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Coming August 10 Al Terzi of WFSB Channel 3



Al Terzi will be our guest speaker at the August 10 meeting of Rotary. Plan on being there to listen to one of New England's most respected broadcast journalists since the 1960s.

Households across southern New England know Al Terzi, regarded by his peers as the dean of Connecticut television news.

Al anchors the weekday editions of Eyewitness News at 5 and 5:30 p.m..

Al's current tenure at Channel 3 began in January 1994. He had previously worked for Channel 3 from 1968 to 1978, and then spent two years in Florida, working as a news anchor and news director at a station in West Palm Beach. During that period, he survived a devastating accident, when the airplane he was piloting developed fuel problems and crash-landed in a wooded area during a trip to Tallahassee, Fla.

In 1980, Al returned to Connecticut, to work at WTNH-TV in New Haven, where he served 14 years until returning to Channel 3.

Al has shared in two Emmy awards since rejoining Channel 3. One Emmy award he received was for "Best Newscast" and a second was for a series of specials on the UConn Huskies basketball team.

Al's education includes undergraduate work at both Yale and Central Connecticut State universities. He also holds a law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

A military veteran, Al served more than seven years of active duty with U.S. Air Force intelligence operations in the Far East.

Al is a long-standing member of the Society of Professional Journalists.



I would like to thank Ray Ross from the Great Connecticut Traditional Jazz Festival for his

update and information on the upcoming 24th Annual Festival.

For more information about The Great Connecticut Traditional Jazz Festival go to greatctjazz.org or call 1-800-HOT-EVENT. The Festival also sponsors Horns for Kids (hornsforkids.org) which

takes used instruments, refurbishes them and gives them to CT schools.

Ray was also this week's raffle winner.

RI's Cowboy Logic

As the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, drew to a close on 23 June, RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith outlined his plans for his term, which begins 1 July. Participants also got a preview of next year's big event in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, where the Host Organization

Committee has planned fun for the whole family.

Klinginsmith will ask Rotarians to apply "cowboy logic" and make Rotary clubs "bigger, better, and bolder."



The fundamental principles of cowboy logic are taking pride in your work, talking less and saying more, doing what has to be done, and remembering that some things just aren't for

sale, he explained during the closing plenary session.

“I believe the way for Rotary to remain viable and vibrant in the next century is to help our clubs to be bigger, better, and bolder,” Klinginsmith said. “The clubs are the life and breath of Rotary. Therefore, it is clear to me that my job is to help the district governors to help the clubs. We can do it, and we will do it, if all of us follow the simple solution of cowboy logic.”

Applying Cowboy Logic to Life

- ★ If you think you're too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a room with an active mosquito.
- ★ Always take a good look at what you're about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but you should know what it was.
- ★ Red meat is NOT bad for you. Blue-green meat, now that's bad for you!
- ★ People who are tough never have to tell you that they are. It's the same with people who are honest.
- ★ Never miss a chance to shut up. Well-timed silence has more eloquence than speech.
- ★ The easiest way to eat crow is when it's still warm. The colder it gets the harder it is to swallow.
- ★ Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- ★ Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- ★ If you find yourself in a hole the first thing to do is stop digging.
- ★ If it don't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably ain't.

(To be continued)

Past Banquet Award Recipients

The following awards were presented by Past President Cliff Carlson to the individuals that did not receive them at the Annual Banquet on June 29, 2010.



Past President Cliff Carlson presenting Eric Park with an “Outstanding Accomplishment Award” for the inception of the successful Pet Fair. He was also present the “Paul Harris Award.”



Past President Cliff Carlson presenting Rob Tarlov with an “Outstanding Accomplishment Award” for his many years as Secretary for Meriden Rotary. He was also present the “Paul Harris Award.”



Past President Cliff Carlson presenting Kevin Curry with an “Outstanding Accomplishment Award” and a “Perfect Attendance Award” for 19 years. Kevin is also a new incoming Director.



Past President Cliff Carlson presenting Mike Barker with a “Perfect Attendance Award.”



Past President Cliff Carlson presenting David White with the “Significant Achievement Award.”



Past President Cliff Carlson presenting Ty Bongiovanni with the “Paul Harris Award.”

Calendar of Upcoming Rotary Events

July 29, 2010–**Rotary Board Meeting** to be held at 4-Points Sheraton at 12:00 noon.

August–Hoopin’ It Up–TBA

August 3, 2010–National Night Out, City Park **Amber Alert** 5-8 p.m. **Volunteers Needed.**

August 8, 2010–Auto, Bike & Truck Show, Meriden Hub **Amber Alert Volunteers Needed.**

August 10, 2010–Speaker at our meeting will be **Al Terzi** from WFSB News.

August 17, 2010–Tacky Tie Contest. **District Governor Julie Rappenhagen** judging contest.

September 11 & 12, 2010–Ash Fund, Stop & Shop, Broad St. **Amber Alert** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **Volunteers Needed.**

September 18, 2010–Car Show in Hubbard Park. Silver City Slam-Fest. **Amber Alert** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **Volunteers Needed.**

September 30–Wine Tasting downtown Meriden. **Volunteers Needed**

October 1–Brewfest downtown Meriden. **Volunteers Needed**

October 2–Pet Fair. **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers needed for Meriden Rotary Day at the Big E. Dates are available from September 17-October 3, 2010. Sign up will be circulated at weekly meetings.

Member News

Marcia Trotta and **Adam Mosher** now have 100 percent attendance for the year.

Congratulations to **Marcia Trotta** on becoming a new grandmother for the second time. Lorenzo come into this world at 9 lbs. 1 oz.

Prayers go out to **Larry Laurencelle**. Larry, a past member of Rotary and Bob’s father, is in the hospital.

Congratulations to incoming **District Governor Julie Rappenhagen**. She was installed on July 13, 2010 in Orange, Connecticut.

QRWA Butterfly & Bee Garden

Joanne Grabinski is looking for Rotary volunteers to help set 64 stepping stones and spread mulch. This is for the flower gardens at the Quinnipiac River Watershed Association’s (QRWA) Butterfly & Bee Garden.

Please let me know if you are able to help. This can be done after work or on a Saturday. This is a good opportunity for Rotary to get recognized. Joanne promised to do her best to get us recognition with photos in the Record-Journal and the People’s Press.

Nate Bottone has informed me that the July 20, 2010 meeting is the magazine quiz. Be sure to read up!

This white space left blank intentionally for Rotarians to submit significant achievements and news of interest to our members.

ALAN BARBARINO FREE LATE FINE COUPON

This coupon is good to cover an Alan Barbarino late fine. It is not good for anything else. So, if you have no pin, badge or insult the President or Past Presidents this coupon is going to get you squat.

Good Only for the July 20, 2010 Meeting. Coupon must be presented.

The **Four-Way Test**, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. “Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?”