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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

March 20, 2007

THE PREZ IS BACK!...Our world traveling **President Govinda Malya**, has returned from yet another trip to his homeland of India. Govinda wasn't home just for pleasure, he was very busy wrapping up the loose ends for our club's Community Health Advocacy Program (CHAP). The financial details of this program are included in this issue of the WEGO as an attachment. Please read this information carefully and if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact President Govinda.

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF CHAP...The Community Health Advocacy Program (CHAP), is an international project involving the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club, Westtown, PA USA, and the Rotary Club of Fort Cochin, Kochi, India. It is a pilot program to provide health care to economically disadvantaged, orphans, the old and the disabled people in Cochin, India. The program entails screening, treatment, follow-up visits and health education for diabetes, asthma and hypertension using a mobile van to deliver the health care services to these people who otherwise would not have access due to the remote areas in which they live. Also, these people lack transportation and do not have health care facilities near by. The mobile van will be equipped with basic medical equipments and the services will be provided to the needy by health care professionals, volunteer Rotarians and people in the community. At the end of the one year duration of the pilot program, a prototype will have been built that can be easily expanded to provide these services to remote areas in Greater Cochin, India during the next three (3) years. Also, it can be expanded in under developed 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.

This program has been approved by both of the Rotary clubs in the USA and in India, and the forms are being submitted to the 7450 District and subsequently to the Trustees of The Rotary International for approval. Upon approval by the Trustees, the program will be funded and it is expected to start by July 1, 2007. CHAP Budget and Financing (See 4th page).

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION...The R.I. Foundation, to which all of us contribute to, has grown significantly from its meager beginnings. As reported by our R.I. chair **Mark Rudiger**, since the first contribution in 1917 for \$26.50 by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, the funds have grown to over \$1 Billion. Ironically, the impetus to the foundation's great success was the death of **Paul Harris** in 1947. Upon the death of the first President of Rotary International, a flood of donations poured into the foundation and ultimately created the Paul Harris Fellowship program. There is

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slightly less than 1 million Paul Harris Fellows. For our newest members unfamiliar with this fellowship program, to become a Paul Harris Fellow one would have to donate a minimum of \$1,000.00 over many years to earn the first designation of "Fellow." For subsequent contributions attaining \$1,000.00, a ruby or sapphire would be awarded representing various levels of fellowship achievement. It is extremely beneficial to our club to have 100% Paul Harris Fellow participation. For more information please contact Mark Rudiger, or log onto www.Rotary.org.

EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM...If you need expert advice on Rotary's exchange student program, please see **Dr. John Spellman**, or **Ed Olsavicky**. One of Rotary's greatest programs to further world understanding, and promote peace, is in the exchange of our youth. Ed Olsavicky has always been a huge supporter and advocate of the program. Throughout his Rotary life, Ed and his family have hosted 15 kids from around the world! Ed proudly remarked how it has been one of the greatest cultural experiences of his life. He has been invited to weddings and graduations in distant countries as a result of this wonderful program. It has enriched his life as much, if not more, than the students he hosted.

Dr. Spellman attests that the youth exchange program "defines me as a Rotarian." For many years Dr. Spellman served as the Youth Exchange Chairman for our club. A position he recommends our club actively seek to fill again. Being a host family can be challenging prior to the student ever arriving at your doorstep. Regulations and Department of State policies can be rather burdensome in the beginning, but are well worth the effort. These days parents willing to be hosts of exchange students must go through an in-depth background check and specialized training to be eligible. All that aside, if you ask John or Ed the value received back from hosting, it's priceless. If you would like to consider hosting a student for a three month period, please see John or Ed to learn more about the great benefits of this program.

WORLD WATER DAY WALK FOR WATER...If you're interested in experiencing what it would be like to fetch water everyday in the course of a 3-6 mile walk, then please join your fellow Rotarians Saturday March 24th. This free event, which is not a fundraiser but, strictly an awareness program, is designed to highlight how women and children in "water stressed" countries spend most of their day fetching drinking water, rather than pursuing education, maintaining their households or earning additional income. The walk commences at 12:00 p.m. Saturday March 24th, at Love Park in Center City Philadelphia, and terminates at University City. Free lunch will be provided at the completion of the walk.

OOOOOOLAHOMA!...On Thursday May 3rd, our District 7450 will be hosting a Rotoplast Reception & Show. The featured show is "Oklahoma." The location is the Media Theatre. Reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and the show starts at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$35.00 per person. For those newer members unfamiliar with "Rotoplast", it is coined from "Rotary", and "Plastic Surgery". Rotoplast is perhaps the most gratifying and emotionally charged program R.I. sponsors. Plastic surgeons from all over the world give their time, money, and knowledge to help repair cleft pallettes of children and adults born with this deformity. For More information please visit www.Rotary.org.

