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

June 29, 2007

**DON'T SHOW UP AT H.I. THIS WEEK...**Our brand new President **Larry Whitaker** officially polled the membership two weeks ago to cancel the after holiday meeting. The vote was unanimous, and President Larry should have no problem in serving four more years!

**AND WHAT A NIGHT IT WAS . . .** If you missed the 2007 We-Go Presidents Cocktail Party and Dinner you missed out on one of the most memorable night's during the 2006-2007 We-Go Rotary Year. **REKHA and GOVINDA MALYA** graciously provided Hors d' Oeuvres and cocktails in a delightful setting in the patio overlooking golf course of Penn Oaks Country Club which was followed by a dinner.

President **Govinda Malya** gave an incredible speech with the theme of **Reaching Higher, Going farther and Making a difference.** We wanted to give every one the opportunity to read the speech so it is reprinted in this issue. Also on the agenda for the evening was the presentation of The Guy Gundaker Fellow award to **Lisa Balch** who was unable to attend due to prior commitments. The award will be hand delivered to Lisa by Stan Krangel. Paul Harris Fellow award were presented to **Bob Thomas, John O'Brien** (in absentia), **Mark Rudiger** and **Govinda Malya.** On hand to do honors was our Assistant District Governor **Dede Carruthers.**

**A FAREWELL ADDRESS...**In case you missed our President's dinner last week, we're reprinting **President Govinda's** comments here.

Respected 7450 District Assistant District Governor – Dede Carruthers, members of the WEGO Board, my fellow Rotarians and their families and friends, it has been a privilege to hold the post of President for a club as great as WEGO during the 2006-2007 Rotary Year.

My guiding principles as a leader are simple and straight forward. A leader must be the servant of those he or she leads. A leader should inspire "out of the box" thinking. And a leader must never forget the core mission: for we Rotarians that mission is, **"Reaching Higher, Going Farther and Making a Difference"**. This is what I have strived to do in WEGO by encouraging our Rotarians to serve their community and their world.

In preparing this speech, I looked back on the year, seeing some disappointments and many accomplishments. I considered standing up here and reading out-loud the minutes for each of our meetings over the past year, but for the sake of brevity and sanity, I'll go over some highlights instead.

First, WEGO sponsored and installed a new Interact Club called University Scholars, Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School. Second, WEGO applied for a 7450 District Simplified Grant for the West Chester Library project. Although we didn't obtain the grant, we will pursue funding for this worthy project again in the future. Third, we attempted to secure an Undergraduate Grant from The Gundaker Foundation for a Keystone Honor Student at Cheyney University. We didn't get the grant from the foundation but learned how to make future applications more

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successful. Fourth, WEGO Club secured a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant of Rotary International for the Community Health Advocacy Program (CHAP) in Cochin, India, which has the potential to become the next “Rotaplast” of Rotary International. The Community Health Advocacy Program is a distillation and adaptation of an idea put forth by Swami Vivekananda, a philosopher and Nobel laureate. He said, *“If the poor boy cannot come to education, education must go to him”*. Therefore, *“If the poor person cannot come to health services, health services must go to the person”*. This is the mission of the CHAP project: to provide basic health care to the poor using a mobile van. These four examples demonstrate our willingness to “push the envelope” and strive to reach as many people as possible. To my knowledge, our club has never undertaken initiatives of such magnitude. It’s a reflection of our dedication and collaboration as an organization.

Moreover, we must give thanks to your wallets and pocketbooks. Through your generosity, we not only met our goal in our annual giving to The Rotary Foundation and The Gundaker Foundation, but also we exceeded it by 109% and 121%, respectively. With your gifts—which have been recognized by the 7450 District and the Rotary International President this year—WEGO has reached higher and gone farther in our commitment to these foundations. These contributions will also go a long way in contributing to future WEGO projects that we, I am sure, will embark on.

Thanks to the dedicated team of members of our Scholarship Committee who provided two Vocational Scholarships of \$1,500.00 each during this year. This suggests that WEGO will continue to find ways to support the community and its students... to further their education beyond high school and help them shape their lives. Here’s another example of ingenuity and dedication: We have a new theme for our Duck Race called “WEGO Works”. I am confident that this theme will bring in more donations than previous years to our club so that WEGO can embark on new initiatives that we have not undertaken before. Thanks to you, the chairman of the Duck Race Committee for your tireless enthusiasm. If this is not reaching higher, going farther and making a difference in people lives, what else would it be?

