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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

May 14, 2007

WELCOME WEGO INTERACT CLUB!...It's finally happened! After many years of searching for a high school that would be interested in forming an Interact club with our club, we finally accomplished our mission. Thanks in large part to the laborious efforts of **Dr. Jeffrey Penfil** (official liaison), who painstakingly coordinated with the Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School (PALCS) University Scholars, **Jane Mathews** Advisor/Teacher, and the District 7450 liaison **Dawn DeFuria**. Dawn was accompanied by her husband, District Governor-elect **Russell P. DeFuria**, who conducted the official installation of the Interact club. Our President **Govinda Malya**, assisted with handing out the official certificates and shiny new lapel pins. President-elect **Larry Whitaker** captured the evening's events with his camera. Larry even captured in his lens eye a photo or two of Jeff Penfil wearing a coat and tie. Yes, you read that correctly. Mr. Penfil was dressed to the nines and looking fine. Oh baby what a night!

The students of the PALCS University Scholars are gifted individuals with exceptional talents for learning. All of their studies are conducted online via computer. They typically gather for events related to learning i.e. museums, leadership seminars etc. These individuals not only possess exceptional academic knowledge, but the service skills necessary to better their community and society. Due to the academic curriculum requirements of PALCS, all students must participate in service projects to better their communities and the world. What better way to accomplish this requirement than joining with us to complete service projects, and generate new and fresh ideas for future fund raising activities?

This club of young, energetic masterminds has already taken the bull by the horns and started working on their own club activities. Led by their handsome President **Jordan Deering**, who commented in his inaugural speech that; "sometimes their meetings run for nearly two hours", they're taking on new projects. You may recall these fine citizens assisted us Rotarians at our annual Duck Race by selling t-shirts, running the food stand, and cleaning up. On January 15th of this year on Martin Luther King Day, 2007, they organized a day of service for all of University Scholars. Activities held at the school included: Writing letters to local businesses asking for supplies for the spring Honduras school service trip, picking up litter around downtown West Chester, and packaging the books to send to Books First. We also had a group that went to Saint Martha's manor to spend the day with the elderly. On May 22nd, they are organizing a Talent Show Fund Raiser. Students will be performing for friends and family of University Scholars students. All proceeds will go to the club to use for community service projects, such as Honduras, and any other future projects not yet planned.

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WOW! This group is highly motivated and dedicated. The fine young members of the WeGo Interact Club are as follows: **Jordan Deering-President, Dylan Farr, Buckminster Kellogg, Alex William Koren, Daniel Lee-Club Secretary, Nathan Lee-Vice President, Evan Thomas O'Hara, Matthew Jay Paden, Shawna Peterson-Club Treasurer, Andrew Pitts, Kristen Alice Snow, Lauren Show, Sean Andrew Spurdle, Christopher Allen Spurlino and Monica Watson**

The individuals listed above are the future of Rotary. As stated by President Govinda, the future of Rotary International is dependent upon the younger generations getting involved in organizations like Interact. Hopefully, they'll pursue a life dedicated to community service and making our world a better place to live by becoming Rotarians. Our leadership and our actions are inspiring them to do this. By initiating this club, we are in effect passing the torch to the next generation of Rotarians.

CONGRATULATIONS WEGO!...WeGo received a hearty congratulations from District Governor **Marty Phillips** for qualifying for the 2006-2007 Presidential Citation from R.I. President **Bill Boyd**. Way to go WeGo! You made it happen!

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY...The District Assembly will be held at the Delaware County Community College Media campus on **Tuesday May 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This annual event is crucial to developing and motivating the leadership teams of all district clubs so they embark on an outstanding Rotary year. Every Rotarian is encouraged to attend, especially newer members to Rotary. Please see President-elect **Larry Whitaker** for information on attending.

COMING DOWN THE STRETCH... If you see **Ed (big burly humble guy) Olsavicky** around the table, please give him a big WeGo thank you for putting our yearly program schedule together. This is not an easy task to say the least. Ed sometimes feels like pulling his hair out at times (pun definitely intended). **THANK YOU ED!** The following programs are scheduled for the remainder of this Rotary year:

- 17 May — Co-Ad Mental Health Awareness by Tracy Beringer
- 24 May — Invisaline (Speaker to be arranged by Jeff Penfil)
- 31 May — Lung cancer and Asbestos (Speaker to be arranged by D.J. Tindall)
- 7 June — Reigns of Life by Julie Friedman and Kathy Colvin
- 14 June — Classification talks by **Leo Gibbons** and **Joe Cunnane**
- 21 June — Topic to be determined by Elsa Wolf
- 28 June — President's dinner at Penn Oaks Country Club

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

- 20 May** Chester County Hospital May Festival
- 22 May** District Assembly, Delaware County Community College
- 23 May** Senator Robert J. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Dinner
- 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

