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Secret is out Santa Claus IS a Rotarian!

I know most of you were just sitting around wondering if Santa was a member of any civic oriented type club. Well, he is, AND he is a member of the Meriden Rotary Club. This information has been kept a secret until recently.

Santa stopped in to Girls Inc. on Tuesday, July 20 to check on the behavioral status of all the children. He arrived at Girls Inc. on his pink moped.

The visit coincided with the Girls Inc. camp's Christmas Day celebration during their celebrations-themed week.

It takes a special type of Rotarian to weather the 90+ de-

gree temperature, for the enjoyment of children, dressed in a heavy seasonal velvet suit. The beard may be comfortable in the colder North Pole, but it was a little warm on this day.

If you happen to see Santa at Rotary, give him a big "Thank You" for helping to give the children at Girls Inc. a reason to believe that anything is possible when a Rotarian is involved.

Thank You, Santa! For additional information on this story see the *Local & State* page of the July 22, issue of the *Record-Journal*.



Beware! Email Scams Targeting Rotarians

Rotary International News—22 July 2010

Rotary International continues to receive notice of e-mail phishing scams targeting Rotarians.

One such scam claims that the recipient has been selected in a raffle for a prize and the recipient's contact information is needed. Another scam still circulating claims that a deceased Rotarian has left money to the e-mail recipient to be donated to philanthropic efforts. The sender, who claims to be the executor of the will, then asks for the recipient's personal information, including a copy of the individual's passport and driver's license, in order to claim the inheritance.

Here is an example of one scam that is circulating:

Last and Final Notification of Bequest.

Congratulation!

On behalf of the Trustees and Executor of the estate of Late Rotarian Mark Andreoni, I write to notify you that my late client made you a beneficiary to the bequest sum of Ten Million US Dollars in the codicil to his will and last testament.

My client decided to bequeath his estate to a fellow member of Rotary Club with a good track record. Rotarian Mark Andreoni (late) before his demise has no child nor wife to bequeath his estate to. In view of that, Rotarian Mark Andreoni (late), made you a beneficiary in his will.

Rotarian Mark Andreoni, died on 14th day February 2006 after a brief illness. Until his death he was consultant to several oil and gas industries. He had a sojourn in the United States and so many other countries before he came to Cairn Energy PL Can oil and gas exploration and production company based in the United Kingdom. My Client, Rotarian Mark Andreoni was the president of Rotary Club of ABINGDON-ENGLAND, with club number: 0000039890, District: 1180, he was a dedicated christian and a philanthropist.

This bequest is to support your activities, humanitarian services and help to the less-privileged. Please if you receive this email as expected, you should endeavor to get back to me as soon as possible to enable me conclude my legal duty, you should

forward along your current telephone and fax numbers, your current occupation, age and mailing address. Also to be sent to me is the biodata page of your international passport or drivers licence as a proper identification. Once again, I congratulate you for this is a significant honor indeed.

Yours Sincerely,
Barrister Dezi Daniel (Sectional Head)
Probate and Bequest Division For: TRAVERS
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Please note that RI does not solicit funds through e-mail, nor does it ask that personal information be updated by e-mail or other electronic means. RI encourages Rotarians to avoid becoming victims of these scams by deleting any e-mail that appears suspicious.

July Anniversaries

Tom Barton, 1997–13 years
Cliff Carlson, 1997–13 years
Jamie Fiderio, 2007–3 years
Tracy Fiderio, 2007–3 years
Holly Heger, 2009–1 year
Dave Lake, 2009–1 year
Steve O'Donnell, 2007–3 years
Molly Savard, 1987–23 years

Rotary Magazine Quiz Winners for July

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Tina Martin
Mary Cortright
Sandy Maier-Schede
Kieren Moore
Molly Savard
Ty Bongiovanni

Additional Banquet Award Recipients

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

Congratulations to:

Nate Bottone for receiving the Presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement. Nate also received his Director pin.

Sam Carr for receiving the Presidential Citation for Significant Achievement and Perfect Attendance.

Jamie Fiderio for receiving the Presidential Citation for Significant Achievement.

Rotary International View - "Going Global" is on Lex's List

Tari Marshal-Day

Lex's List started as an idea in his living room about giving back rather than taking. On his 12th birthday Lex requested that money be donated to **Lex's List** in lieu of any birthday gifts. Lex's first donation to Meriden Rotary's Polio Plus was in excess of \$700. About a year later **Lex's List** has tuned over \$2,000 to various causes (1/3 to Meriden Rotary) and his enthusiasm is on a roll.

Lex visited Seattle this summer and spent time talking to anyone he could find about recycling and was excited to find the blue-recycle trash cans all over the city.

Later, on a vacation on the Dutch Cruise Ship the MS Rotterdam, Lex hunted out the officers to discuss the recycling programs on the high seas. Lex discovered that they had an Environmental Officer as a job—cool! He thought it fun and in-

teresting that they even have a "battery" recycling bin on the ship—of course the chemicals in the batteries need special disposal—it makes sense. He followed people around making sure their plastic trash went in the right bins and any newspapers left around went in their respective bins as well.

The most interesting thing he was told, was how difficult it had been a couple of years earlier for the ship to find **any** recycling business to take away their recyclables when it was in its home port in San Diego. Things are getting better around the world, they said, but ongoing education needs to happen to keep this planet green and healthy. The key to this is just use *less* plastic! Lex is going to start talking to other Rotary Clubs about Recycling Projects soon and how it can benefit their Polio Plus Fund-raising and keep a few kids busy!

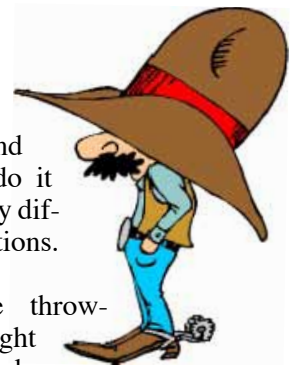
More Cowboy Logic

Applying Cowboy Logic to Life

- ★ If it don't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably ain't.
- ★ If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some considerable influence, try ordering someone else's dog around.
- ★ Don't worry about bitin' off more than you can chew, your mouth is likely a whole lot bigger than you think.

- ★ The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.
- ★ It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.
- ★ Never ask a barber if you need a haircut.
- ★ Don't squat with your spurs on.

- ★ Telling a man to get lost and making him do it are two entirely different propositions.
- ★ When you're throwing your weight around, be ready to have it thrown around by someone else.



Calendar of Upcoming Rotary Events

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

August 3, 2010–Speaker at our meeting will be **Karen Daniels** from Meriden Youth Theater.

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**

November–Hoopin' It Up

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

Congratulations to **Dan Roman** on becoming a new grandfather.

Marcia Trotta and **Adam Mosher** now have 100 percent attendance for the year. Three straight weeks!

It has been noted that there are a few other past presidents that have reappeared lately. You have been noticed.

The bad joke of the week goes to **Alan Barbarino!**

QRWA Butterfly & Bee Garden

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the steeping stones and the laying of the mulch for the Butterfly and Bee Garden. If you are able to help please let us know quickly so I can get in touch with Joanne.



Joanne Grabinski is looking for Rotary volunteers to help set 64 stepping stones and spread mulch. This is for the flower gardens at the Quin-

nipiac 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.

Tuesday, July 29 is Rotarian of the Month Day. Will it be you?

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

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?"