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March 12th Special Honorary Inductions – On March 12, We-Go membership will honor the widowed spouses of five former We-Go members. The ladies to be honored include Dorothy Hicks, Lois Hodgson, Carolyn Stokes, Lucille Stokes, and Nancy Thompson. This meeting will be a spouses night; please bring your significant other.

We-Go Online Auction – We-Go announces a special fund raiser that will begin on May 15, 2009 and runs through June 12, 2009. Proceeds will benefit the **Doctors Without Borders** to include the **Children's Malnutrition Program** and **Rotary's Polio Plus**. More information will follow later.

An Apology to John O'Brien – Your editor failed to recognize that John brought a guest to our meeting on February 5. His name is Ron Brooks, and he is a fellow work associate of John at Flight Safety International. Ron is a former Navy fighter pilot and a former US Airways pilot. He lives in the West Chester area, and he was a guest the night are speaker was the marathoner Jim McHale. Ron enjoyed the speaker, and John invited Ron to consider membership with We-Go. John said he seemed interested.

Hockey Game Last Friday – Philipp Allmaier, our foreign exchange student, was in goal for Rustin High School, and his team blasted Avon-Grove High School 7-2. Philipp has been a super goalie for Rustin throughout the season. Five We-Go members were in attendance: Seth Birch, Reese Davis, Rick Hynes, Jeff Penfil and Mark Rudiger.

Induction of New Member – On Thursday, February 12th, We-Go inducted Evan Witmer to membership in our Club. Evan is store manager for TD Bank in East Goshen Township. Please introduce yourself to Evan as soon as possible.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Speaks to We-Go – Our guest speaker on February 12 was Makoto Kuwabara, graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania. Makoto is a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar from Yokohama, Japan. He is here to complete a Masters Degree in the teaching of English. He has taught English to Japanese students in high school in his native country. He is supported by his home Rotary District 2770. His goal is to teach English at a university in Japan. We admire his scholarship.

2nd Annual Kappa Delta Rho Charity Golf Tournament – On Saturday, April 4th at Broad Run Golfer's Club the Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity will be hosting their 2nd Annual KDR Charity Golf Tournament. Proceeds will benefit Camp Dreamcatcher. The tournament currently has 19 foursomes registered and is still accepting more registrants. For further details visit www.kdrgolf.com or contact Seth Birch.

Update on Community Health Advocacy Program in India – Our featured speaker last Thursday was Govinda Malya who provided an update on our project in Cochin, India. Our Club is working with the Fort Cochin Club of District 3201. This pilot project is providing

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health care services to economically disadvantaged orphans, old, and disabled in Cochin. The participants providing the services have a mobile van to reach people with chronic diseases. A total of 1,119 persons have been screened in the first year of operation. Within a three mile radius five neighborhoods have participated in the screenings. Under the direction of R. R. Bhat and Nishesh Shah (the president-elect 2009-2010) the Fort Cochin CHAP team administered the project progress by regular teleconferences with Dr. Malya in West Chester. Over the months some 12 to 17 Rotary members of the Fort Cochin Club have volunteered in this project. The project is off the ground and running very well. Govinda has given the editor of We-Go Newsletter a copy of the matching grants report sent to Rotary International. Please ask Bob Bielski if you wish to see the report.

From the Humor Department (Bob Thomas)

A woman was walking down the street when she was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless woman who asked for a couple of dollars for dinner.

She took out her wallet, got out ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy wine with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless woman said.

"Will you use it to go shopping instead of buying food?" the woman asked.

"No, I don't waste time shopping," the homeless woman said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on a beauty salon instead of food?" the woman asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless woman "I haven't had my hair done in 20 years!"

The woman said, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you out for dinner with my husband and me tonight."

The homeless woman was shocked. "Won't your husband be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

She replied, "That's okay. It's important for him to see what a woman looks after she has given up shopping, hair appointments and wine."