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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

March 11, 2010

Message from President Jeff – “Please plan to attend our Club Assembly this coming Thursday. It will be a critical meeting for all of us. Our club is, I’m sure we’re all aware, becoming stagnant, and we need to share our ideas regarding the future direction our club must take. While I am far from certain what that direction will be, I do know this: You are all valued members of our club, with unique qualities that, together, can bring us back to where we used to be. So, this meeting will be an open forum in which we will share our thoughts, feeling and ideas. Our club is at a crossroads, and together we will decide on the correct path. Be there as we begin our journey!”

Ambassadorial Scholar Kristen Peck – The following email message was received by Govinda Malya and Reese Davis from Kristen: Good evening. I hope this email finds you well. After nearly six months as an Ambassadorial Scholar, I have become fully immersed in the academic and Rotary responsibilities of my scholarship. Rotary has played an instrumental role in my achievements since my pre-departure preparations with my sponsor club and MAST. I wanted to take the time to thank you all for your interest and support in my scholarship year. In the event that you are interested in reading further about my scholarship progress, please refer to the attached formal report. **If any club member wishes to read her progress report see Govinda, Reese, or Bob Bielski.**

We-Go to Visit Freedom Village on March 18 – On March 18 our Club will have a social visit with Mitch and Dot Michener. The event has been arranged by Secretary Reese Davis. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Freedom Village is located in the Coatesville region; precise directions will be provided in the next newsletter.

Tax Deductibility of Donations to Our Club – Ann Trevisan offers the following advice as tax time approaches. Some We-Go members have asked for letters concerning donations and tax deductibility of these donations. The following should help you in understanding the tax implications of donations: The Rotary Foundation is filed as a 501(c)3 entity with the IRS. Cash donations are deductible as allowed by the IRS. Donations for goods or services (i.e., “silent auction” purchases), however, are offset by the *value* of the goods or services that you receive. This issue should be discussed with your tax professional if you need further clarification.

Dinner Speaker on March 4 – Our speaker, **Ron Moyer**, is a member of the Twin Valley Rotary Club and serves on the District 7450 Rotoplast Committee. Ron apprised our membership of the work the District does to support countries that cannot perform plastic surgery on poor children who suffer with cleft lips and cleft palates. Such birth deformities affect speech, feeding, hearing and psychological development. Ron has served as a non-surgical volunteer to Peru, India and China. This year a team of surgeons are planning to go to Vietnam. Our District in the past ten years has assisted about 1,000 patients at a cost of \$1,000 per child. The District is seeking funds for the trip to Vietnam that is estimated at \$50,000. Ron is hoping that each club sponsor a child at \$1,000. Ron Moyer provided our Club with images of his trip to India in 2007. Thank you, Ron.

“ If nominated , I will not run; if elected, I will not serve.”

– Gen William Tecumseh Sherman

Rotary Club of Westtown-Goshen

GUNDAKER ANNUAL APPEAL **Rotary District 7450**

Dear Fellow We-Go Rotarian:

The Gundaker Foundation's Annual Fund Raising Campaign is under way. The Gundaker Foundation was established to better serve the people and Rotary Clubs from District 7450. All 53 clubs in our District network together through the Gundaker Foundation to help improve the quality of life for many deserving people.

The Gundaker Foundation annual budget covers the following areas:

1. Matching Club Funds for both local and international projects (we have already received \$2,000 from Gundaker this year to support We-Go projects).
2. Helping local graduate and undergraduate students with educational costs.
3. Helping our District to provide one of Rotary International's best "Club to Club" High School Exchange Programs for both Inbound and Outbound students.

Many hours are donated by District Rotarians to administer the above programs. These Rotarians are rewarded by the smiles and thank yous from the many young people who have been helped by the Gundaker programs. We need your financial assistance annually to continue to provide these important programs.

While We-Go currently has several Guy Gundaker Fellows, but I'm looking forward to the time when every member of our club becomes a Guy Gundaker Fellow (representing total Gundaker contributions of \$1,000 or more). To encourage maximum We-Go participation this year, our club's Foundation will provide \$50 to match each contribution of \$50 or more.

Thank you for your support,

Stanley Krangel
We-Go Gundaker Representative



Pledge: To support the programs of the Gundaker Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation of Rotary District 7450, I will make the following contribution:

- \$1,000 Guy Gundaker Fellowship
- \$50 Guy Gundaker Sustaining Membership Contribution (to be matched by the We-Go Foundation so my Sustaining Membership Contribution for this year will total \$100.)
- \$100 Guy Gundaker Sustaining Membership Contribution (to be matched with \$50 from the We-Go Foundation so my Sustaining Membership Contribution for this year will total \$150.)
- \$25 Other Amount: \$ _____

I will pay by: Check enclosed Have Treasurer bill me

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return the pledge form and check to me at the next We-Go meeting or mail to:
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