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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

July 13, 2007

AND WE'RE OFF... President Larry Whitaker rang in the first official meeting of the 2007-2008 Rotary year with authority. The opening bell was not as loud as past President's, i.e. Frank Roia, but it got the job done. President Larry is taking the bull by the horns and working hard to keep our club moving in the right direction. With the new year comes new goals and objectives, and changes in how we conduct club business. We're all behind you Mr. President in your quest for excellence.

WELCOME ANDREW LILL... WeGo proudly welcomes its newest Rotarian **Andrew Lill**, who was sponsored by **Bob Adams**. After the induction ceremony the first visible sign of change from our new president was the implementation of a very brief classification talk by our newest member. Rather than keep us in suspense for a couple of months, **Prexy Larry** wanted the membership to get the early scoop on the new guy. Andrew is an investment banker with Deutsche Bank and specializes in helping businesses with financial and investment solutions. Andrew hails from the Allentown area and graduated from Syracuse University. Andrew is married with two toddlers ages 3 and 1. We look forward to his full classification speech in the future.

GET YOUR PHOTOS... President Larry asks everyone in attendance at the President's dinner on June 28th to please pick up your complimentary photos of you and your spouses. There are also snapshots of the change of command and swearing in.

CHANGES ARE COMING... It's been said that "That which cannot change will not survive." Change is inevitable. Our club's charter members will remember how hard it was to change from the plaid pants, Elvis collar snap down silk shirts, white belts and white shoes, and sideburns below the jaw-line. They remember the pain of letting go of the old, so they could grasp on to the new. The future changes of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Foundation By-laws won't be quite as painful, but nonetheless, it is change. Besides the typical corrections due to club location, spelling errors etc. the by-laws will be amended to show a new fiscal year, duration of elected directors etc.

Foundation Secretary **Bob Adams** handed out a copy of the by-laws to all present at the July 12th meeting. This document contains the proposed language suggested by a few Rotarians. At the Club Board of Directors meeting on Friday the 13th, it was agreed that two (2) weeks would be allotted for every single Rotarian of our club to read the by-laws and submit their comments in writing, either via email or letter, to club Secretary **Reese Davis** by **Thursday July 26th**. After all comments from the

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club membership are gathered, the club board of directors will review the recommended changes and comments from the membership. The board will then present the by-laws to the membership with their recommendation for club approval. All members are strongly encouraged to participate in this important review process.

ATTENDANCE YO-YO'S... Club Secretary **Reese Davis** reports that our attendance is up and down like a yo-yo. The merry month of May we skyrocketed to 93%. In June we bottomed out at 84%. All of us must do a better job of making up. If you don't know how to make up please see one of our 100% attendees, they'll show you the ropes.

WEGO DELIVERY SURVEY COMING SOON... Your WEGO staff is putting together another survey to determine how each of you prefers to receive the newsletter. In an effort to save on printing and postage costs we could be saving a lot more money for the club by increasing our electronic email delivery. We recognize that our senior members probably prefer the paper copy and we're happy to accommodate them, however, if you can find your way around the computer and can print out the newsletter for you and your spouse to read then by all means please ask for the electronic version.

SUMMERTIME IS MONEY TIME... Our trusty Club Treasurer **Bob Thomas** would like to remind our membership that club dues are due now. This year the annual dues are \$150.00. If you choose the semi-annual payment plan then your cost is \$160.00, or \$80.00 per six month period. Please mail your checks to Bob as soon as possible, address on the portside masthead.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES... President **Larry** will be outlining his goals and objectives for our club this year at the next meeting. Your WEGO staff and the board of directors have already had a sneak preview, and it looks as if it's going to be another busy year for WeGo.

80 DAYS TO GO... Eighty days may seem like a long way off, but before you know it we'll be running around like ducks with their heads cut off trying to run our annual fundraiser at the Goose Creek Grill. We still need two more major (\$2,500) duck race sponsors. So far we have the Exton Mall, Calista Grand Spa, and Academy One. We have a proposal into First National Bank of Chester County and hope to hear back from them shortly. The Comfort Inn recently became a \$1,000 sponsor. Before we go to print tickets we must have our major sponsors identified. Each major sponsor will be identified on a certain color of duck certificates. As soon as we are given authorization we will be attaching to the newsletter a "Duck Race Assignment" document put together by **Dave Moldoff**. It's time to get serious and start quacking around!

NEW WEGO WEBSITE GOES LIVE... After endless nights and weekends of continuous work, the new Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club's website is finally live!! Please check out the new website at www.wegorotary.com and let **Seth Birch** know of any changes or additions you may want to see. We hope to use the new website as a tool for recruitment and a way of letting the general public know of future events and accomplishments the club has achieved.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

25 July	Phillies Night at Citizens Ball Park
23 Aug	Rotary Foundation, R.I.'s President's visit