

MALVERN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

April 9, 2008

6:00 p.m.

The April meeting was held at Catalina's Restaurant. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alex introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Alan J. Randzin, the Chester County Treasurer. The Office of the Treasurer serves primarily to receive record and deposit most County funds resulting from payment of taxes, payment due on the sale of various state and county licenses, funds collected in the performance of public services, other state-related revenues (as agent for the State of PA), and payment of judgments and fines. Additional responsibilities include issuance of licenses for hunting, fishing, pistol permits, and dog ownership. Also, management of the county hotel tax program, including an annual audit of all businesses meeting the legal definition of "hotel."

Jim Fooskas gave the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted.

K.C. Bernardine gave an update on Malvern Blooms, being held on April 27. There is now 92 vendors on King Street and also 39 home and garden vendors. Food and hayrides will also be provided.

The golf committee is meeting Thursday, April 10, and is still looking for sponsors.

Town Pride Maps is finishing up the Malvern Maps. Frank Ortner met with David Campli to add the Turnpike, Routes 202, 3 and 352 and Monument Avenue to the map. Maps will be available for Malvern Blooms.

The membership committee is looking for someone to be the "point person" to solicit membership for this year. Rowley has once again agreed to help out. The deadline for the reduced rate of \$125.00 was extended to April 30.

Under new business, Catalina mentioned having "First Thursdays" instead of Fridays, and having stores stay open longer that night. A committee will be formed for that. Also, approaching the owners of the empty buildings to see if there is a possibility to put artwork or signs for upcoming events in the windows to make them less of an eyesore. Flower planters were another idea, in front of shops to help beautify Malvern.

Sister Kathy from Immaculata University spoke about the fires at the William Henry Apartments. Immaculata is working with the Red Cross to help the victims. There were 25 apartments (or families) affected and 21 have been contacted. No one is sure where the other 4 are at the moment. Thirteen of the "families" have said

yes to receiving help. Out of the 13 families there are 28 adults and 9 children. The other 8 “families” have not made their needs known. Furniture is the number one need, followed by clothing and toys for the children. Clothing and furniture can be donated to existing donation centers. Checks and gift cards can be sent directly to Immaculata University at 1145 King Road, P.O. Box 665, Immaculata, PA 19345. Frank Ortner made a motion to give \$300.00 from the Business Association’s Charitable Contributions money and that motion was accepted.