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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

January 14, 2008

HAPPY NEW YEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS!...From all of us on the WEGO staff, and from **President Larry**, we wish you good health, and an abundance of love, peace and happiness in this new year. As each year passes and the new one begins, we are reminded of the days of old when times were certainly different and life seemed to be a little simpler. Our lives continually change to make way for new social and economic conditions society embraces. The one constant that never seems to change from year to year is the friendships and relationships we develop over time in Rotary. A mutual respect and bond withstands the changing times as our focus as Rotarians continues to remain on service above self. The human condition of loving your fellow man and wanting to do good for our communities and the world is a God given attribute that all of us possess as Rotarians. That's why we come back to Rotary year after year! We have the innate sense of caring and loving our fellow man without regard to the pressures and time constraints of our rapidly moving society. We sacrifice a little bit of our precious time to ensure we make our God given world a better place to live. It's the right thing to do! It's the truth! It withstands time! It accepts change but remains focused on service!

PRESIDENT LARRY ON GLIDESLOPE...That's pilot jargon for "coming down the chute." I'm sure Larry is experiencing what all Past Presidents experience in January, and that is the light at the end of the tunnel is becoming brighter. There are a lot of goals and objectives yet to be met, but with Larry's excellent leadership, meeting them by June will not be a problem.

HAPPY DOLLARS ACHIEVES 100%...A very rare event occurred last Thursday night at WeGo as we achieved 100% participation in collecting Happy Dollars! The New Year certainly has a lot of Rotarians in a great mood and giving was generous. Especially happy this year is **Grandpa Bob Adams and Grandma Judy**, over the birth of their fifth grandchild **Barrett Allen Adams!** This is the second son born unto **David and Samantha Adams.**

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY...The annual 7450 District Assembly will be held Saturday 26 January 2008 at the Chester County Intermediate Unit in Downingtown. This year's conference will be very different than in year's past as you will be able to come and go as you please. Various clubs will be displaying their service projects. WeGo will be displaying their duck race and the CHAP program. A sign-up sheet has been circulating soliciting volunteers to help man the table during the assembly. Please sign up and help our club to highlight our accomplishments.

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RAFFLE TICKETS...The Sgt. at Arms table is selling raffle tickets at the check-in desk for chances to win an Amish handmade quilt. The proceeds from the raffle help to support the Rotoplast mission of Rotary International. The drawing for the blanket will be at the District Assembly on Saturday, 26 January.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE...District Governor's Russ DeFuria's words "we're shaking things up a bit" is no joke. For you seasoned Rotarians you may recall that District Conferences were typically held in the fall. This year however, the Governor and his staff have shaken things up and have arranged for a multi-district conference for April 25-27 at the Skytop Lodge in the Pocono Mountains. District 7450 will be partnering with 7430 and the Governor reported to us two weeks ago that "this will be the best district conference ever!"

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR HONG KONG BOUND...WeGo's Ambassadorial Scholar **Brendon Johnson** has been selected to attend the City University of Hong Kong in Kowloon. Brendon was our club nominee for this incredible scholarship opportunity and will represent Rotary International with great distinction. Speaking of Brendon, he will be giving our club a presentation this Thursday the 17th on Aid to South Africa. A group of WCU students formed to help provide aid to impoverished regions of South Africa. You may recall this presentation last year. Brendon made such an impression on our club that his nomination was a no-brainer to be an Ambassadorial Scholar.

MICH MICHENER MAKING NEWS...Our good friend **Mich Michener** is making headlines again! Please see the attachment to this edition provided by **Tom Corcoran** (silent contributing underground reporter).

KAPPA DELTA RHO FRATERNITY LOOKS FOR SUPPORT FROM WEGO...Two of our own have been working very hard with a good friend of the WeGo club, the Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity at West Chester University. The same fraternity that helps us year after year at our annual duck race is now looking for WeGo's support as participants in their "1st Annual Kappa Delta Rho Golf Tournament", where all sponsor proceeds will benefit the West Chester Police Department. The tournament will be held at Broad Run Golfer's Club (former Tattersall Golf Club), in West Chester, on April 13th at 1:00pm in a shotgun, Best Ball scramble tournament. Registration will be \$100 by check or \$105 by online registration. More information and registration for the event can be found on the events website: www.kdrhb.com/alumni/golf-tournament.php

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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| 17 January | Brendon Johnson, Aid to South Africa |
| 24 January | Debbie Fell, special projects on Guatemala and WCASD |
| 31 January | President Larry Whitaker, surprise presentation |
| 7 February | Jason Pyrah and Gary Hess, Habitat for Humanity |
| 14 February | Govinda Malya, CHAP project |

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS:

District Conference April 25-27 at the Skytop Lodge in the Pocono mountains.