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LAST MEETING: 11/9/11

By Ray Amelio

The meeting was called to order by **President Andy** who reminded us that the theme for the Club during 2011-2012 is “We’ve Only Just Begun.”

The invocation was given by **PK Weston** who stepped in for **John Chamberlin**. Thank you **PK**.

The pledge and song was led by **Linda Fischer**. **Jim Hall** was at the piano.

The format for the meeting changed this week to accommodate the busy schedule of our speaker, Jon Delano. Mr. Delano was introduced to the Club by **Cherie Moshier**. It has become a tradition that after each election Mr. Delano comes to the club to offer his thoughts and insights on what happened and things to consider with upcoming elections.

Mr. Delano referred to Tuesday’s election as the election no one cared about. In Allegheny County a vast majority did not vote. He stated that with nearly a million voters registered in the county only 257,000 people voted. In Pennsylvania there are 8.2 million voters and only 1.8 million voted – a 22% turnout. Jon stated that “our vote counts more when others don’t vote.”

Here is what happened. Rich Fitzgerald received 67% of the vote and soundly defeated Raja. Jon indicated that Mr. Fitzgerald was always out there campaigning and spoke to many, many groups. He stated that Mr. Fitzgerald possesses a different style from Dan Onorato. Jon stated that some people will stay while others will be let go. He stated that Mr. Fitzgerald faces many of the same problems faced by Mr. Onorato. First the county property assessment issue. A judicial decision was made that all of the county should be reassessed while all the other counties do not have to do this. This inequity was to be addressed by the legislature, and to date that has not occurred. The second big issue is the budget and the third issue is transportation and how to fund what is needed.

He stated that an interesting thing happened as city voters approved a .25 mil increase on their property to fund the Carnegie Library. He said this was somewhat unusual, and shows that people will take action if they know that what they are approving goes to the entity being funded and cannot be touched by the politicians.



NEXT MEETING

Date: November 16, 2011
Speaker: Raul Valdes-Perez
Title: Executive Chairman
Organization: Vivisimo
Topic: Information Optimization

Westmoreland County for the first time in 60 years has a Republican majority leadership. Jon indicated that it was a good night statewide for Republicans as well as a good night for Republicans around the country.

He then discussed several other issues that were defeated including the “Personhood” referendum in Mississippi and the collective bargaining referendum in Ohio.

He then talked about what is up for 2012. Senator Casey is up for reelection and will be running against one of six Republicans all who are unknown. In the Presidential election he stated that Barack Obama already has 194 electoral votes and the Republican candidate, whoever that is, already has 204 electoral. The point being that there are about 11 states that will determine the election. Two of those states are Pennsylvania with 20 electoral votes and Florida with 29 electoral votes. He stated for this reason all of the candidates will be in Pennsylvania as we are a “Keystone” in this election.

The discussion then moved to questions and answers and there were a number of good questions asked and comments made.

After Jon completed his segment of the program **President Andy** came to the podium to relay the following information:

- The club is again participating in the Salvation Army’s “Treasures for Children” Program. Please take a tag from the tree and bring in your unwrapped gift(s) by December 7.
- The Meager Meal will be held at Urban Pathways Charter School – 925 Penn Avenue. There will be no meeting at the hotel on the 23rd.

Margaret DeLeeuw then came to the podium to thank members for their club service today and acknowledge visitors and guests who were in attendance.

Gerald Johnson then came to the podium and did three minutes of fame.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was then selected and the meeting was adjourned as members recited the Four Way Test.





It's a Great Day for Rotary!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- Event: Caring Habits
 Date: November 15th
 Time: 9:00 am
 Location: South Hills Middle School
- Event: Membership Committee Meeting
 Date: November 16th
 Time: 11:00 am
 Location: Andy's office, suite 317 of the hotel
- Event: Board of Directors Meeting
 Date: November 17th
 Time: 5:30 pm
 Location: Third Floor Conference Room

FUTURE PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23RD

Meager Meal
 Meeting Offsite
 Urban Pathways Charter School

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

Dave Nelsen
 President; Dialog Consulting Group

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7TH

Dr. Gerard Myers
 Director; Pain Control Center of Pittsburgh, Inc.

Save the Date
Holiday Party
December 12, 2011
LeMont Restaurant
More Details to Follow

Save the Date!

"A Tribute to Chuck"
November 19th, 2011
David L. Lawrence
Convention Center

BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Gilfoyle November 20th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Carole Horowitz 24 years
 John Chamberlin..... 6 years
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