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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NIGHT... This past Thursday WeGo held a membership development meeting to help strengthen the club roster. **President Larry Whitaker** and **President-elect Mark Rudiger** organized the affair which hosted six potential new members to the WeGo family. **Bob Thomas** finally brought his almost twin brother **George Thomas!** George was the very handsome and sharp dressed one. **Stan Krangel** brought a former Rotarian from our club **Mr. Hank Fisher.** It was great to see Hank again after nearly 8 years on the lamb from our club. **Mark Rudiger** brought two guests, **Mr. John Egbert** and Mark's son **Adam Rudiger.** **Bill Retallick** also brought two gentlemen **Mr. Gary Schaeffer** and **Mr. Tom Monroe.**

The main speaker of the evening was **Mr. Lynmar Brock** of the Philadelphia Rotary Club. Lynmar is Mr. Rotarian in these parts due to his 45 year tenure as a Rotarian, and who is a past District Governor and a member of the Rotary International Board of Directors. Our club has a close relationship with Lynmar as he is the proud brother-in-law of our World Rotarian **Criss Juliard.** For those of you who don't know Criss, he resides in Morocco with his wife **Nicola,** but he works in Madagascar (that's quite the commute!). Lynmar reports that Criss and family are doing very well and that Criss' son is studying abroad in Japan. We hope Criss and his family will have the time on their next visit to the U.S. to pay us a visit. We would all love to hear how you're doing.

BILL GATES CHALLENGING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL... Past District Governor **Lynmar Brock** reported during his speech last Thursday night that Bill Gates has challenged RI. Bill Gates has given a \$100 million dollar grant to RI to help finalize the eradication of polio. The catch is that we Rotarians worldwide must match the grant with our own donations. Using round numbers of one million Rotarians globally, this equates to about one-hundred dollars each. We can do this folks! Please consider donating a little extra this year (envelopes provided by **Jeff Penfil**). If we can't match, we don't get the 100 million.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TREE ANGELS... "Houston, we have a problem," reports **Bob Thomas** on our annual Salvation Army project. It seems that **ALL** 28 angel cards for the needy children were distributed, but only 26 are accounted for. If we don't find out who among us has these two unaccounted for cards, there's going to be two very disappointed kids. Please, if you think you took two cards and didn't tell Bob, give him a ring and let him know. This Thursday December 6th, is the turn in date at the Holiday Inn. Please bring in your gifts (unwrapped for security/safety reasons), with the card that you took. The gift should be in a bag with tissue paper. Bob will deliver all gifts to the Salvation Army that night.

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SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING SCHEDULE...Here's a project that snuck in under the radar. Remember just over three weeks ago when **Bill Retallick** passed around a sign-up sheet for bell ringing? Well, we all forgot we signed up and Bill forgot to bring it up at the last meeting. That is all. Here is the schedule:

Wednesday December 5th: 0800-1000-**Bill Retallick, DJ Tindall**; 1000-1200- **Ed Olsavicky, John Young**; 1200-1400- **Harshad Dodia, Joe Kahn**; 1400-1600-**Reese Davis, ?**; 1600-1800-**Joe Celia, Bill Hicks**; 1800-2000-**Mark Rudiger, Bob Thomas**; 2000-2100-**Ann Trevisan, Bill Retallick**.

Friday December 7th: 0800-1000-**Govinda and Rheka Malya**; 1000-1200-**Tom Corcoran, Joe Cunnane**; 1200-1400-**Keath Fetter, Lou Karman**; 1400-1600-**Bob Bielski, Vasy Theodorides**; 1600-1800-**OPEN?**; 1800-2000-**Dr. Stokes, John O'Brien**; 2000-2100-**Bill and Kathryn Retallick**.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SIGN-UP...The annual WeGo Holiday party will be held on Thursday December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Inn located in the Parkway Shopping Center just up High Street from the Holiday Inn. There will be a private room with bar service. **President Larry** reports that he and his wife **Pat** dined there last week and the cuisine was outstanding! Please plan to attend with your spouse or girlfriends! Deadline to RSVP is this Thursday (12/6/07) by the conclusion of our weekly Rotary meeting.

ROAD CLEANUP GREAT SUCCESS...The quarterly route 926 road clean up was reported to be very successful. Thanks to **Keath Fetter, DJ Tindall, Harshad Dodia, Mark Rudiger, Bill Retallick and Jeffrey Toaltoan** for their hard work!

