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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

October 22, 2008

Election this Thursday – The club members will vote on the change of President-Elect Leo Gibbons to President-Elect Jeff Penfil for Rotary Year 2009-2010. Leo Gibbons will serve as Vice-President for 2009-2010. This election is necessary so we can move easily into the next Rotary year.

Blood Drive on Thursday, November 20 – Lisa Balch has notified We-Go that the next blood drive at Penn Wood School will be held on November 20th. Members of We-Go should sign up now to get your spot and give the gift of life. The drive will take place at Penn Wood from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on that date. You can call Lisa and she will be happy to sign you up. You can reach her at 610-399-1190. You can sign up online by going to:

<http://www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=12141>

Guatemala Teacher Project – Last winter Debbie Fell and Patricia Verbovszky presented a program on this Central American project. We-Go donated funds to help make this project come to pass. They raised \$2100, and a part of this money came from We-Go. Two teachers from Guatemala have arrived in the Downingtown District and will be in the District until the end of October.

“Again, we thank you for your generosity and for your faith in us that we would be able to make it happen. We did, and we are grateful for your support. Please share this message with the members of your Rotary Club. Their efforts and hard earned money are being put to work to foster better education in and to build relationships between Escuela Integrada and the community. Thank you very much.”

Food Drive for Salvation Army – Dale Yeager announced last Thursday that the Food Drive would occur on Saturday, October 18 and on Tuesday, October 21. These date changes were earlier than those previously indicated.

Assistant Governor Samantha Ramsey Visited We-Go Last Thursday – Samantha was on our calendar for an earlier date but she could not be with us due to illness. Samantha’s home club is West Grove-Avondale Club. She represents Area 8 of District 7450. She indicated that a new West Chester area Rotary Club was to be chartered on Saturday, October 18. It is named the West Chester Downtown Rotary Club. Samantha reminded our membership that the District 7450 Conference will be held at Longwood Gardens on April 17 -19, 2009.

World Hunger Program: Plumpy Nut — Thursday’s program will be hosted by President Mark Rudiger. Mark will focus on the world-wide hunger problem, and he will

indicate the role We-Go can play in assisting RI in this serious issue. Remember that some 30,000 children under five years of age die every day due to malnutrition and unsafe fresh water. Rotary International wants Rotarians to focus on this serious world problem.

Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry Speaker – Marianne Martelli, Vice President of Operations, was our major speaker last Thursday. Marianne said there were eleven Chambers in Chester County; her Chamber covers all of Chester County. Twenty percent of the membership in the Chamber are large businesses, and eighty percent are businesses with under 100 employees. About 1,600 businesses are members of her Chamber.

The Chamber was formally established in 1992 by a group of County business leaders who recognized the need for an organization committed to represent business interests of its members to elected officials. Political advocacy remains a keystone of the Chamber, but the organization has evolved into much more. The first President of the Chamber was State Senator Bob Thompson, whose vision of the organization became the foundation of the Chamber. Years of solid growth and commitment from the Chamber membership has brought the organization where it is today, a vibrant and forward thinking member association ready to embrace the challenges of the 21st century.

Marianne says the Chamber is pushing for a trauma center in Chester County. She is involved in a Youth Leadership Program which is providing five college scholarships to Chester County high school graduates. By the way, Marianne is the sister of Phil Martelli, the St. Joseph University Division 1 basketball coach. Go Hawks!

A Little Humor – Thanks to Bob Thomas

The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was small medium at large.

The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

The roundest knight at King Arthur's court was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.