

Press Release

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Can They Take the Heat? Red Hot Owen J. Celebrities to Judge Chili

POTTSTOWN, PA: The second annual Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation Chili Cook-off, which will be held November 7, stands to be even saucier than last year. This year's all-star judge line-up will be a major part of the fun. Chili is judged using a blind taste test. This year the judges will be invited to be center stage, and have a more interactive role with the crowd.

The star-studded "team of tasters" includes Philadelphia Eagle's Cheerleader Jamie Steinberger, who lives in the District and is excited to help raise money for students. NFL Super Bowl Ring holder, and Owen J. parent, Mike Frederick, brings experience to the judging table. In addition to scoring elite status in the NFL, he once judged a chili contest at his alma matre, the University of Virginia. Veteran judge, John Harris, long-time Ludwig's Fire Chief, has already proven he can take the heat. Owen J. graduate and previous District Superintendent, Dr. Myra Forrest, delights in the community-building aspects of the event and will bring her enthusiasm for charity and children to the table. The fundraising event is to be held at 6:00 p.m. at Ludwig's Corner Firehouse.

Paul Wilburn, dance instructor, "Cut-a-Rug" Country Western DJ service, will provide professional instruction in Country Line Dancing rousing the crowd to practice scootin' their boots in country-lovin' fun.

More than a dozen local restaurants will vie for bragging rights in the professional chili category. Chefs are working to out-spice Bause-Landry Caterers, last year's winner. In addition, amateur groups from within the school district have stepped into the ring. Donning aprons and spoons will be competitive teams from the Middle School, the Roberts Education Association of teachers, and parent groups.

"This event is the highpoint of our year," mentioned Dr. Kathleen Hocker, Executive Director of the Education Foundation. "It is a real opportunity for fellowship, food, and fun—the event builds community while benefiting our children."

Tickets for the charity event are \$50, which will enrich and expand enrichment opportunities for Owen J. Robert's students through the Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation. Tickets are available through the website, www.ojref.org. The Foundation is committed to promoting the ideals and beliefs upon which Justice Owen J. Roberts based his life. These included a dedication to law and democracy and the rights and dignity of all individuals. Justice Roberts' ideology strongly supported the importance of education and demonstrated a great faith in the youth of our nation.

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