



PPR Annual Picnic and Field Day

Lots of fun was had by all who attended the 2015 Staff Picnic on August 21 at the Belmont Grove in



West Fairmount Park. 160 staff attended along with 17 members of PowerCorps PHL to help set up and enjoy some lunch.

Cheesesteaks, beef and veggie burgers, hot dogs, penne pasta and salad were washed down by tea and lemonade so sweet all the Grove's bees *and* their mother came out to try it! Deputy Mayor/Commissioner DiBerardinis thanked the crowd and spoke about how great the opportunity to relax and have fun was, considering how much fun and relaxation we provide to

Philadelphians every day.

The day began with a very competitive softball game with about 30 PPR staff. Two teams, Yellow and Blue, faced off in a three-inning game using a Chicago-16 softball that made the game more lively and competitive. While the game stayed close during most of the first two innings, Team Yellow took an 8 to 4 lead in the second and held it to the close of the game.



Following lunch was the Field Day competition. Team Black was victorious during the Picnic Team competition, earning 26 points and defeating Team Purple in the tie-breaker tug-of-war event. The winning members of the team were Carnell Wilder, returning champion Emma Schad, Major Ashlocke, and Raymond Savage. (James Whitaker also helped rally his team early during the dunk tank event.) These members will have their names emblazoned on the 'Golden Arms' trophy.

The Picnic Committee would like to thank all of the staff for attending; Beka's Food Service for Catering; Deputy Mayor DiBerardinis and the

Executive Team for their support and participation in the day; the crews that worked the day including PowerCorps PHL, Tree Keepers, the District 5 Crew who set up the softball field, Rob Gilliam's Crew for delivering tables and chairs, and everybody else who made the day possible. We look forward to celebrating our work and bringing staff together again next year.

