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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?...We (me), apologize for the long absence of our WEGO Newsletter folks, but times have changed for your editor. Recently I was transferred to our Operations Division at FlightSafety International located in Hurst, TX. No I'm not moving, but I might as well be. The new duties and responsibilities have my flying at Mach 3 with my hair on fire! Things will settle down in the near future though. If any of my fellow Rotarians would like to submit articles for the newsletter they would be greatly appreciated to help relieve some of the load.

DNB TOUR A BIG HIT...Who says there's no free lunch in life, or in this case free dinner? Last weeks tour of the Downingtown National Bank branch located on West Chester Pike in the Shop-Rite shopping center was anything but, a cheap event. WeGo was treated lavishly by the Executive staff of DNB. Old friendships were renewed as former Rotarians Rich Hartmann and Bill Latoff reminisced about the good old days of the '80's. Check presentations were also made by Exton Mall with a check for \$2500 to the East End Neighborhood Association and by Calista Grand with a check for \$2500 for the SHINE program at Chester County Hospital.

The Food was outstanding with DNB footing the tab to cater the event. All Rotarians were also given a very nice portfolio. No, not stocks or CD's, but a full size leather binder with writing tablet and business card pockets. It's sweet! A big WEGO THANKS to **Jeff Brown** for arranging the big event.

SOME SAD DEPARTURES...WeGo suffered two resignations recently. **Virginia DiFronzo** resigned due to family commitments, and **Grover Koon** transferred to the Coatesville club. We're happy to report that Grover just can't stay away from the hardworking WeGo club. He recently volunteered for our annual Salvation Army canned food drive.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE...It was slim picking's this year for the annual food drive. For whatever reason people don't seem to be in the giving mood. A big HEARTY thanks to the leaflet distributors **Bob Thomas, D.J. Tindall, Bill Retallick, Harshad Dodia and Joe Celia**. On Saturday these fine Rotarians walked the neighborhoods and hung the leaflets with bags on the mailboxes of a couple hundred homes. Then on Tuesday night **Dr. Stokes, Vic Orlando and John O'Brien** swept through the north neighborhood of Westtown Rd. and mopped up a few bags of canned food. On the south side of Westtown Road, **Grover Koon, President Larry and Bill Retallick** cleaned up a few bags.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY GINNY...We celebrated a very special birthday last Thursday night. **Ms. Ginny Ingram** celebrated the 50th anniversary of her 40th birthday. For someone launching into her 9th decade on God's green earth, she sure looks great and gets around very well. In fact she still drives herself to and from the weekly meetings, in the dark! **President Larry** read some ads from a 1917 Knickerbockers newspaper. My oh my how the times have changed. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY MS. GINNY!!!**

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE...This year the District 7450 Group Study Exchange (GSE) team will be traveling abroad to Naples, Italy. The GSE team will be leaving for Naples Italy on April 5, 2008. District Rotarians to make applications for the position of Team Leader for the trip to Italy is November 1, 2007. Deadline for applicants as team members is December 1, 2007. For details contact Dr. Idna Corbett. Dr. Corbett's email address is dridna@comcast.net.

DUCK RACE PRIZES...If you sold duck race tickets and know you sold a winning ticket, please see **President Larry** and claim the prizes for your winners. There are still quite a few unclaimed prizes. Please pick them up and deliver them personally so the recipients may start enjoying them.

MEMBERSHIP NIGHT HAS BEEN MOVED...Past President and President-elect **Mark Rudiger** reports the membership night has been moved to November 29th, the week after Thanksgiving. All Rotarians are expected to invite a potential future Rotarian. New membership is the lifeblood of our club and is essential to the success of our service projects. Please plan to attend and use the invite cards that were printed by **Seth Birch**, you may pick them up at the Sgt. At Arms table. This is a complimentary dinner provided to your guests. A wonderful speaker has been arranged and in order to keep his engagement, he asked for another night to conduct his program. See you there!

ROAD CLEAN-UP PLANNED...Environmental guru **Jeffrey Toalton** announced the that the fall road clean-up of Route 926 will take place on Saturday 10 November at 0700 hours. Please plan to meet at **Dr. Stokes** parking lot at 7:00 a.m. As usual and customary, the honorable **Mr. Nikolai Christie** will provide free breakfast at his Burger King restaurant in the Westtown Shopping Center afterwards. Let us not forget this is also the 232nd Birthday of the beloved United States Marine Corps.

FOUNDATIONS MEETINGS SCHEDULED...This coming Thursday the entire meeting will be dedicated to the big three foundations; Rotary International, Gundaker and WeGo. Please plan to attend so you are involved and aware of your hard earned contributions going to work.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED...This from our favorite former Rotarian Lisa Balch about an upcoming blood drive..."I wanted to let you all know that Dr. Gacomis has approved the Penn Wood Community Blood Drive to be held in the gym at Penn Wood on Thursday, November 29. Please let me know if you would like to help out with this fall blood drive. We are also planning an assembly for all grades at Penn Wood to educate the kids on blood donations. This assembly will be put on by the American Red Cross. Dr. Gacomis is going to look at the school schedule and let me know what date works for this event."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

29 Nov

WeGo Membership Recruitment Night