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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

November 2, 2011

Meeting This Thursday – Our featured speaker this week is **Bill Sinton** who will be introduced by Bob Thomas. Bill's topic is "**Geothermal Heating and Cooling For Homeowners**". Scheduled for the attendance table are Larry Whitaker and Lou Karman. John Spellman has the invocation, and Milt Stith has the Rotary minute. The thank you to the dinner speaker will be in the hands of Seth Birch.

Meeting on November 10 – **Mark Rudiger** is our program speaker and his topic is "**11/11/2011**". The attendance table will be served by Dale Yeager and Dave Moldoff, the invocation will be presented by Bob Thomas, and the Rotary minute will be delivered by John Spellman. After Mark's program, Jeff Penfil will graciously thank Mark for his presentation.

Club Board Meeting – President Ed has called for a Board meeting immediately after our Club meeting this Thursday, November 3d.

Meeting on Thursday, November 17th – We-Go members are invited to President Ed's house, and our program will be handled by **Dixie Peters**. Details as to Pres. Ed's house will be provided later. We-Go will not meet on November 24th, Thanksgiving holiday.

Blood Drive Set for November 10 – **Lisa Balch** has announced that the fall blood drive will take place in the gym at Penn Wood Elementary School from 12:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. You can call Lisa at 610-399- 1190 for a scheduled appointment. This is a free way to provide community service, it saves lives and it counts as a Rotary make-up.

District 7450 Conference Registration has been Extended – It is not too late to register for the District Conference scheduled for November 11 and 12 at the Desmond Conference Center in Malvern, PA.

District Governor Bonnie Korengel Will Visit We-Go on December 1 – The annual visit of the 7450 District Governor will occur on Thursday, December 1 at 6 P. M. at the Inn. We should welcome her with our generous We-Go spirit. Let's have a good turnout that evening.

We-Go Rotary Foundation Update by Jeff Penfil – The We-Go Rotary Foundation was created in 1982, replacing the Club's former Charity Committee, to provide a tax exempt organization which would become the recipient of charitable contributions and dispenser of grants to worthy recipients. Every Club member is a member of the We-Go Rotary Foundation. As such, each Club member is invited to every Foundation Board meeting, and all are welcome to

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contribute to the conversation.

The Foundation Board makes all final decisions regarding charitable contributions. However, these decisions are made following significant input by our Club membership. Jeff indicated that the Board voted early in this Rotary year that the bulk of our funds collected at this year's Duck Race will go towards the ESLL ball field project, but that we would also consider funding other projects if they are near and dear to our hearts.

In other words, the Foundation executes the wishes of the Club and does not set the direction or establish how the funds are to be spent directly without input from the Club membership and the officers of We-Go.

Jeff also reviewed how the Foundation Board is constituted; there are eleven directors that includes the Foundation President, President-Elect and immediate Past President and eight at-large members. Jeff, we thank you for presenting this important element of our Club structure.

A Bit of Humor (provided by Tom Corcoran)

THE DARWIN AWARD

This award goes to the person or persons who did the gene pool the biggest service by killing themselves in the most extraordinary stupid way.

The award was, as always, presented posthumously. The Arizona Highway Patrol came upon a pile of smoldering metal embedded in the side of a cliff rising above the road at the apex of a curve. The wreckage resembled the site of an airplane crash, but it was a car. The type of car was unidentifiable at the scene. Police investigators finally pieced together the mystery.

An amateur rocket scientist had somehow gotten hold of a solid-fuel rocket that is used to give heavy military transport planes an extra push for taking off from short airfields. He had driven his Chevy Impala out into the desert and found a long, straight stretch of road. He attached the rocket unit to the car, jumped in, got up some speed and fired off the rocket.

The facts as best could be determined are that the operator of the 1967 Impala hit the rocket ignition at a distance of approximately 3 miles from the crash site. This was established by the scorched and melted asphalt at that location. The rocket would have reached maximum thrust within 5 seconds, causing the Chevy to reach speeds well in excess of 350 mph and continuing at full power for an additional 20-25 seconds. The driver, and soon-to-be pilot, would have experienced G-forces usually reserved for dog fighting F-14 jocks under full afterburners, causing him to become irrelevant for the remainder of the event. However, the automobile remained on the straight highway for about 2.5 miles (15-20 seconds) before the driver applied and completely melted the brakes, blowing the tires and leaving thick rubber marks on the road surface, then becoming airborne for an additional 1.4 miles and impacting the cliff face at a height of 125 feet, leaving a blackened crater 3 feet deep in the rock. Most of the driver's remains were not recoverable.

Epilogue: It has been calculated that the "driver" attained a ground speed of approximately 420 mph, though much of his voyage was not actually on the ground.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 3 – Club meeting at Days Hotel, 6:00 p.m.

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December 8 – Holiday party