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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

April 22, 2009

ATTENTION ALL WE-GO MEMBERS – Larry Whitaker is making a request that our Club membership provide auction items for our approaching Spring Silent Auction fund raiser. At this time we have only 25 items to be listed for sale. Last year the Club had more than 50 items. We need more items if we are to meet our goal. Submit items to Larry including a description or picture of each item.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE FROM THE PHILIPPINES – Harshad Dodia attended the GSE Team meeting at the 7450 District Conference held in the Longwood Garden Conservatory. Ninety-five people were in attendance to meet the team and its leader, Estelita Bunye. The leader is Past President of the Rotary Club of Muntinlupa, District 3830. Kennett of Longwood is hosting the GSE Team. The team includes Rowena Andaya, an obstetrician-gynecologist, John Jacome, college instructor, Michael Julian, stock broker, Roy Molon, jr., writer-producer. They made excellent presentations related to their professions using power-point. There was some dancing with special music. All five team members are being sponsored by five Rotary Clubs of Philippines District 3830. Thank you, Harshad for this report.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO GUNDAKER – Stan Krangel, our long-serving representative to Gundaker, has again asked our membership to contribute to the Gundaker Foundation Annual Appeal. Our Club has clearly benefited with matching grants from Gundaker. This year we have received \$2,000 from Gundaker to support our We-Go projects. All members received pledge forms from Stan with the March 31, 2009 electronic newsletter. Read the form and submit your response to Stan Krangel at your earliest convenience. Remember that Gundaker supports our high school Rotary Exchange Program, too.

RED CROSS SPEAKER ON APRIL 16th – Our speaker, Randy Blough, was introduced to the membership by Travis Olszewski. Randy is a seasoned Red Cross volunteer and a platelet donor. Randy visited our Club to promote platelet giving. Platelets are needed to preserve the lives of leukemia victims, as well as many other cancer patients suffering side-effects of chemotherapy. You can safely give platelets more often than whole blood, since your platelets regenerate more quickly than any other blood component. Because of the importance of this program, appointments are available seven days a week in the West Chester Red Cross Donor Center, located in the Gay Street Plaza. We-Go thanks Randy for a most informative presentation.

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS – Bob Bielski and Ann Trevisan have received six applications from the three high schools in the West Chester Area School District. Our scholarship committee will be meeting soon to choose the most worthy candidate for this \$3,000 award.

HUMOR FROM LOIS HODGSON by way of WILL ROGERS

About Growing Older

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know “why” I look this way. I’ve traveled a long way and some of the roads weren’t paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don’t know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it’s called golf.

And finally ~ If you don’t learn to laugh at trouble, you won’t have anything to laugh at when you are old.

NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE – Reese Davis attended the evening activities and provided the following information:

Operation Warm – This project has provided 500,000 coats to needy U. S. children during its 10 years existence. Founded by Richard Sanford, a member of the Kennett-Longwood Rotary Club as a Club project, Operation Warm has expanded into a nationwide organization. In recognition of this achievement, Mr. Sanford was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship during the program.

R.I. Ambassadorial Scholar – Ashley Harper, who was sponsored by the Downingtown Rotary Club, spoke about some of her international experiences.

Polio-Plus – Donald Guardian presented with dramatic visuals and various costumes, the daily trip diary of his journey to Abuja in northern Nigeria as he participated in the national polio immunization day.