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August 3, 2010

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July Rotarian of the Month Sandy Maier-Schede



The Rotarian for the month of July is **Sandy Maier-Schede**. Sandy works behind the scenes preparing the Birthdays, Anniversaries and ensures that there is a cake at the meetings for these events. Sandy also sends out notices to the Rotarians congratulating them on their specific celebration.

Congratulations to Sandy!

If you know of a member who you feel is a good candidate for Rotarian of the Month, or feel that you deserve to be considered, send me an email. We want to be sure to recognize our members that go above and beyond just being a member.

Highlights of the July 29, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

The Meriden Rotary Board of Directors met Thursday, July 29, 12:00 p.m. at the 4-Points by Sheraton.

The following is a recap of things discussed, things that are in the works and things that are about to change.

The Board held an election to vote in Assistant Secretary, Chris de Angeli; Assistant Treasurer, Yvonne de Angeli-Fontanez; Sgt.-At-Arms, Michael Canning and Assistant Sgt.-At-Arms, Gloria Griffith. These positions are non-voting positions on the Board but serve an important function within the club.

A Treasurer's Report will be given to the membership quarterly to update all members on the financials of the club.

We are looking for additional people to help with Public Relations, Lynn Faria is the chair. A form will be developed to help capture information at

events so that an informative article can be written and submitted to the area papers and other media.

Anyone that is chairing an event is responsible for submitting the attendance report to Rob Tarlov for credits. This includes pre-event meetings. We want to be sure that you are getting the attendance credits that you deserve.

Four Avenues of Service

We will start to add a short presentation on the **Four Avenues of Service** (Club Service, Vocational, Community Service and International Service) for the membership. These presentations will be brief but informative. It was brought to my attention that some new members were not familiar with what each Avenue is responsible for. The first presentation will take place Tuesday, August 3 and will be International Service chaired by Tari Marshall-Day.

If anyone has outstanding dues please get in touch with Rob Tarlov. We need to account for all members to the International. Credit Card payments will be provided for this year's dues.

Our Sgt.-At-Arms, Michael Canning informed the Board that Il Monticello will be increasing the price of lunch to \$12.00. We realize that in this economy the last thing we need is for an additional expense. However, please keep in mind that we have not had a meal increase over the past five years at Il Monticello. And, should you want, Angela will provide a glass of wine with your meal. If you pay for your lunch by check, all future checks should be made payable to "Meriden Rotary."

Ty Bonjiovanni will be moving his Golf Tournament to August. He will be announcing the new date shortly.

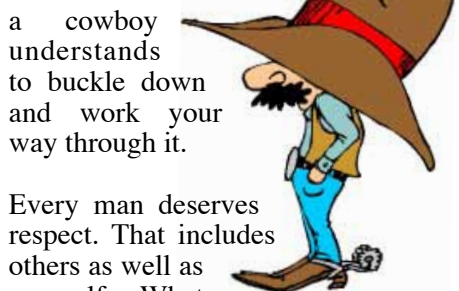
Two new committees have been set up. The Project Review Committee which will be chaired by Sam Carr and members: Mike Barker, Tom Barton, Holly Heger and David Lake. The purpose of this committee is to review the existing projects, past projects and any future projects. This committee is to advise the Board and the membership if there are any projects that are no longer valid, any projects that need to be updated and perhaps recommend any additional projects that may fit Rotary's goals and objectives. The committee will provide their recommendations to the Board at the September Board meeting.

The second committee is charged with reviewing the attendance credits. This committee's members are Frank Ridley, Steve O'Donnell, Yvonne deAngeli-Fontanez and Rob Tarlov. This committee is to determine a fair way of counting attendance credits. If a member spends six hours working an event perhaps more than one meeting credit should be allowed. The attendance committee will provide their recommendations at the September Board meeting. International ruling needs to be considered when devising a fair way to issue meeting credits.

More Cowboy Logic

Applying Cowboy Logic to Life

- ★ Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
- ★ When you give a personal lesson in meanness to a person or a critter don't be surprised if they learn it.
- ★ Generally speakin'. You ain't learnin' nothing when you're the one doin' the talkin'.
- ★ Lettin' the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.
- ★ The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever hae to deal with watches you shave your face in the mirror every morning.
- ★ If it's broke, fix it. A cowboy understands that when things aren't going right it is time to sit back, take a hard look at the situation, and to take corrective action when needed. Sometimes it isn't the strategy or tactic that is wrong it is just unfortunate circumstances, when that's the case



- a cowboy understands to buckle down and work your way through it.
- ★ Every man deserves respect. That includes others as well as yourself. What cowboy hasn't made mistakes, when a man rides into camp he is treated with respect till he proves otherwise.
- ★ Be positive. No man was ever any happier by expecting to get bucked off, or counting on it never raining. There isn't much need for the man who can tell you why something can't be done, but there is always a job for the man who understands the job and sets about doing it.
- ★ Give freely. If somebody is in need, and you can help, then you ought to help. Every cowboy knows there is an especially good feeling about helping a neighbor.

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?"

Calendar of Upcoming Rotary Events

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.

**Polio Plus dollars to date \$93.00
Balance needed to reach our Goal
\$1,907**

(Bring those cans and bottle to Rotary for Lex's List)