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The Newsletter of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club

June 1, 2011

WeGo has a Facebook page! – There has been a ‘fan page’ created on Facebook for the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club. The page will serve as an additional avenue to promote the happenings of the club. Rotary news, pictures, and event information should be sent to wegorotary@gmail.com for it to be broadcasted to the Facebook community. I suggest all members that have a Facebook account become a fan of the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club fan page by clicking the link below, and tell your friends to do the same...

[Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club Facebook fan page](#)

Sweat Equity Project To Take Place on Saturday, June 11 – Jeff Penfil has announced that We-Go will meet on June 11th at DVCCC at 8 a.m. We will be attaching signs to the fence posts as well as stenciling, outlining, chalking and painting. We will be creating a hopscotch and a shapes/letters area. Jeff estimates that it will take about a couple of hours of our time. Jeff needs an electric drill, please bring one if you have one. Let’s make some young ones happy by doing this project.

Bob Thomas Announces Annual Dues Increase – Bob, our Club Treasurer, reports that the Board of Directors has passed a budget for the 2011-2012 Rotary Year. The annual dues will be \$175 and \$90 for those who pay twice a year. The dues are being increased because over the past year the Club has lost over \$600 as a result of not meeting our minimum guaranteed dinners to the hotel. The current dinner guarantee of 14 has been repeatedly negotiated over the years to the lowest number acceptable to the hotel.

As part of an initiative by President Elect Ed Olsavicky, We-Go will be discontinuing the 50/50 game of chance. Ed feels it effectiveness and the interest by the membership has passed and has become an undue burden to the sergeant at arms.

To compensate for the lost revenue and to avoid from raising dues even further, the Rotary International stipend has been eliminated from the budget.

United Way Thanks We-Go – Rick Hynes reports that United Way is very appreciative that our Club is providing a Born Learning Trails project in the West Chester area.

Lisa Balch Provides Information on Most Recent Blood Drive – A few members of We-Go donated blood on May 11th at Penn Wood School organized by Lisa Balch, a former member of We-Go, in honor of her father, Dick Hodgson. Dick was a long time member of We-Go and a Past President. The Red Cross collected 34 pints of blood with the help of donations by We-Go members Bob Adams, John Young, Tuck Riley and Bob Thomas. This was about half of the blood donations we

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usually have so we are hoping for a better turnout of our next drive which will be held in November. As soon as that date is set Lisa will let us know. She sends her thanks to the Club for our continued support of this life-saving community service event.

Presidents Dinner on Thursday, June 23 – President Leo has announced that the President’s Dinner will be held at the Concord Country Club. Cocktails will be at 6 P.M. followed by dinner at 7 P.M. The cost which includes dinner, tax, and gratuity will be \$43 per person.

The menu is:

Concord House Salad with strawberries, shaved red onions, and poppy seed dressing

Choice of entrees:

Phyllo Wrapped Chicken Breast stuffed with sun-dried tomatoes and artichoke

Or

Salmon Saltimbocca seared with prosciutto and provolone, sage butter sauce

All entrees include chef selected starch and seasonable vegetables and rolls, butter, coffee, tea and non-alcoholic beverages

Dessert – Red Velvet Cake

Vocational Scholarship Winner is Chosen – The Vocational Scholarship Committee has completed its review of scholarship applications and has completed the interviews of the top two candidates. The winner of this year’s We-Go \$3,000 award is Debrah Sookiasian, senior student at West Chester East Senior High. Debrah will be attending the Art Institute of Philadelphia pursuing a certificate in becoming a pastry chef. This year’s Vocational Scholarship Committee included Bob Bielski, Joe Kahn and John Spellman.

Dinner Speaker on May 19th – Our speaker on Thursday the 19th was Ms. Bronwyn Martin from the Kennett Square Rotary Club. She serves as Chair of the District 7450 Bequest Society of Rotary Foundation. She suggested that our membership consider making a gift to RI in our wills to support the future work of Rotary International in regard to assisting the many problems humankind is suffering throughout the world. She was forceful and direct in her presentation to us.