MATCHING GRANT APPLIED FOR...Our Trusty Treasurer **Bob Thomas** informs us that the application process for District Simplified Grants (DSG), is complete. WeGo is applying for a matching grant of \$2,500.00 to support our donation to the West Chester Library renovation project. To date, only three other applicants have applied for grant money. The District has approximately \$15,000.00 to give away and will respond to our application by the end of March. Thank you Bob for the laborious effort you went through to get this done!

INTERACT CLUB INSTALLATION NIGHT...On Thursday April 19, 2007 we will initiate our new Interact Club with the students of Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School. For many months, **Jeff Penfil** has been working with these students to help form their charter and structure their club. This should be a very special installation dinner as our club has sought to have an Interact club for many years now.

ASSEMBLE THE TROOPS!...One of the most important functions our club undertakes twice per year is the Club Assembly. Please plan on attending this very important meeting on Thursday, March 29th . All Board members

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and Committee Chairpersons should be prepared to give a brief one paragraph synopsis, of the status of your committee's assignments. Please take this duty seriously, as this is the only way to gauge the health of our projects, and our aim towards meeting our clubs goals.

SENATOR ROBERT J. THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER...

The Chester County Chamber Foundation cordially invites you to attend the 2007 Robert J. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Dinner. This event held in honor of our dear friend and State Senator, will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd, 2007 at the Desmond Hotel from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The program will award scholarships to four deserving Young Leadership Program graduates pursuing education and careers in journalism, communications, business or political science.

The evening program will also feature the 2007 Partnership Award. The Workforce Education Committee proudly presents this award to support its mission to foster, support and recognize business/education partnerships to develop the optimal workforce in Chester County. The cost for the evening is \$50.00 per individual. For questions please contact Kate Brennan, Director of Event Planning at 610 725-9100 ext. 12.

FROM YOUR HUMOR CONTRIBUTOR... The Haircut

A young boy had just gotten his driver's permit and asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son. "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut, and we'll talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm real disappointed you didn't get your hair cut." The young man paused a moment then said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair. To this his father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

22 March – Honduras Library update by Anne Hawkins

29 March – Club Assembly

5 April – OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS

12 April – GSE Team to India, Harshad Dodia

26 April – Marine Corps Logistics, Jonathon Jenkins

3 May – Marcushook Pirate, Mike Manerchia



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**Community Health Advocacy Program (CHAP)
Project Budget**

Budget Item	Name of Supplier	No.	Unit Price		Price US Dollars
			INR	Total Price INR	
Mobile Van - Omni Ambulance	Maruthi Automobiles	1.00	276,000.00	276,000.00	6,133.33
ECG Machine, Single Channel	BPL	1.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	555.56
Ventillator	Max 40P	1.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	6,666.67
Nebulizer	Pulma Aid 500+	2.00	2,300.00	4,600.00	102.22
Peak flow meter	Infi-Nes	1.00	750.00	750.00	16.67
Glucometer	Ashish/Roche	4.00	3,600.00	14,400.00	320.00
Glucometer Strip	Ashish/Roche	1.00	50.00	50.00	1.11
Accucheck strip	Accuchek	50.00	50.00	2,500.00	55.56
Microscope	Olympus	1.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	311.11
BP Cuff	Nova Phon	2.00	850.00	1,700.00	37.78
Stethoscope	Lifeline Silver	2.00	500.00	1,000.00	22.22
Thermometer	NB	3.00	50.00	150.00	3.33
Weight Machine	Kurups	1.00	750.00	750.00	16.67
Medicines	Several Manufacturers		(3,750 x 12)	45,000.00	1,000.00
Consumable Supplies	Various		(3,750 x 12)	45,000.00	1,000.00
Petrol and Vehicle Maintenance			(3,000 x 12)	36,000.00	800.00
Driver			(3,000 x 12)	36,000.00	800.00
Nurse Aid/Lab Technician			(3,000 x 12)	36,000.00	800.00
Physician			(5,000 x 12)	60,000.00	1,333.33
Contingency				1,100.00	24.44
Total				900,000.00	20,000.00

Exchange Rate Used: 45 INR = 1 US \$

CHAP Project Financing

Financiing Details	US \$
Host Partner (Rotary of Fort Cochin)	5,000.00
International Partner (Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club)	5,000.00
District 7450 DDF	2,500.00
Rotary Foundation - DDF (1:1 Match)	2,500.00
Rotary Foundation (1:0.5 Match)	5,000.00
Total	20,000.00

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