

# Smyrna Clayton Rotary Club

## August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Minutes



Meeting called to order at 7:30 am

**Guests: Matt Sparks**

### Correspondence:

Check for our participation in the Chicken Festival - \$585.73

Thank you note from Del Tech for our participation in the "Fit and Fun Camp"

### Attendance:

<b>Rick Downes</b>	<b>Lee Moran</b>	<b>Joe Thorn</b>	
<b>Bob Johnson</b>	<b>Stacy Theodorakos</b>	<b>Darius Nix</b>	
<b>Steve Artz</b>	<b>Jim Vaughn</b>	<b>Bill Pressley</b>	
<b>Ryan Painter</b>	<b>Skip Willis</b>		
<b>Carol Krum</b>	<b>Joe Gaynor</b>		
<b>Teresa Mannering</b>	<b>Jim Hawkins</b>		

### Old Business:

1. *Scholarship Dinner @ Ron and Ellen Sayers, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010*  
*Bob Johnson will get tickets*
2. *Post Office Box still locked. Joe Thorn will pay cash – Carol gave him the cash to do so.*
3. *Capitol Project – will discuss at a later date.*  
*Counts from previously assigned members:*  
*Municipal Park – 14 parking lights*  
*Municipal Park – 45 other lights (baseball, basketball, skate park)*  
*Lake Como – 5 lights*  
*Little League - 34*  
*Little Lass – 3*  
*Boys and Girls Club – 6*  
*Opera House and Library – 21 decorative lights*

### New Business:

1. None for this meeting.

**Speaker – Matt Sparks**  
Delaware Sports Association

In an effort to boost tourism and, in turn, the economy in Delaware, the First State has established a special athletic commission to accomplish that goal. The Delaware Sports Commission, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, was established in November 2009.

Executive Director Matthew Sparks said the organization's goal is to "bid, recruit and host national, regional and international sporting events at all levels" to help stimulate the economy in Delaware.

To date, the DSC has brought the 2010 U.S. Figure Skating Eastern Sectional Championships to Delaware, with the 2011 American Collegiate Hockey Association's national championships on the way next year. To get the events they want to the state, Sparks said he needs to sell organizers on the benefits of holding things here, something he said has not been hard. Because Delaware is such a small state, finding a venue quickly in the planning process is not a problem and allows organizers to move beyond that stage quickly, he said.

Since sports carries billions of dollars in economic impact per year, Delaware was missing out on all the possible revenue bringing sporting events into the area could generate. That includes money spent on hotel accommodations, food while in town and any cash spent at local businesses by athletes and their families during their stay.

"It generates more than \$6 billion in economic impact a year, and Delaware needs a piece of that impact."

**50 / 50** I didn't make note on who won the 50/50 but it was donated it back to the club. ☺

Next Meeting will be on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Bridgeway Restaurant at 7:30 a.m.

**Greeter** – Joe Thorn and Carol Krum

**Pledge** – Phil Voshell

**Invocation** – Joe Gaynor

**Speaker** – District Governor Don Hackett – Please make your best effort to attend this meeting!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

*Respectfully submitted: Teri Mannering, Secretary*