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Chili Cook-Off Raises \$22,000

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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

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, French Quarter Bistro, Henry's, The Inn at St. Peters, Ludwig's Corner Inn, Positively Pasta Plus, Rail Road Bar and Grill, and the Ridge Restaurant.

Auction items included: Golf at French Creek Golf Club, Downingtown Country Club, Kimberton Golf Club and Brookside Country Club, a trip to the **Guggenheim Museum** in New York City,

Dinner for Two at **Bobby Flay's Steak House** at the Borgata, **Nordica Skis**, gift certificates for local restaurants including the **Coventry Pub, Ludwig's Inn, Majolica, Molly Maguire's, Black Lab Bistro** and **101 Bridge**, a set of Dutch Cookware from **LeCruset**, Lunch with the **Superintendent**, a day with the High School **Principals** and the original poster for the cook-off framed.

"The event was a smashing success," said Dr. Kathleen Hocker, Executive Director. "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 (continued on page 2)

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Philadelphia Magazine recognizes the Owen J. Roberts School District as one of the Top 50 School Districts in the eight county Philadelphia area.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Chili Cook-Off (continued)

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, Keller Williams Realty, and Private Family Office.**

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..

For a complete list of sponsors and participants, and pictures of the

*Wildcat TV
Channel 851*

Residents of North Coventry, South Coventry and East Vincent can now view programming that the high school students are producing including public meetings from the comfort of their easy chair.

An updated program schedule is on the district website.

STAFF TRIBUTE PROGRAM

The **Staff Tribute Program** is a way for you to show your appreciation for the hard work, dedication and commitment of the teachers and staff members that have had a positive impact on your child's education. During this Holiday season, instead of giving a traditional gift to the teachers and staff, the Foundation invites you to make a donation through the Staff Tribute Program. With a Staff Tribute donation, you are not only saying “thank you”, but you also are helping teachers and staff members create new and interesting educational programs. All monies received through the Staff Tribute Program will directly fund the Foundation's new Classroom Grant Program.

(See Page 3 for Staff Tribute Form)

Education Foundation Announces Awards for 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation has voted to award Dr. Myra Forrest, the Administration and Staff of the Owen J. Roberts School District an **Excellence in Education Award**. This award recognizes the leadership, commitment and dedication of all who worked to increase student achievement in our district and recognition by Philadelphia Magazine as one of the Top 50 School Districts in the eight county Philadelphia Area. The Board will present plaques to Dr. Forrest and each Principal to be displayed in each building.

OJR Alumni Awards were awarded to: **Michael Heimbach**, Class of 1976, **Deane D.K. Muhlenberg**, Class of 1976 and **Don Strock**, Class of 1968. Mr. Heimbach was recently named Assistant Director of Counterterrorism Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. CAPT Deane D.K. Muhlenberg served as senior advisor to the Iraqi Director General for Armament and Supply from May 2007 to March 2008 and was awarded the Bronze Star for outstanding service to our country. Don Strock, Class of 1968 was the Miami Dolphins Starting Quarterback and the Head Football Coach of Florida International University.

Isabel Rosewarn has received a **Community Service Award** for her life-long commitment to the community. At 91 years old she continues to serve as a volunteer twice a week for the Salvation Army. **Susan W. Thompson** has been honored with her **second Community Service Award**. Susan was the Chair of the Chili Cook-Off Committee and helped to build the foundation for an ongoing successful event.

OJR EF/Kimberton Coffee Roasting Company Partnership

Get some **Wildcat Blend** for your holiday celebrations! The Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation and Kimberton Coffee Roasting Company have partnered to provide you with Wildcat Blend, a unique blend of coffee beans roasted fresh to provide you with a tasty experience! **An order form for regular or decaf, whole bean or ground is on page 4.** We will deliver the fresh roasted blend to the school of your choice.

Thanks to Kimberton Coffee Roasting Company for supporting the Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation.

In Appreciation...

Thank you to all who have made the past two years very successful for the OJR Education Foundation. Because of your support we have been able to provide more than \$40,000 in mini-grants and \$25,000 to support Wildcat TV. We recognize that we are in challenging economic times and we believe our role is critical to the continued success of our students and district.

As members of the OJR Community we appreciate the efforts of the administration and staff and we support the vision of **'Inspiring Each Student for Greatness Today and Success Tomorrow'**.



Staff Tribute Program

The Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation invites you to make donations to the Foundation in honor of the OJR school district staff members who made a difference in your child's educational experience. Staff Tribute Certificates of Appreciation will be delivered to staff members recognized for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our children. Your contributions will support our Classroom Mini-Grant Program.

Honored Staff Member(s): _____

School: _____

Your Name(s) to appear on Staff Tribute Certificate: (Ex. The Smith Family; John & Sue Smith)

*****Donation Acknowledgement Information*****

Please complete this section for the Foundation to issue a receipt for your tax deductible contribution.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Donation Amount: _____

Please make checks payable to the "Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation" or visit our website www.ojref.org to use a credit card.

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WILDCAT BLEND

The Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation and the Kimberton Coffee Roasting Company have joined in partnership to raise funds for the Foundation. Over 40% of the cost of a bag of coffee goes directly to funding Classroom Mini-Grants and the TV Studio.

Coffee - one-half pound - \$10

<i>Regular</i>	<i>Whole Bean</i> _____	<i>Ground</i> _____
<i>Decaf</i>	<i>Whole Bean</i> _____	<i>Ground</i> _____

*Name*_____

*Address*_____

*Phone*_____ *Email:*_____