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Dear Friends,

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual breakfast meeting at Williamson. If you missed it, a sumptuous breakfast buffet was prepared by Williamson's own Tim Burbage. We also heard an interesting and heartfelt talk from Guy Gardner, Williamson's new president. I want to thank everyone from Williamson for their warm hospitality.

We have a record 9 new members so far this year. Please welcome, Gary and Mary Jo Grove, John Roman, Madeline Baio, Bill Belanger, Rick Bondurant, David Redash, William Stollsteimer and Donna Surotchak. If you bring in a new paying member, you'll get your next lunch for free!

Many of you may have seen the publicity for the 6 new "Welcome to Middletown" signs. The order has been placed and we hope to have them installed before the summer months. If you would like to consider "adopting" a sign, please let me know. We will place a plaque with your name and ask that you maintain the sign at least twice a year to be free of litter and debris, report any sign damage, and if desired planting some landscaping around the sign base.

Pride Day is Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. An email was recently sent to all MTBPA members from Ashley Morris, Pride Day Intern from Neumann, with all of the information for Sponsors, Participants and Volunteers. These can also be found on the Pride Day website. <http://www.middletownprideday.com>. This is our day to "shine". The MTBPA table will have a roulette wheel with slots for 12 of our members to participate. If you would like to be part of this we will need 40 to 50 promotional giveaways for prizes. Slots are filling fast! Please contact me if you are interested.

Avoid the \$10 penalty by getting your dues renewal in by March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you're not sure if you paid, please contact Tony Mirenda at [admsenior@comcast.net](mailto:admsenior@comcast.net) and he will be more than happy to help you.

We want to hear from you! Please post your announcements to share with all of our members, please go to our website [www.mtbpa.org](http://www.mtbpa.org). It's a very good tool to promote your business. Also, all of our meeting dates, times and locations are listed.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 7 pm at the Mirenda Center at Neumann University. A special invitation was sent to all of the members of our Township Council. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet them and also share friendship and sharing of ideas. Tours of the new sports facility will be available.

Remember, Spring is right around the corner☺

Sincerely,

*Helene*