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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

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Club Assembly on Thursday, January 29 – President Mark has called for a club assembly this Thursday. He is asking for a good turnout of membership so We-Go can progress toward fulfilling its goals for 2008-2009. We will be apprised of the events and activities remaining to be accomplished during this Rotary Year.

Board Election at Club Assembly – In 2009-2010 the officers of We-Go will be as follows: Jeff Penfil (President), Leo Gibbons (President-Elect), Reese Davis (Secretary), Bob Thomas (Treasurer), Mark Rudiger (Past President), and Ed Olsavicky (Sgt. at Arms). The following persons have indicated an interest in serving as members of the We-Go Board: Hashad Dodia, Keath Fetter, John Spellman, and Dale Yeager. Nominations for a Board position can be made from the floor Thursday evening. Ballots will be distributed at the Assembly so that the full club membership can participate in selecting our leadership for 2009-2010.

Guest Rotarian – Tom Corcoran introduced Lynne Nathan from the Kennett at Longwood Rotary Club. Lynne is a relatively new member to Rotary, and she came to our meeting promoting their upcoming fund raiser. At \$50 a ticket one could win an ATV vehicle valued at \$10,000. If you did not want the vehicle you would receive \$5,000 cash.

Proposed New Member – President Mark has proposed a new member for We-Go. His name is Evan Witmer, store manager for TD Bank in East Goshen Township. Evan's classification is commercial banking. He has been present at two Club meetings.

District Conference – The District 7450 Conference will be held near Longwood Gardens at Mendenhall Inn from April 17th to April 19th this year.

Speaker Last Thursday – The speaker was introduced by Larry Whitaker. His name is Dr. Joseph Trainor, and he holds a Ph. D degree in the field of sociology. Dr. Trainor is Larry's son-in-law and the father of Larry's first grandchild. His talk focused on human behavior responses to natural disasters and acts of terrorism. The images reported by the news media have a tendency to exaggerate or provide inaccurate information when disasters occur. The public, therefore, does not necessarily receive the correct information. Looting, for example, is not as significant or important after a disastrous event. Dr. Trainor is in charge of the Disaster Research Center at the University of Delaware. He also teaches sociology courses in the Sociology Department. Dr. Trainor stated that martial law has never been declared in the United States in response to a disaster. That is true even in the case of Hurricane Katrina. His program was most interesting and informative.

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