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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

August 13, 2007

PAST PRESIDENT KNOCKS RUST OFF...Our illustrious and debonair past president **Mark Rudiger** was at the helm this past Thursday night. Flashbacks to 1999 crept into everyone's minds as Mark rang the bell and commenced the meeting. Mark was knocking off the rust from his first administration and polishing up the gavel for his second term next year. President **Larry Whitaker** was absent for the best reason ever given by a sitting president; his first grandchild was born! **Brandon James Trainor** entered our world late Thursday night. Both Mom and baby are healthy and doing just fine. We wish the entire **Whitaker** family God's blessings as they enjoy their beautiful new gift from God.

COURTESY CALL PLEASE...Calling all WeGo Rotarians! On behalf of our club and our current administration, your volunteer WEGO editor would like to remind everyone of their manners when our meetings are in progress. For those of us who need to really listen to take notes so information can be conveyed accurately, it is very disturbing to have to fight to listen over the constant chatter. When the bell rings it means to politely cease talking and direct your attention to the podium. It is very difficult to stand at the podium and address the club with an important message while loud talking is going on. Out of respect for your fellow Rotarians, prospective new members and the speaker, please refrain from talking during the course of the meeting. Thank you!

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS INTERVIEW...WeGo's candidate for the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, **Mr. Brendon Johnson** will be interviewed by the District 7450 committee on Saturday, August 18th. As you may recall, Brendon gave our club an excellent presentation on Aid to South Africa. Brendon is a rising star hoping to shine light on world poverty, hunger and health throughout the globe. We wish him the best of luck!

DON'T SHOW UP AT H.I. THIS WEEK...Program chairman **Ed Olsavicky** has arranged a tour of the 911 Emergency Services Center located in the Chester County Government Services building on Westtown Rd. Boxed dinners are the selected cuisine at a cost of **\$12.00** per person. This is a **CASH ONLY** event. Please do not bring a check made out to WeGo. If you sign up, you must pay up, unless you call Ed Olsavicky at **484-356-9108** by Tuesday morning the 14th. Guests are invited. So far we have 21 persons signed up. This is a very good tour filled with a lot of information about 911 response and control. The tour begins at 6:00 p.m., please be on time.

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Directions: Rte. 202 to Westtown Rd. West on Westtown Rd. past auto park dealers. Government Services building (big gray building) on right side at number 601 just across from A. Duie Pyle trucking.

LET'S GET GREEN...And pick up some trash! Our Environmental Ambassador and "road" scholar, **Mr. Jeff Toaltoan** is looking for trash grabbers, trash haulers, and road kill chefs for our quarterly trash pick up along Rte. 926 in Westtown. Plan to meet on Saturday August 25th at **Dr. Kenton Stokes** parking lot. New clean gloves provided. Please see Jeff to volunteer. Afterwards, as in previous years, **Mr. Nick Christie** invites all volunteers to a free breakfast at his Burger King on West Chester Pike.

DUCK RACE SIGNS READY...The Duck Race signs that advertise our fundraiser are available now for pickup. Team Captains please remember you're responsible to see that your "chickies" get these signs prominently displayed in local storefronts.

WHAT'S THE WORD ON MICH?...We have heard rumors that our favorite and highly decorated WW II Veteran, **Mr. Mich Michener**, has taken a fall. Secretary **Reese Davis** will follow up with the Michener's to see how he's doing. Please keep them in your prayers.

WANT TO MEET THE PRESIDENT OF R.I.?...Rotary Districts 7430 and 7450 cordially invite Zone 31 & 32 Clubs, their members and guests to greet **President WILF J. WILKINSON**, and to honor Paul Harris Society Charter Members and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation, at a Reception and Dinner.

