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Hot Chili Winners Announced Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation First Annual Chili Cook-off

POTTSTOWN, PA: Tons of spicy finger-lickin' and boot kickin' fun was had at the first annual Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation Chili Cook-off, **Saturday, November 1, 6-10 p.m.** The chili contest called on talented cooks in the professional and amateur categories. There were seventeen chili entries in the contest with the following winners:

- Amateur Beef & Bean, OJR High School Team's Bucktown Chili
- Amateur Alternative Style, Rose & LeLe's Chili
- Professional Beef & Bean, Wilke's Way Restaurant's Tracy's Chili
- Professional Alternative Style, Bause Landry's Vegetarian Cashew Chili

Celebrity judges for the contest were: WPAZ's Jay Warren and Paul Finelli, famous illustrator, Tom Hall, who is probably best known for illustrating the original book cover for The Thorn Birds, and retired Fire Chief, Jon Harris. All in attendance were given the opportunity to vote for "People's Choice". **Bause Landry Catering's Smokehouse Steak was the overall favorite of the people.** Other restaurants competing included Bichrunville Café, Black Lab Bistro, Coventry Tea Room, French Quarter Bistro, Henry's, The Inn at St. Peters, Ludwig's Corner Inn, Postvively Pasta Plus, Rail Road Bar and Grill, and the Ridge Restaurant.

For auction, **Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum** in New York City, Dinner for Two at **Bobby Flay's Steak House** at the Borgata, **Nordica Skis**, and a private cooking class/dinner party for 12 from the **Kitchen Workshop**, Paoli, created both exciting bidding and happy takers.

"The event was a smashing success," said Dr. Kathleen Hocker, Executive Director, Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation. "Our goal was to create a fun, community-building event that would directly benefit our children through the teacher mini-grant program, and the great fun of chili proved to be a perfect way to achieve those goals."

Major sponsors for the event included Wachovia Securities, Philips Brothers Electrical, Schultz Technology Solutions, Croft Drozd & Company, Main Line Financial Advisors, Turner Construction Company, Reynolds Consulting Engineers, Oxford Rise Apartments, N-Tech Systems and Keller Williams Realty. Many other local businesses contributed to the event's success. Proceeds are used for scholarships and mini grants through the Owen J. Robert's Education Foundation, www.ojref.org.

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