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‘Johnny Doc’ may face challenge as ward leader

Former committee member, back as a Democrat, says she’d consider it.

By Bob Warner
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

John “Johnny Doc” Dougherty, the powerful business manager of the city electricians’ union, is facing a possible challenge to his position as a Democratic ward leader.

Karen Brown, 52, the Republican candidate for mayor in 2011, changed her registration back to Democratic last month and is trying to regain her longtime spot as a Democratic committeewoman in South Philadelphia’s First Ward.

Brown said Monday that if she wins in the May 21 primary election, “I would consider running [for ward leader], and I know there are also other people considering running.”

Dougherty, who replaced Joe Hoffman as ward leader in 2010, dismissed Brown’s threat as “a farce.”

“She’s not even allowed to run. Read the rules,” Dougherty said, apparently referring to Democratic Party rules that prohibit ward or committee posi-

tions for anyone who has supported a non-Democrat at any general election within the last two years.

“She’s looking for a job. That’s what it’s about,” said Dougherty, business manager of Local 98 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

John Dougherty Karen Brown

“That’s illegal. I’m not doing anything like that.”

Brown had been a Democratic committeewoman since for more than 20 years, she said, before changing her registration in early 2011 to seek the Republican nomination for mayor.

Since that race, Brown said, she has not supported anyone but Democrats. She said she talked to Dougherty about a job three years ago but was not interested now, as she takes paralegal and prelaw classes at Peirce College and Philadelphia Community College.

Based on the pending challenges in the First Ward, any effort to take on Dougherty would be a long shot.

With 21 divisions in the ward, each with two committeemen, it would take just 22 votes for Dougherty to win reelection.

While challenges are underway in 13 of the 21 divisions, the eight uncontested divisions would yield 16 votes. In eight more divisions, there are three contestants for two spots.

Brown complained that under Hoffman, committeemen used to vote on which candidates to support, but the practice ended after Dougherty became ward leader. “You’re told what to do, how to do it and how to vote,” she said. “There’s no democracy.”

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ON THE MOVE

Patrick Hayakawa was officially named the director of membership at the Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry on March 10.

Hayakawa held the position of small business program manager at the chamber since March 2013. As director of membership, Hayakawa will be responsible for new member development while establishing and maintaining positive relationships with the Chester County business community as a whole.

“We promoted Patrick to this important role based on his experience in the Chamber and the recommendation of our membership. He will effectively promote our motto — a Chamber of Influence — to the Chester County business community,” chamber President and CEO Guy Ciarcrocci wrote in a news release.

For more information about the Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry, call 610-725-9100 or visit www.ccbbi.org.

Great Valley High School graduate Suzy Lucine is the first recipient of the Mabel Owen Media Award. Given by the American Morgan Horse Association, the award was presented at a convention held Feb. 22 in Raleigh, N.C.

Formerly of Willistown, Lucine is a resident of Reading.

The Mabel Owen Media Award is named after one of the first chroniclers of the horse breed and was established to recognize a person or group in the media with a documented body of work that has contributed above and beyond in providing content, adding to the public’s ability to learn about, enjoy and record for posterity activities involving the Morgan horse,” a news release says.

“For decades, Lucine has been at the forefront of promoting the breed through various equine and non-equine publications alike, be it on the international, national and even local level,” the release says. “Lucine’s love and promotion of the breed go back to her childhood; she was born to be a Morgan ambassador.”

Founded in 1909, the American Morgan Horse Association is a nonprofit organization serving more than 50,000 Morgan horse owners, breeders, exhibitors and enthusiasts throughout the United States, and it serves as a parent organization to more than 90 recognized Morgan horse clubs and national organizations.

For more information contact the American Morgan Horse Association Inc., 4066 Shelburne Road, Suite 5, Shelburne, Vt. 05482, call 802-985-4944 or visit www.morganhorse.com.

John Bilek, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors, announced the Chadds Ford office was recently recognized for outstanding performance in 2013.

The office led the greater Brandywine Valley of Pennsylvania and Delaware in dollar volume, new home dollar volume, listings, resale listings, listings sold, sales, resales, resale revenue units and resale dollar volume.

Also, Weichert, Realtors, announced new sales associates Jane Wellbrock, Jane Cyr, Rosemary Uhrik and Debra Wright of the Chadds Ford office were individually recognized for exceptional industry success during 2013.

Wellbrock led the region in dollar volume and resale dollar volume, Cyr led for new home dollar volume, Uhrik led for listings sold and Wright led for resale revenue units.

Weichert, Realtors, franchised offices are independently owned and operated. Its agents help customers buy and sell residential and commercial real estate and streamline the delivery of mortgages and home and title insurance. For more information, visit www.weichert.com.

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Josh Hagelin, a personal banker at the Wayne branch of Customers Bank, is volunteering with Project Leyte, a disaster relief effort in the Philippines, from March 11 to 25.

Hagelin saw the devastation wrought in November 2013 by typhoon Haiyanas on the island of Leyte and its neighboring islands in the Philippines' Visayas region and decided to assist those in need through the volunteer organization Project All Hands, according to a news release.

