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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

December 15, 2010

Holiday Party – We-Go members enjoyed cocktails, dinner and music on Friday evening, December 10, at the Hershey’s Mill Country Club. We-Go inducted Dot Michener as an honorary member of our Club. Also present that evening were honorary members Nancy Thompson and Lois Hodgson. We-Go presented a wedding gift to Mr. and Mrs. Seth Birch through the special efforts of Travis Olszewski. Many thanks are extended to Bob Thomas who made the arrangements for this festive affair.

Meeting on Thursday, December 16th – This Thursday will be our last Club meeting in calendar year 2010. **Remember we do not have meetings on December 23 and December 30; our next meeting will be on January 6. On that date we will have a meeting discussing our major fund raiser. Please attend!** On this forthcoming Thursday the Club has two major program matters. Govinda Malya is seeking Club support for his candidacy as District 7450 governor in 2013-2014. Dave Moldoff will be our speaker discussing “Social Networking on the Internet”.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Activity – We-Go participated again this Christmas season for the benefit of fund raising in the West Chester area. The We-Go bell ringers on December 8 were Bob Thomas, Mark Rudiger, Seth Birch and Travis Olszewski at the ACME at Pa 926 and U.S. 202. The bell ringers on Monday, December 13 were Reese Davis, Bob Bielski, Jeff Penfil and Keath Fetter located at the Shop Rite in West Goshen Township. These latter four men suffered through the biting cold air of this early winter season.

Two Past Programs – We-Go had a very knowledgeable speaker on November 18. His name is Chris Pierce, and he talked about the egg production industry in the United States and particularly here in Pennsylvania. The United States is so fortunate to have an agricultural industry that not only supports the U.S. population but also feeds millions across this earth. He said that Pennsylvania is third among the fifty states in egg production, and it has the best system checking on the production of eggs avoiding the scare this year that occurred in Iowa about diseased eggs(salmonella poisoning). Chris conducted a survey of our membership after his talk.

On December 2d our speaker was Mary Beth Drobish of Springbrook Farm of Chester County. Mary is a widow who maintains the farm as a place for children with disabilities to see and touch farm animals during the warm months of the year. It has been in operation for four years, and donations are received to keep the facility available to these special children. Mary Beth has some 60 volunteers who assist at

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varied times during the growing season. They have a major fund raiser every October. Mary and her now deceased husband did not grow up as farmers; they did this as a project to provide some farm animal experience for those children who suffer disabling conditions.

Rotary Foundation Giving – This is a reminder to all We-Go members to send your checks to RI in Evanston, Illinois before this tax season comes to an end. Rotary International is deserving of our support!!

Why the Apology ????? (submitted by Bob Thomas)

At a time when our President and other politicians tend to apologize for our country's prior actions, here's a refresher on how some of our former patriots handled negative comments about our country.

JFK's Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early 60s when DeGaulle decided to pull out of NATO. DeGaulle said he wanted all U.S. military out of France as soon as possible. Rusk responded' "Does that include those who are buried here?" **DeGaulle did not respond.**

You could have heard a pin drop.

When in England, at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of "empire building" by George Bush. He answered by saying,

"Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."

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A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of officers that included personnel from most of these countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked, "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?"

Without hesitating, the American admiral replied, "Maybe it's because the Brit's, Canadians, Aussie's and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

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