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**The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club**

**June 12, 2008**

**Service for Dr. Kenton Stokes** – On Saturday, June 7 at 11 a.m. a memorial service was conducted at the West Chester United Methodist Church on High Street in West Chester to honor the life of Dr. Kenton S. Stokes. Dr. Stokes was a long time member of WeGo Rotary, a past president of our club, and a major contributor to all our club activities and fund raisers. The church was at capacity and the impact of Kent’s death obviously had a profound impact on all those in attendance. As WeGO members, it was always a special treat to sit with him for dinner and have conversations with him. He exuded love and compassion for humans and the animals he cared for. We will miss him dearly.

**Speaker Ambassadorial Scholar Brandon Johnson** – Our speaker on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> was our outbound ambassadorial scholar Brandon Johnson. Brandon graduated from Downingtown West High School and West Chester University. He entered the music education program, but transferred to the Honors program majoring in political science in his sophomore year. A major event occurred at the end of his sophomore year; students in the Honors were presented with the opportunity to travel to South Africa for ten days. That was a cultural awakening for Brandon. In his senior year at WCU he was encouraged to apply for the Ambassadorial Scholarship; he was assisted in this effort by WeGo members John O’Brien, Ed Olsavicky and Govinda Malya. Brandon was awarded \$30,000 scholarship by Rotary International to study for a year at Hong Kong University. Brandon said that he would like to arrive early this summer and volunteer several weeks in rural China. He hopes he can travel a bit while in China. He would like to earn a Masters Degree at Hong Kong University studying economic development and politics.

Brandon concluded his talk with following remarks. “My firm life-philosophy embraces the simple, yet valuable epitome: love everything you do. And my goals mimic my passions. They are complex, ambitious, and limitless. They are driven by love and care: to reduce the world’s dependence on warfare; to reform the United States system of education; to cease the abduction and manipulation of child warriors; to inspire ideals of protecting our environment. To sit with leader of a terrorist regime. To talk with him. To comprehend, to empathize; to see the *face* of his perspective. To persuade him.

To reform communities by empowering people to *want to make change, summoning an embrace of the community by caring for one another. Inspiring, motivating...making a difference.*

**Love.** Let this guide every moment of your life. Love your family, friends, neighbors and enemies alike. Refuse to reciprocate negative energy. Treat every person you meet—the cashier at WalMart, the passerby on the sidewalk, the stranger on the bus—with the care and respect they deserve. And above all, remember to always **Smile.**”

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**Program on June 19** – Our speaker that evening will be Admiral Steve Kantrowitz, U.S. Navy (retired). Steve is an attorney and a founding partner of his law firm. He resides in the Malvern area, and he is a candidate for the Pennsylvania Senate in the fall election. Currently that seat is held by Senator Andrew Dinniman. Tom Corcoran will introduce the speaker.

**New Member Joins WeGo**—Three weeks ago **Dale Yeager** became a member of our club. Mark Rudiger sponsored **Dale**. His classification is Banking. Dale is Vice-President and Community Office Manager of National Penn Bank in West Chester. Every member welcomes you to WeGo, Dale!

## DON'T FORGET TO BID!

| Item for Auction  | # of Active Bids | Initial / Current Bid |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| Peters Salon Gift Basket                                | 1                | \$50                  |
| Flight Safety Simulator 1hour session with professional | 0                | \$1,000               |
| Italian Feast for 8                                     | 0                | \$200                 |
| \$50 Gift Certificate to The Mediterranean              | 0                | \$25                  |
| Golf Foursome at Edgemont Country Club                  | 0                | \$150                 |
| Holiday Hayride for 8 at Arasapha Farm                  | 0                | \$35                  |
| Oil & Vinegar Cruet Set                                 | 0                | \$10                  |
| John Hardy Bracelet                                     | 0                | \$300                 |
| Terry Kramzar Quilt                                     | 0                | \$50                  |

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WESTTOWN-GOSHEN**

## **Presidents Dinner**

**You are all cordially invited to the We-Go  
Presidents Dinner to be held**

**Thursday June 26, 2008**

**At**

**Radley Run Country Club**

**Please join us as we pass the gavel to your  
2008-09 officers and board of directors**

**Activities begin at 6pm**

**Cost: \$38 per person**

**Please RSVP no later than Thursday June  
19 to**

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