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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

December 15, 2009

Off- Site Visit on Thursday, December 17 – Our final meeting in calendar year 2009 is a visit to Wendell August in the shopping center at **Main Street at Exton**. Members should meet at the Wendell August facility at 6 p.m. Located just behind Maggie Moos in the barn looking building.

Holiday Party A Success – Thirty-five We-Go members and guests enjoyed an evening of good conversation, dinner and music at the Hershey's Mill Country Club. We thank Bob Thomas for making the arrangements and handling all the details.

Update of CHAP by Govinda – Year 2 of CHAP (Community Health Advocacy Program), a matching grant program, was launched on August 23, 2009. This is a continuation of the joint project by the Rotary Clubs of Westtown-Goshen, USA and Fort Kochi, India to screen, treat, educate and have follow-up visits to the disadvantaged people. The screening is looking for those who have diabetes, hypertension and asthma/COPD using a mobile van. Simultaneously a prototype is being developed and upon completion of the Year 4 project in the Year 2011, it will be deployed in other parts of the world, e.g., Kenya, Peru.

As of November 28, 2009, eight of the 24 screenings were completed and 570 below poverty-level patients were screened. A total of 100 patients, who were diagnosed for one and/or more of the three diseases, returned for repeat evaluation, treatment and health education. So far repeat patients were about 33% higher than the CHAP Year 1 project as a result of increased involvement of Rotarians, volunteers and nongovernmental agencies. Also, awareness of the program using multiple news media boosted the patient enrollment and retention. For additional information contact Govinda.

Brendon Johnson's Cultural Bridges Project – On Thursday evening December 3d, Brendon shared his cultural bridges project with We-Go. Brendon is seeking \$17K in financial support to continue on his work of service extending from his graduate studies in Hong Kong. The \$17K includes living expenses and support to allow Brendon to become a voluntary liaison in the Middle East (Syria) where we have no Rotary Clubs. He is working with Clubs in neighboring countries and several international organizations. David Moldoff has sent an e-mail to all We-Go members indicating his support of Brendon's project. All members should review David's remarks and find out what the Club is able to do.

First Meeting in January – We-Go will meet at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, January 7th, 2010. Program is unknown at this date. Everyone have a Happy New Year, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Fantastic Kwanzaa or Happy Festivus.