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Email it to:

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

**February 19, 2008**

**SILENT AUCTION AND WINE TASTING...** Mark your calendars for Friday, May 16th for a WEGO spring fundraising event. Plans are in the works to hold a silent auction combined with a wine tasting event to raise funds to support our projects. The big event will be held at the Chester County Historical Society. Stand by for more information.

**CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL MAY FESTIVAL...** While you have your handy dandy markers out, and you're in the merry month of May; mark down Sunday May 25th for the annual CCH May festival. Apparently this year the big event will be moved to the fairgrounds in East Goshen. We're not sure if we'll be serving frozen slushies to freezing people, or Caesar salads in the dogged heat of May. Standby for news on this one.

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS...** The Rotary Foundation announces a call for applications for the 2009-11 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (RWPF) and January and June 2009 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program sessions. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for these sessions is 1 July 2008. Program Synopses: The Rotary Centers for International Studies program offers fellowships for master's degree study fields related to peace and conflict resolution. Beyond academics, Rotary World Peace Fellows also gain practical skills in conflict resolution appropriate to their individual careers.

Up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellows each year enroll in the six Rotary Centers based at leading universities in five countries: International Christian University, Japan; Universidad del Salvador, Argentina; University of Bradford, United Kingdom; University of Queensland, Australia; University of California-Berkeley, Calif., U.S.A., and Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is a professional development program held in Bangkok, Thailand, through which up to 30 participants embark on three months of intensive study instructed by some of the leading specialists in the peace and conflict resolution fields. The specialized curriculum has been crafted to capitalize on the experience of both participants and lecturers while balancing theoretical and practical learning.

Ideal for busy professionals, the customized program helps promising leaders expand their global outlook, strengthen their negotiation skills, and ultimately make a positive impact on future peace and conflict resolution efforts worldwide. Please feel free to use this announcement to advertise Rotary's peace programs and recruit applicants. We appreciate your help and support as we train leaders to build peace. For More Information Please contact Laura Tell, Rotary Centers Program Assistant, at +1-847-866-3307 with any questions or for more information. Program materials and participant profiles can be downloaded at the links above or [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

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**CHAP MOVING ALONG...** Past President **Govinda Malya** reported last week that our Civilian Health Advocacy Program (CHAP) is progressing along very nicely. Dr. Govinda presented some interesting statistics and information related to the various screenings that took place since CHAP's inception last November. It's really cool to see a mini-van with the Rotary International symbol and our club's name painted on the side of it. With patience and tedious and laborious attention to detail, Govinda has taken our \$5,000 contribution and quadrupled it to \$20,000 with the help of Fort Cochin Rotary club, R.I., and District Designated Funds. This mobile van is just the start of what could become a very good model program for other poor countries.

**KAPPA DELTA RHO GOLF TOURNAMENT...** Our highly energetic and masterful WEGO producer **Seth Birch** is inviting the golf pros from our club to participate in a best ball scramble. The big event is scheduled for April 13th 2008 at the Broad Run Golf Club (formerly the Tattersall Golf Club). Proceeds to benefit the West Chester Police Department. You may sign up individually or register your own foursome at [www.kdrgolf.com](http://www.kdrgolf.com). Entry deadline is March 10th. Fee is \$100.00 per player, or \$105.00 per player for online payment. Seth has sign up forms at the Sgt. At Arms table.

**HOW ABOUT THOSE IRISH?...** As St. Patrick's day draws closer and closer, your humble Irish-American WeGo staff will be providing you with weekly green "on-color" humor as provided by our secret humor department staff. Enjoy!

**IRISH SCIENCE:** After having dug to a depth of 10 meters last year, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Scots, in the weeks that followed, English scientists dug to a depth of 20 meters, and shortly after, headlines in the English newspapers read: 'English archaeologists have found traces of 200 year old copper wire and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the Scots.

One week later, 'The Kerryman,' a southwest Irish newsletter, reported the following: 'After digging as deep as 30 meters in peat bog near Tralee, Paddy O'Driscoll, a self taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Paddy has therefore concluded that 300 years ago Ireland had already gone wireless.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

28 February    Brendon Johnson, Aid to South Africa

### **UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS:**

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