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

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**Attention Members** – Material to be placed in the We-Go Newsletter should be sent to editor Bob Bielski at the following e-mail address: [bobb4isu@verizon.net](mailto:bobb4isu@verizon.net). Thank you for your attention.

**Ginny Bracken** – Virginia S. Bracken, 91, passed away on Monday, June 23, 2008, at Sunrise Senior Living, Dresher, PA. Ginny was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania on April 4, 1917. She was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Exton. She is survived by her husband James Bracken, a long-time member of WeGo. Her survivors also include a son and daughter, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Ginny was very proud to let some of us know that she had a quite famous first cousin, Red Schoendienst of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team.

**Club Attendance for Rotary Year 2007-2008** – Our diligent secretary reports that our club attendance for the past Rotary Year was 84.37%. The following members had perfect attendance for the year: **Corcoran, Dodia, Kahn, Olszewski, Penfil, Retallick, Rudiger, Stokes, Thomas, and Whitaker**. Several members missed only one meeting.

**Ambassadorial Scholarship – Kristen A. Peck** – On last Thursday Govinda Malya announced that Kristen has been chosen as the recipient of the Ambassadorial Scholarship by Rotary District 7450 for the year 2009-2010. She was sponsored by We-Go Rotary Club, and Kristen is the third recipient of this Scholarship through our club's efforts. We thank Govinda and Reese Davis for their efforts in assisting and giving Kristen directions to achieving this great award. **Vanessa Cuerel** was the first recipient in 2002-2003 sponsored by Keath Fetter and Govinda Malya, and Brendon Johnson was the second recipient in 2007-2008 sponsored by Ed Olsavicky and Govinda Malya. We-Go should be justly proud of these efforts!

**Goshen Country Fair Needs Volunteers** – Bill Hicks announced that the Goshen Country Fair needs several volunteers. If you are interested let Bill know. Volunteers are needed on July 29<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> in the evenings.

**Exchange Student from Austria** – John Spellman announced that our club will sponsor a youth exchange student this Rotary Year. The young man is Philipp Allmaier. More information later about this young man.

**President Mark Addresses the Club** – Mark announced the R.I. President's theme for 2008-2009. It is **Make Dreams Real**. R.I. is expected to focus this year on world hunger. Mark stated that some 26,000 children die every day worldwide. Five million children die every year due to malnutrition. Mark would like to see our club seek out a world hunger project during his Rotary Year.

Mark thanked Larry Whitaker for all his efforts as president during a year filled with sadness as we lost two members, Jeff Toalton and Kent Stokes. Mark wants the membership to especially

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assist in bringing new members into our club. We need to strive for greater age and gender diversity. Seth Birch will serve as honcho for new memberships. Prez Mark will provide home-cooked meals for those members who succeed in bringing in new members.

Mark said that Travis Olszewski will serve as program chair during 2008-2009. Each member should make sound suggestions for visiting speakers and present those suggestions to Travis. Good programs always improve attendance. It is very important that all members treat our guest speakers with respect and keep quiet during their presentations.

Mark indicated that the sale of soft pretzels and fancy root beer netted \$540; the check was passed to Ann Trevisan for deposit into our Vocational Scholarship Fund. Mark's firm provided the goodies in conjunction with the West Chester Criterium Bike Race.

President Mark is serving his second time as club president and as a result has adopted a Country and Western song title as his special and personal theme for his year. It is *"I'm not as good as I once was, but I'm as good as I ever was!"*.

**Dues Are Due** – Treasurer Bob Thomas announced that club dues for 2008-2009 will be \$165 for the year. If you wish to pay twice a year the amount is \$85. Get your checks to Bob asap.

**Thursday's Dinner Program** – We will have a Classification Talk by our newest member and lots of talk from Dave Moldoff concerning our Duck Race to be held in about 12 weeks.