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**The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club**

October 8, 2007

**WOW! WHAT A GREAT RACE...** If you missed out on our annual fundraiser at the Goose Creek Park, too bad! What a great day it turned out to be weather-wise, money-wise, and fellowship-wise. This was our 9th annual duck race and it was one of the most productive on record. **President Larry** would like to extend big hearty **CONGRATULATIONS!** to all Rotarians, family members and friends that worked so hard to make this fundraiser one of the best ever.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!...** We wish to thank the following non-Rotarians who put in a lot of hours behind the scenes and at the race to help us succeed:

**Phyllis Orlando.** If you didn't get the opportunity to introduce yourself to **Vic Orlando's** daughter Phyllis, you missed another golden opportunity in life to meet one of the best there is. Phyllis put in some very long hours under the ever watchful eye of her father, organizing and accounting for all of our duck certificates and money. The process of managing 5,000 tickets is tedious and cumbersome. Phyllis does such a great job year after year, that the process of matching duck numbers with real people is better than any computer could ever do. Thank you Phyllis!

**Connie Orlando.** When things get tense and the Orlando household is tiring of messing around with ducks, Connie comes to Phyllis' rescue and gets the show back on track. Thank you Connie!

**Pat Whitaker.** Behind every President is a confident and supportive First Lady who knows how to sell duck certificates. A big thanks to Pat for helping to sell certificates, and for helping Larry to organize all those prizes at home. Thank you First Lady.

**Bill Blaney,** you may not recognize the name, but we'll bet a dollar that you recognize his hip-waders! Bill is a Rotarian in Uniontown, PA, and he's close personal friend of **Ed Olsavicky.** For the past few years Bill has made the long trek across our Commonwealth to assist his fellow Rotarians in corralling the thousands of rubber duckies into the chute. This year Bill was promoted by Ed to "number caller," meaning, he called out the numbers as they came across the finish line. Thank you Bill! You give new meaning to fellowship and camaraderie, and service above self!

**Brendon Johnson.** Now, we know everyone recognizes this name. Our own Ambassadorial Scholar, Brendon Johnson was on hand getting his "feet wet" so to speak in Goose Creek herding ducks downstream. Brendon really enjoyed cutting his teeth on his first Rotary project with Ed and Bill. These guys were so nice to Brendon they even lent him a pair of hip-waders to wear. Now, if he could just decide between going to Egypt to study or Hong Kong we'd all get some sleep at night! Tough choice eh?

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**Those awesome Kappa Delta Rho Frat Brothers.** Every year as I get older and work another duck race, I'm ever more thankful for the mass of lean muscle that **Seth Birch** and **Travis Olszewski** bring to race day, their fraternity brothers from the Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity at WCU. These guys are awesome! They work hard! They're strong! They care! And they're just a bunch of really nice guys! We apologize for not listing their names individually. Perhaps we can thank these fine young men with a complimentary dinner at one of our future meetings and thank them personally? I don't know about you, but in college I was pretty hungry and never turned down a free meal. Thanks Frat Guys!

If we have missed any other non-Rotarians or visiting Rotarians that helped us out along the way, we apologize sincerely. If you know of anyone who sweated it out with us on Saturday, please let your WEGO staff know and we'll make it right. Of course, we wish to thank all of the spouses, family and friends of our fellow Rotarians who donated gifts, prizes, and their time to support their favorite Rotarian.

**SO, WHO'S THE BEST TEAM?...**The competition was fierce. The strategies to sell were new. But in the end, it all boiled down to high caliber leadership to sell tickets. Thanks to **Dr. Kenton Stokes**, the Dewey team was the biggest, baddest, fastest, and all time high ticket selling team in 9 years of recorded history. The Dewey team sold just over 1,000 tickets! This is phenomenal! They accounted for roughly 33% of ticket sales prior to race day. Congratulations to Team Dewey: **Dr. Kenton Stokes (Team Captain); Bob Bielski; Joe Kahn; Stan Krangel; Jeff Toaltoan; Milt Stith; Charlie Scipione; Vic Orlando; Dixie Peters.**

A big "**ATTA-BOY**" goes out to Team Huey, Team Louie, Team Daisy, and Team Donald for making up the other 66% of sales. Great job gang!

**A VERY NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTOR...**Quietly behind the scenes he solicits businesses and friends to support our annual fundraiser. His dedication exceeds all expectations and he humbly goes about his business. He alone solicited over \$7,400 in corporate sponsorships, prize donations and ticket sales. Just think, that's nearly 25% of the gross receipts of our fundraiser! Who is this guy? Have we ever met him? Is he in our club? Does he have a big "S" on his chest or something? Well, if you ask **Mr. Jeff Brown**, he'll tell you he's no Superman, he's just a Super Salesman! Great job Jeff! Because of your efforts and your dedication to making our world a better place to live, our annual fundraiser is a huge success and builds fellowship within the club. You don't have that silky smooth, radio announcer voice, that **Dick Hodgson** had, but you're getting there. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**NO ONE ELSE TO THANK?...**We can't think of anyone else to thank for making our duck race such a huge success? Timeout folks, there is one person we missed in this special accolade edition of your WEGO. He's the creator, brains, idea guy, innovator, mover, shaker, hustler, seller, and a dozen other adjectives that we can't list here. He's **Mr. Dave Moldoff**. Every year for the past nine years we wonder how we ever pull off such an event but, it gets done thanks to Dave! So many little details need to get completed long before we ever receive our tickets to sell. Dave sweats the small stuff, so we don't have to. We truly appreciate your efforts Dave. From all of us on the WEGO staff, and from your fellow Rotarians, a HUGE HEARTFELT **THANK YOU** goes out to you! You certainly raise the bar on service above self!

**GUESS WHO'S GOING TO DISNEY WORLD?...**Last year's grand prize winner was none other than our own prize contributor's daughter, **Sarah Moldoff**. This year's winner is a guy we all love to love! He's the man! He's **Stan the Man Krangel**. Don't pass on it Stan. You and **Sylvia** deserve this trip after the long road you've traveled.

**SO HOW MUCH MONEY DID WE RAISE?...**We don't have specific numbers, but rough estimates put us close to \$27,000 in gross receipts, which includes ticket sales, corporate sponsorships, donations etc. President **Larry** reports the following: According to Phyllis, we sold 3,000 tickets (\$15,000), going into Saturday. On race day we sold 685 tickets (\$3,425) highest ever. The moon bounce pulled in \$183, and t-shirts and duck sales netted \$206. Food was the biggest seller of the day at \$946. Currently we're at \$19,760 not including corporate sponsorships. After all the bills for signs, posters, postage, etc. are paid we should net out a pretty penny.

**GREAT JOB WEGO! GIVE YOURSELVES A PAT ON THE BACK!**