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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

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BRENDON JOHNSON TO BE AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR... WeGo's candidate for the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, **Mr. Brendon Johnson** was interviewed by the District 7450 committee on Saturday, August 18th. Brendon outshined all six competitors and was awarded the scholarship. The next step for Brendon is to select the Universities of his choice for study abroad. 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. A special **WEGO THANK YOU!** goes out to **Ed Olsavicky** and **Govinda Malya** who worked with Brendon on his interviewing techniques and poise. Ed also accompanied Brendon during the interview. Be proud fellow Rotarians! We have just launched a very fine young man onto a career filled with making our world a better place to live.

HERE'S THE WORD ON MICH MICHENER... As reported by Club Secretary **Reese Davis**, Mich fell and broke his hip about 6 weeks ago and smashed his ear during the fall, which required surgery. Mich spent two weeks in the hospital, and has been in rehab for the past four weeks. Reese has sent him a card on behalf of WeGo. Please keep Mich and Dot in your prayers. Mich is one of the toughest men I have ever known in my life, yet he is the most gentle of all human beings. A true Quaker to say the least.

For those of you new to WeGo, Mich served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a conscientious objector. His Quaker upbringing disallowed him from participating in combat actions, but he could serve in the medical field. During an enemy engagement near a minefield, a fellow soldier was severely wounded. Mich rushed to his friend's side to render aid. While lifting his friend to carry him out of the battle area, Mich slipped in mud and stepped on a land mine. His injuries were life threatening as he had lost part of his foot, and severely wounded his other leg. Mich was then discharged from the Army and returned home.

For his gallantry and bravery above and beyond the call of duty, Mich was awarded the Silver Star medal, which is one of the nation's highest honors, third in line to the Medal of Honor. Mich never had his medal officially pinned on his chest by a General Officer, as was the protocol for such distinction. Due to his injuries and hospitalization, he was somehow passed over. Several years ago on Veterans Day, our club organized a Salute to Veterans and a surprise ceremony honoring Mich. A two-star General from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard made the journey with his entourage, and Mich's family and friends were present to witness the official event that never occurred.

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AND THE WINNERS ARE...The vote tally is final. There will be no recount, no hanging chads, no lawsuits. Your newly elected Foundation members are: **Seth Birch, Bob Thomas, Ann Trevisan, John O'Brien and Dr. Jeff Penfil**. Congratulations to all as you embark on your two year term!

NEW MEMBER PROPOSED...Past President **Mark Rudiger** is proposing **Joseph Celia** as a potential new member to our club. Joe is employed by Advanced Audio Visual as an installation manager. Please give Joe a big WeGo welcome. If any Rotarians oppose Joe's nomination to membership please see President **Larry Whitaker** as soon as possible within the next 14 days.

TRASH PICK UP BAGS ELEVEN...Your trusty WEGO editor did a drive by down 926 on Saturday afternoon and by his count; eleven bags of trash were collected by our trusty trash grabbers. Despite the stifling heat and humidity, the following dedicated Rotarians (and some of them very elderly we might add), sweated out the conditions and made 926 beautiful again: **Travis Olszewski, Seth Birch, Dr. Kenton Stokes, Bill Retallick, D.J. Tindall, Jeff Toalton**.

DUCK RACE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE...If you are not in possession of your book of one hundred duck race certificates please see your duck race captain as soon as possible. We only have 41 days until the big event. If you forgot who your captain is, we reprinted it below. This Thursday the 30th, **Dave Moldoff** will be conducting the program to iron out details of the duck race.

TEAM HUEY: John O'Brien (Team Captain); Travis Olszewski; Jeff Brown; Leo Gibbons; Andrew Lill; Bill Hicks; Harshad Dodia; Pete Galantino.

TEAM LOUIE: Ed Olsavicky (Team Captain); Bob Adams; Nick Christie; Keath Fetter; Ginni DiFronzo; Lou Karman; Joe Cunnane; John Spellman.

TEAM DEWEY: Dr. Kenton Stokes (Team Captain); Bob Bielski; Joe Kahn; Stan Krangle; Jeff Toalton; Milt Stith; Charlie Scipione; Vic Orlando; Dixie Peters.

TEAM DONALD: Mark Rudiger (Team Captain); Tom Corcoran; Reese Davis; Govinda Malya; Bill Retallick, Vasy Theodorides; Bob Thomas; Doris J. Tyndal.

TEAM DAISY: Dave Moldoff (Team Captain); Seth Birch; Ginni Ingram; Nick Gagliardi; Jeffrey Penfil; Ann Trevisan; Larry Whitaker; John Young.

HERE'S THE 411 ON THE 911 TOUR...That's crafty text messaging lexicon for "information" on the 911 emergency services tour at the Chester County Government Services building. Last week WeGo was treated to a "box dinner" and a tour of the 911 call center. It was informative, delightful, cool, interesting, dark, secure, and tasty all in one. Thanks to **Ed Olsavicky** for organizing the event, and to **Travis Olszewski** for lugging a huge cooler filled with beverages down several flights of stairs, through miles of hallways, zigzagging through cubicles, and busting through locked doorways. The man has got some serious biceps!