Hagelin will be working with 30 to 50 other volunteers clearing debris, rebuilding homes, clearing irrigation ditches and delivering goods to families that have lost everything.

Customers Bank is headquartered in Phoenixville and is a subsidiary of Customers Bancorp Inc., a bank holding company based in Wyomissing, Berks County. For more information, visit www.customersbank.com.

The Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County announced the hiring of Alain Oliver as its new executive director.

"Alain brings a valuable combination of experience in nonprofit management, finance and organizational development," board President Beverly Moyer wrote in a news release. "We are confident that, under Alain's leadership, MCHC will continue to have a measurable impact on the health of families in Chester County."

Oliver has more than 12 years of management experience in the nonprofit sector. Most recently, he was director of operations and finance of the Latin American Community Center, a nonprofit in Wilmington, Del. In this role, he oversaw the operations of a nonprofit with a $5 million budget and nearly 50 programs, and he directed the Healthy Homes and Lead-based Paint Poisoning Prevention Program with a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In conjunction with the Delaware Department of Public Health, this initiative used a multi-level approach to prevent lead-based paint poisoning and promote healthy and safe environments for young children.

Oliver also brings a passion and depth of knowledge of organizational and leadership development over a range of platforms, the release says. He has designed and led leadership seminars, executive coaching sessions and team-building exercises.

"I am so pleased to have this opportunity at Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County," Oliver wrote in the release. "MCHC is recognized in the community as a leader in services to women and families, and I am looking forward to utilizing my expertise to work with the senior staff at MCHC to continue building on this tradition of excellence."

Oliver holds an MBA from Smeal College of Business at The Pennsylvania State University and a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Emory University. He is bilingual in English and Spanish, and he was born in Cuba and shortly thereafter immigrated to the United States. Oliver resides in West Chester with his wife and four young children.

The public is invited to meet Oliver at the consortium's annual Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show on May 3. For more information visit www.cmchc.org.

Elise A. Fialkowski of Paoli, a partner with law firm Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer LLP, recently chaired the panel presentation "Guess Who is Coming to Campus — Government Site Vis-
its, Audits and Inspections" at the NAFSA Region VIII conference in Pittsburgh.

Fialkowski has practiced immigration law for more than 15 years and handles all aspects of employment-based immigration. Her clients include multinational corporations and their employees, universities and private individuals.

Also, Fialkowski has experience in worksite enforcement and leads the worksite compliance group at the firm.

Prior to joining the firm, Fialkowski’s practice included advising employers in traditional employment and labor law matters, including litigation, as well as advice regarding proactive action to avoid and minimize claims.

With her immigration clients, she has provided counseling, training and policy development services to employers in a variety of industries, including pharmaceutical, higher education, food and beverage, manufacturing, health care, and continuing-care retirement.

Fialkowski has long been active in the American Immigration Lawyers Association and serves on the USCIS Vermont Service Center Liaison Committee. She has served on many other committees at the local and national level, including the E-Verify Liaison Committee.

A 1987 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fialkowski received her law degree magna cum laude from the Villanova University School of Law in 1991.

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Sean Buffington, president of the University of the Arts, said greater numbers of creative artists are building their business skills to launch businesses that leverage their artistic talent and creative skills.

"Creative businesses have become a major driver of the economy, both in the Philadelphia region and nationwide," Buffington said. "Artists and designers are increasingly building careers as creative entrepreneurs and business leaders see more and more opportunity in the arts fields."

The new partnership could lead officials at both schools to look for ways to continue pooling resources.

Rita Toliver-Roberts, vice president of academic advancement for Peirce College, said the cross-registration class schedule, which gives students at both institutions access to more than 20 new courses, is an ideal arrangement for two campuses in close proximity.

"Our institutions are not even a block away. It makes sense we would collaborate and work together and expand our students' experience. This partnership demonstrates our commitment to students' achievement," she said.

University of the Arts students can sharpen their business acumen by taking courses at Peirce, which offers career-related courses geared toward working adults.

Peirce College offers 23 classes, a mix of introductory and advanced business courses in marketing, human resources, consumer behavior, entrepreneurship, e-commerce, selling, advertising and Internet marketing.

In addition to the standard suite of marketing, economics and ethics studies, current offerings include the physical world, and anatomy and physiology.

Conversely, the University of the Arts provides instruction in the creative arts, from glassblowing, loom ing, woodwork and low-tech furniture to video production, digital multimedia, web design, game play, photography and drawing. Students can take ballet, jazz, hip-hop, explore art history, learn about live sound production, scenic and lighting technology, screenwriting and screenplay analysis.

This summer will be first time Pierce College students can take advantage of the new partnership, which was announced after the spring semester course schedule had been set.

New classes start every eight weeks at University of Arts. Five students who have signed up for classes starting on March 17 are registered for introductory marketing course, according to Peirce College officials.

Mike Schirmer, faculty chair of Peirce College's business school, said discussions leading to the new partnership agreement were a fun, collaborative process between leaders at both institutions.

"It was a great way for us, as institutions, to work together, as institutions, more collaboratively," he said.

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University of the Arts' flags mark the entrance to school buildings along South Broad Street.

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