The essence of our Club is that we are family. And like a family, we share our successes and learn from our disappointments. Like a family, we may not always agree with one another but have great respect. Like a family, we have to do things that we don’t always want to do. Let’s face it, there are probably times when we wish we could be anywhere but at a meeting or standing in the cold ringing a bell for the Salvation Army. But the glue that holds us together is a desire to serve others, make a contribution to the world, and help the human spirit shine.

As members of WEGO Rotary we have incredible opportunities to learn. I have learned what makes people into leaders. It’s not that they are born with anything more than each of us is born with. So what is it that makes them stand up and fight for a belief and inspire others to do the same? I believe it’s having a passion so great that it truly becomes service above self.

I believe that everyone here at WEGO is a great leader. We each have the power to set an example for others, and to inspire them to share in our passion for the betterment of our world. This to me is what our Club is really about - to rise above personal needs and to achieve great things together.

Our vision and culture is something we all must live and breathe everyday. For WEGO Rotary the challenge is to stay focused on core principles while pushing boundaries. For these reasons – and many more – I could not be more proud – or more privileged – to be the 2006-2007 We-Go President.

Thank you and GOD bless us all.

**MAJOR GENERAL WALLACE ARNOLD...**The following letter of resignation from Wally Arnold is reprinted here. Wally is moving back to the Virginia area after completing his term as Cheyney University’s President. We wish **Wally** and **Earlene** all the best as they settle back into their old stomping grounds.

Dear Dr. Malya, Mr. Davis and Members of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary:

This letter is to inform you that I will be terminating my membership with the Westtown-Goshen Rotary because I will be departing the area in early July. I have completed my tenure as interim president of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania and will be moving

shortly to Hampton, Virginia.

I have greatly enjoyed my membership with the Westtown-Goshen Rotary, as you truly understand and perform the mission of Rotary extremely well. Whenever I have the opportunity to visit in the future, I will certainly do so.

My very best wishes to all of you and may WE-GO continue to grow and prosper and carry out the mission of Rotary in an outstanding way in the future.

Sincerely,  
Wallace C. Arnold

#### **AND FINALLY, SOME 4TH OF JULY QUOTES...**

“As congressmen prepare to embark on their weeklong Independence Day recess, there will be no vacation at the beach for the 177,000 U.S. troops in Iraq or Afghanistan. While the rest of their countrymen are carping about \$3 per gallon gasoline and whining about long lines at airports, young Americans deployed along the Tigris and Euphrates will don 50-pound flak jackets and Kevlar helmets and do battle against suicidal Islamic radicals in 130-degree heat. But no matter how effective our troops are, it’s unlikely to make its way to the front page of your newspaper or the evening news.” —Oliver North

“In its main features the Declaration of Independence is a spiritual document. It is a declaration not of material but spiritual conceptions. Equality, liberty, popular sovereignty, the rights of man—these are not elements which we can see and touch. They are ideals. They have their source and their roots in religious convictions. They belong to the unseen world. Unless the faith of the American people in these religious convictions is to endure, the principles of our Declaration will perish. We cannot continue to enjoy the result if we neglect and abandon the cause. If all men are created equal, that is final. If they are endowed with inalienable rights, that is final. If governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed, that is final. No advance, no progress can be made beyond these propositions. If anyone wishes to deny their truth and their soundness, the only direction in which he can proceed historically is not forward, but backward toward the time when there was no equality, no rights of the individual, no rule of the people. Those who wish to proceed in that direction cannot lay claim to progress.” —Calvin Coolidge

“Somewhere in our growing up we began to be aware of the meaning of days and with that awareness came the birth of patriotism. July Fourth is the birthday of our nation. I believed as a boy, and believe even more today, that it is the birthday of the greatest nation on earth... In recent years, however, I’ve come to think of that day as more than just the birthday of a nation. It also commemorates the only true philosophical revolution in all history. Oh, there have been revolutions before and since ours. But those revolutions simply exchanged one set of rules for another. Ours was a revolution that changed the very concept of government. Let the Fourth of July always be a reminder that here in this land, for the first time, it was decided that man is born with certain God-given rights; that government is only a convenience created and managed by the people, with no powers of its own except those voluntarily granted to it by the people. We sometimes forget that great truth, and we never should. Happy Fourth of July.” —Ronald Reagan

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...**

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| <b>13-14 July</b> | <b>R.I. Presidential event regarding membership</b> |
| <b>25 July</b>    | <b>Phillies Night at Citizens Ball Park</b>         |
| <b>23 Aug</b>     | <b>Rotary Foundation, R.I.’s President’s visit</b>  |