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

**November 12, 2008**

**We-Go Christmas Party** – The location for this year's Christmas Party is the Country Club at Hershey's Mill. The date is Saturday, December 13, 2008. Social discourse and cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m. Please let President Mark know your intentions as soon as possible.

**Safe Harbor Cooking on Friday, October 31** – Mark Rudiger's team provided dinner for the Safe Harbor guests as part of We-Go's quarterly effort to assist Safe Harbor in providing meals for the less fortunate.

**926 Road Clean-up** – Joe Cunnane and his road clean-up crew will meet on Saturday, November 15th at Pete's Produce to clean our stretch of PA 926. All should arrive at 8 a.m.

**We-Go Foundation Report** – The Foundation at its meeting of October 24th approved the following monetary distributions: The Greater WC Rotary Foundation water project (\$1,000), Goodwill Fire Company (\$500), Thornbury Township (\$1,000), Holiday Inn server Jeff Higgin's Mom (\$400), West Chester Senior Center (\$1,000), and CVIM (\$3,000). Ann Trevisan reports that there are other requests for our funds, but the Foundation Board felt those listed above required immediate attention.

**County Publication Praises We-Go** – Ann Trevisan provided several copies of Chester County Life in which Westtown – Goshen Rotary Club is featured. Simply go to p. 30 to see the nice coverage about our Club.

**Club Speaker on October 30th** – Dr. Ralph W.F. Hardy, a leading member of The National Agricultural Biotechnology Council, is excited about the opportunities for agriculture and forestry to be the basis for a hybrid bio-and-petro-based economy with 100+ billion gallons of transportation fuel, value-added chemicals and materials from domestic biomass. Dr. Hardy stated that we must focus on an integrated R & D investment, accompanied by facilitation and market entry. Agriculture can then be a source of both healthful and safe food and feed and biobased industrial products. He believes this effort will revitalize our rural communities and expand biobased crops into areas of the United States that is not now under cultivation.

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**Blog Update from Brendon Johnson** – “Last week, my travels to the Philippines provided me an adventure I hadn’t expected in the slightest. For five days, I lived with the native farmers of Banaue, nestled deep within the mountains —towns with no electricity and accessible only by foot. The experiences were so remarkable, I have decided to “catalog” them in a series of blog entries featuring the culture, economy and people of the villages, over the span of the next few weeks. I do hope you join in the adventures of this remarkable town—and perhaps I can pass on some of the insight the Banaue people taught me.”

**Reminder – Blood Drive on November 20th** – Lisa Balch has announced that the next blood drive at Penn Wood School will occur on November 20th from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You can call Lisa and she will be happy to sign you up. You can reach her at 610-399-1190.

**Letter to Gundaker Foundation** – Stan Krangel has sent the following letter to the Gundaker Foundation. “Enclosed is a request from the West Chester Area Senior Center for a keyboard and portable sound system for their newly formed chorus. The total cost for this is \$1962.87 including a discount. Westtown-Goshen Rotary is donating \$981.44 and is requesting a matching grant from the Gundaker Foundation for \$981.43. The benefits to the community derived from this grant are explained in the enclosed information letter.”

**Construction Changes at West Chester University** – On Thursday evening, November 6th Mark Mixner and Dolores Giardina informed the We-Go membership as to physical plant changes taking place at West Chester University. It was a power point presentation indicating new building construction as well as a process to heat and cool buildings through a geothermal system. Mark is currently Vice President for Administration and Finance at WCU, and Dolores Giardina is the Executive Director of Facilities Design and Construction. The new dormitory buildings are not intended to raise the enrollment at WCU, but to replace the older high rise residential halls. West Chester University will maintain enrollment numbers at about 13,000. We-Go thanks Mark and Dolores for a very informative presentation. Bob Bielski received a CD from Mark that provides a wider scope of these physical plant changes at the University. If you are interested in viewing the CD see Bob.

**Medical Coverage Humor** – The phone rings and the lady of the house answers, ‘Hello.’ “Mrs. Sanders, please.” “Speaking.” “Mrs. Sanders, this is Doctor Jones at Saint Agnes Laboratory. When your husband’s doctor sent his biopsy to the lab last week, a biopsy from another Mr. Sanders arrived as well. We are now uncertain which one belongs to your husband. Frankly, either way the results are not good.” “What do you mean?” Mrs. Sanders asks nervously. “Well, one of the specimens tested positive for Alzheimer’s and the other one tested positive of HIV. We can’t tell which is which.” “That’s dreadful! Can you do the test again?” questioned Mrs.Sanders. “Normally we can, but Medicare will only pay for these expensive tests one time.” “Well, what am I supposed to do now?” “The folks at Medicare recommend that you drop your husband off somewhere in the middle of town. If he finds his way home, don’t sleep with him.”