When: **Thursday, August 23, 2007.**

Location: The Radnor Hotel, St. Davids, PA 19087

Time: 5-7 pm Registration; 6-7 pm Reception; 7 pm Dinner

Hosted by: Governors Russ deFuria , 7450 and Gerry Long, 7430

Directions: (Hotel is @ Exit 13 of I-476; Rooms are available for overnight stay by calling the hotel directly at 800-537-3000 ASAP or at <http://www.radnorhotel.com>; make mention of Rotary for a special rate)

RSVP by August 19, 2007 to: <http://www.rotary7450.org/common/WilkinsonDinnerflyer.pdf>

Cost is \$75.00 per person

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION...WeGo was treated to a special presentation by their fellow Rotarian, **Dr. Jeff Penfil**, on his recent trip to Israel with his fellow congregational members. Jeff had over 400 photos on a slide show for us to view during dinner. From floating on the Dead Sea, to diving in the Mediterranean, Jeff and his family and friends did it all. Jeff surprised his wife **Sue** with a quote from Baal Shem Tov: *From every human being there rises a light that goes straight to heaven. When two souls that are destined to be together find each other, their streams of light flow together, and a single, brighter light goes forth from their united being.* After reading this to Sue, Jeff got on bended knee and proposed to her again. She did say "Yes" again. Romantic indeed.

One of the greatest attributes of being a Rotarian is getting to know a little bit about our fellow members and their passions. Jeff has a tremendous passion for his religious heritage, world peace, and his ancestors holy land, Israel. We've attached a poem written by Jeff titled *I Remember*; and an article titled *Homeland* written by his daughter Rachael, which was published in the Jewish Voice in the Young Writers Corner. Enjoy!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

23 Aug

Rotary Foundation, R.I.'s President's visit

“I remember” – Dr. Jeffrey Penfil

All the planning
All the emails
All the details
The itineraries, and I do mean plural
I remember

The year and more of waiting
All the anticipation
The preparatory salivation
The “countdown”
I remember

Meeting in the KI parking lot
The picture in front of the colorful Krapf’s bus
The EIAI flights
The Hebrew on the plane
The excitement of the group
I remember

Some sadness touches us all
An unexpectedly broken pelvis
Lots of people successively ill
Hotel issues in Eilat
I remember

But even from the wheelchair smiles abounded
Everyone recovered
Eilat and Petra were beautiful
I remember

Israel is a natural wonder
The Negev
The mountains and springs
Ein Gedi and other oases
The lush Golan and Galilee
The Rift Valley
I remember

Did I mention water?
Swimming in the Med
Floating in the Dead
Diving in the Red
Boating on the Galilee
Oh, the Seas of Israel
Plus, kayaking/falling into the Jordan
I remember

Ben-Gurion wanted to bring life to the desert
Fish farms
Revolutionary methods of irrigation
Fresh fruits – banana, persimmon, papaya, mango, watermelon, etc.,
etc., etc.
Neot Kedumim
The only nation with more trees now than 100 years ago!
I remember

Israel is world history
Canaanites, Hebrews, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Islamists,
Crusaders, Ottomans

The Promised Land is central to all
The confluence of three continents
The crucible of three religions
The past and the future
From a small blip on the map
I remember

Israel is Jewish history
The Wall and its tunnels
Hezekiah’s tunnel and Gihon spring
City of David
Masada
Independence Hall
The many wars of the modern era
Rabin Square
Yad Vashem
I remember

Israel is mystical
The alleys and byways of Tzfat
The Jewish Quarter
Kabbalat Shabbat on the patio
The Wall in the evening
The Israeli flags waving under a full moon
I remember

Israel is memories
Old friendships renewed
New friendships begun
A wonderful group, with perfect chemistry
Sharing it all with our parents and children – a thing to treasure
I remember

Israel is, most of all
Love
The celebration of the B’Not Mitzvah
Of both of our daughters
Shared with other celebrants
In Jerusalem
I remember

Israel is where we
Renewed our Commitment to
Each Other
Pinat Shorashim is Forever
In My Heart
Sue, Ani L’Dodi v’Dodi Li
I’ll always love you
I remember

Israel is hope and love
Love of life
Love of family
Love of God
Love of The Other
Hope for a future
Hope for Peace

Remember