her founding of Jules for Schools, a charitable organization that helps underprivileged youth by improving their learning experiences and quality of life.

Ethan Nicholas introduced entrepreneur, inventor, boxer, salesman, father and Director of Business Development at Desmone & Associates, **Joe Professori**, as a new member to our club. Welcome, **Joe!**

Remember to pledge your commitment to Chuck Tanner and also, bring in a bottle of cheer or gift certificate to a Wine & Spirits store to the meeting next week. We are participating this year in the Salvation Army’s Treasures for Children program this year; and once things calm down, we will be doing a children’s book drive. Remember that our November 24th “Meager Meal” meeting will be at Goodwill Industries on the Southside, not at the hotel.

Have a great Rotary week!

NEXT MEETING

Date: November 10, 2010
Speaker: Stephen Nees
Title: Business Development Manager
Organization: Direct Energy





UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Event: Chuck Tanner Steering Committee Meeting
 Date: November 9th
 Time: Noon
 Location: Rivers Club

Event: Caring Habits
 Date: November 9th
 Time: 9:00 am
 Location: South Hills Middle School

FUTURE PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17TH
 John "Jack" Lee
 President
 Strategist, Inc.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24TH
 Meager Meal
 At Goodwill Industries

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1ST
 Rob Ruck
 Senior Lecturer, History Department
 University of Pittsburgh



WELCOME NEW MEMBER
Joe Professori

Job Title and Company: Director of Business Development for Desmone & Associates
Work Responsibilities: Sales, marketing, client relations
Family: Children Giovanni, Joey, Donnie
Hobbies and Interests: Golf
Rotary Committees signed up for: Social & Networking, Public Relations, Signature Project.
Something about yourself that Rotarians don't know: I shot my 14th hole in one. I have 13 on par 3's and 1 on a par 4. I played golf on the Golden State tour in 2004 till 2008.



Club President Linda Fischer recognizes Juliana Schneider as a Student of Distinction

CLUB BIRTHDAYS
 Dick Hodgdon ... November 11th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES
 Ed Nazareth 18 years
 Jerry Cozewith..... 12 years
 Jeff Martin 4 years



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