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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

April 30, 2007

WELCOME BACK CHARLIE...WeGo was delighted to have our Past Treasurer and Honorary member **L. Charles Scipione** return for a visit this past week. For those of you who missed Charlie...too bad, you'll have to be blessed another time. Hopefully he'll surprise us again with a future visit. You look great Charlie, it appears life is really treating you kindly. And a big WeGo thank you to **Dr. Kenton Stokes** for driving Charlie to the meeting.

SPRING CLEANING BEGINS...Members of WeGo began the last weekend of April with the usual 926 road clean up. The rugged clan donned their pearly white state issued gloves, and grabbed their trash bags and cleaned two miles of countryside. A big **THANK YOU** to **Jeffrey Toaltoan** for organizing the clean up, and to his crew; **Dr. Kenton Stokes, Mark Rudiger, Nick Christie, Harshad Dodia, Dave Moldoff, Bill Retallick, John Spellman, Jeff Toaltoan, Joe Cunnane** and **Dr. Jeff Penfil**. Also a huge thanks to Nick Christie for feeding the hungry workers afterwards at Burger King.

TIME TO GIVE BLOOD...It's been nearly 56 days since our last blood drive. **Lisa Balch** would like to remind everyone of this very important drive scheduled for Thursday May 10th at Penn Wood Elementary school from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you haven't signed up yet there's still time.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER IS SET...Save the date, Thursday June 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Penn Oaks Country Club. **President Govinda** is arranging the change of command ceremony at a cost of \$34.00 per person. Dinner choices are Chicken Chesapeake, Atlantic Salmon, Filet Mignon or a Vegetarian plate. Hors d' oeuvres and cocktails provided by **President and Mrs. Govinda Malya**. Please sign the sign-up sheet being circulated at our regular meetings.

BOARD MEMBERS MEETING...There will be a WeGo Board of Directors meeting this Friday morning at the West Chester Diner at 7:30 a.m.

SOMEBODY'S GOING TO UTAH...At the last Board of Directors meeting; the motion was passed to subsidize one of our club members in the leadership tier a \$1,000.00 grant to attend the annual Rotary International convention. Thanks to the recommendation of Past President **Dr. John Spellman**, the BOD acted upon this wonderful idea of sending our President-elect, Vice President, President, Secretary or Treasurer to the convention. Though not necessarily in the order stated previously, our club would send one person to the convention in hopes of jump starting the new President's year with energy and enthusiasm. The \$1,000.00 would help pay for convention fees and hotel or airline fees as necessary.

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MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS DELIVERS... WeGo was treated to a great presentation, albeit very short, on United States Marine Corps Logistics. **Staff Sgt. Jonathon Jenkins** is currently a reservist who has been activated since October 2002. SSGT. Jenkins basically had to put his personal business on hold while he answered the call to the Global War on Terror (GWOT). He is currently working in Headquarters Washington D.C. in the Logistics division. Although he was trained as an Air Traffic Controller, which by the way was the only time he could tell Officers, i.e. pilots what to do, he was plugged into logistics to meet the needs of the Corps.

Logistics is the key to winning any war. Since man first started engaging in warfare thousands of years ago, the need for constant re-supply of beans, bullets and band-aids has persisted. Without logistics the war is lost. In the Marines the ratio of support personnel for every Marine kicking in a door in Iraq is 8:1. The Army and Air Force average roughly 20:1. The Marines are definitely doing more with less, which is not surprising. Every Marine and Soldier is trained in advanced life saving techniques. This is very different from the Vietnam and Korean War era whereby soldiers learned the minimum in first aid. Today's trained Soldier or Marine can intubate a casualty if necessary, or clamp off an artery. Because of advances in technology and field medicine more Soldiers and Marines are surviving attacks, instead of dying on the battlefield as in previous wars. It exposes a greater problem for future generations though, as more disabled veterans enter society. The number of severely wounded has exceeded 20,000, and the number killed is just over 3,000. In previous wars these numbers would have been reversed due to lack of field medicine technology and capabilities for evacuation to nearby aid stations.

WE'RE RUNNING THIS AGAIN...

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.

TRUE 50/50 THIS WEEK... Bring your cash this week as a true 50/50 will make someone rich. The loot is currently \$115.00, but with sales that evening it could approach \$150.00. Tickets can be purchased at the Sgt. At Arms table for \$1, or 6 tickets for \$5!

INTERESTING STATISTICS... A 2006 study by Texas A&M University found that the average American walks about 900 miles per year. Another study by the American Beer Institute found that Americans drink an average of 22 gallons of beer a year. That means, on average, Americans get approximately 41 miles per gallon-not bad!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

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| 10 May | American Red Cross Blood Drive Penn Wood Elementary |
| 22 May | District Assembly, Delaware County Community College |
| 27 June | District Governor installation Desmond Hotel |
| 13-14 July | R.I. Presidential event regarding membership |
| 23 Aug | Rotary Foundation, R.I.'s President's visit |

