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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

September 16, 2009

Frocularity Fellowship Picnic – Ed Olsavicky and Dixie Peters have organized a special We-Go fellowship meeting for this Thursday, September 17th at the Dixie Peters Fellowship Compound at 5 Twin Pine Way, Glen Mills, PA. This is an opportunity to share Rotary with friends and potential members. Bring your spouses, co-workers and family. All are welcome at 5 p.m. for refreshments; a barbecue dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. It will be catered by Jimmy Davis. This is a fellowship meeting; there is no speaker.

Directions to Dixie Peters Compound: From U.S. 202, east on Pa 926 for 3.8 miles. Turn right on Tanguy Road, make left onto Twin Pine and look for Rotary signs. **We will be passing the hat for funds to cover this event.** This will be a wonderful way to share Rotary with our friends.

Speaker on Thursday, September 10th – President-Elect Leo Gibbons introduced our dinner speaker, Steve Rakoczy. Steve has formed a business to help seniors and disabled adults remain independent in their homes. One of the greatest fears among senior citizens is the fear of falling. Falling is a primary catalyst for hospital admissions amongst seniors. Steve's business provides service for those persons who return home after hospitalization and need care as they recover from their injuries or surgeries. The firm provides caring companionship, light housekeeping, meal planning and preparation, showering and bathing assistance, and most any task you may need to remain independent in your home. We thank Steve for his excellent presentation.

Volunteer Linda Kaat and the Brandywine Battlefield – On August 27th our dinner speaker was Linda Kaat. Linda is a community volunteer for the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates. Under the current budget impasse in Pennsylvania no State funds are available to keep the Park open to the public. Since the State announcement of closure, the volunteers have organized to attempt to keep the Park open. Linda and her Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates are seeking more memberships to their organization so that they can keep this historic site open to everyone. Linda Kaat's presentation included film of reenactments that have been staged at this site. This battle was the largest engagement of the Revolutionary War and was fought on September 11, 1777. Washington's colonial army lost the battle and the British moved into Philadelphia. We-Go was deeply impressed with Linda's presentation.

Program on September 3rd – We-Go's **Seth Birch** provided a program on the "Basics of Rotary". The purpose of his presentation was to remind the members of WEGO and inform the newer members of the club, what Rotary is all about. If you missed his presentation the video he showed could be viewed on the "about" page of the clubs website at www.wegorotary.org/about.

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Message from Brendon – Brendon writes that his time in Syria has been enlightening so far. He has completed the details of his 2009/2010 “**Bridging Cultural Divides**” Service Project. He is hoping to create a video of the project. If you wish to read his complete email see Bob Bielski for a copy.

SELL DUCK TICKETS – If you have not received tickets or you need more tickets see Bob Thomas. Can we sell more tickets than last year???

A Memorial to Grandfather Penfil – Death (by Alli Penfil)

I wonder why things are taken from us

At a moment’s notice

The things

The people

That we care about most

Are gone

Why is there sometimes no warning?

Why do we have to experience such pain?

Is it a part of life?

Or do we just say it’s a part of life?

Is that some fantasy we make up just to make ourselves feel better?

If so why?

Why can’t we just deal with the pain?

Is it because there is reason

No explanation for why things

Why people have to end?

Sometimes I wish I knew someone with all the answers

The one person who could say “this is why”

But that person doesn’t exist

So we have to try to find answers ourselves

And that is why we have each other

We must cope

Start over again in a sense

But we must never, never, forget