BLOOD DRIVE AT PENN WOOD...Here is a report from our former editor in chief **Lisa Balch** on the fall blood drive held on the 29th: I want to thank We-Go for participating in the Penn Wood Community Blood Drive yesterday. We had 45 people present to donate blood and we were able to collect 44 productive pints. Those 44 pints will go on to touch the lives of over 132 area hospital patients; a huge success and much needed after the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend. We-Go Rotarians on had to donate were: **Bob Adams, John Young, Reese Davis, Ed Olsavicky, Tom Corcoran, Larry Whitaker and John O'Brien**. Not only did he donate, but **Travis Olszewski** volunteered to work the drive the entire day! I look forward your continued support of this life-giving effort! The next drive will be held in May of 2008.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM...We will be honored this Thursday with the presence of **Lisa and Jeff Balch** as they are introducing our guest speaker. The following is a brief description of the program this week: Robyn and Rusty Smith will be the speakers. They are involved with Water Missions International a non-profit organization serving the water and sanitation needs of people in developing countries and disaster areas. They use low-maintenance, appropriate water technologies for drinking water treatment and distribution, wastewater management, and storm water control which provides sustainable access to safe water.

I thought this would be of great interest to you as Rotary International has had clean water as one of their main goals for international projects for years and many Rotary Clubs are already involved with Water Missions International. To quote RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson's "Water is essential to human life, yet many people take the gift of safe water for granted. Today, 1.1 billion people (nearly 20 percent of the world population) lack access to safe, clean drinking water, and 2.6 billion people lack access to basic sanitation facilities. Lack of safe water and adequate sanitation exacerbates the spread of preventable waterborne illnesses that result in the death of about 6,000 people every day, the majority of whom are children. Moreover, these circumstances are leading contributors to worldwide poverty and social instability. The Water Resource Group has been appointed to support Rotary's efforts to address this important global issue."

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A LITTLE IRONY...Mark Rudiger reported that his son **Adam** and his son-in-law, who lives in North Carolina, both bagged their first deer last Friday. This is certainly not an unusual occurrence since both men were in separate parts of the country the same day. Mark's son-in-law bagged his in the fields of North Carolina using a high powered rifle, and son Adam bagged his on a local highway here in Pennsylvania using a speeding vehicle. Both deer are reported to be in the same condition...dead!

ON-LINE MAKE-UPS...One of the hallmarks of an active Rotarian is attendance at Club meetings. Since it is not always possible to attend the meetings of one's own Club, the Rotarian is encouraged to Make-Up the missed meeting by attending the meeting of another Rotary Club in the vicinity or wherever the Rotarian may be visiting.

However, there will be occasions where such a Make-Up will be impossible. In such cases it is possible to Make-Up On-Line. There are several ways to do this, however the following is suggested.

- Go to: www.rotaryclubone.org
- Follow the instructions for a Make-Up.
- This will require reading one or more articles from a selection totaling about 30 minutes reading time. The articles are then rated.
- When completed, e-mail a record to the WE-GO Secretary at: reese.davis@verizon.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Thursday December 6th...**Lisa Balch** African clean water project that is underway.

Thursday December 13th...Holiday party at Courtyard Inn. **RSVP deadline is this Thursday (12/6/07)**

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS:

District Conference April 25-27th at the Skytop Lodge in the Pocono mountains.

Community Health Advocacy Program (CHAP)

Project Launched

“Community Health Advocacy Program, known as CHAP, was launched in Kochi, Kerala State, India on October 14, 2007” said by Dr. Govinda Malya, the project director and immediate past president of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club. CHAP is an international Matching Grant project jointly undertaken by the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club, Westtown, PA USA (the international partner) and the Rotary Club of Fort Cochin, Kochi, India (the host partner). CHAP is a 4-year pilot program to develop a “prototype model” and to provide health care to economically disadvantaged, orphans, the old and the disabled people in Kochi, India. The program entails screening, treatment, follow-up visits and health education for diabetes, asthma and hypertension using mobile van to deliver the health care services to these people who otherwise would not have access due to remote areas they live. Also, these people lack transportation and do not have health care facilities near by. The mobile van has been equipped with basic medical equipments and the services have been provided to the needy by health care professionals, volunteer Rotarians and people in the community. At the end of the 4-year duration of the project a “prototype” will be built that can be easily expanded to provide these services to remote areas in other countries such as Kenya, Peru, etc. The program will have long term benefit helping a society to better the peoples’ health and educate them about their health. Overall it will improve their quality of life.

Until now two screenings were completed consisting of 106 patients who were provided health checks, free medicines and health education about diabetes, asthma and hypertension.

Attached are two pictures.

First is the picture of the mobile van. Second is the mobile van with people standing in front of the mobile van (left to right) are members of the Fort Cochin Rotary Club and they are: Nishesh Shah (Club Secretary), Rajend R. Bhat (Project Leader), Yasin Basheer (President), Anand Mehta (Immediate Past President) and Ajit Menon (Treasurer)

Prepared by Dr. Govinda Malya on November 21, 2007.

