



THE GOOD SPOKE

"Service Above Self"

District 7960

Meriden Rotary Serving the Community Since 1921

July 6, 2010

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Congratulations to the New Officers and Directors



Left to Right: Jim Ieronimo, Director; Tari Marshal-Day Webster, Director; Michael Canning, Sergeant-At-Arms; Frank W. Ridley, President-Elect and Emperor of Meriden; Cliff Carlson, Past President; Ty Bongiovanni, Vice President; Pamela White, President; David Lake, Treasurer; Molly Savard, Director; Chris deAngeli, Assistant Secretary; Yvonne deAngeli, Assistant Treasurer; and Julie Rappenhagen, Incoming District Governor (Missing from photo is Kieren Moore, Director; Nate Bottone, Director; Kevin Curry, Director and Gloria Griffith, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms)

Welcome aboard to the new Officers and Directors, with their expertise and background it looks like we are in for a very successful and productive year.

I would like to congratulate all of the award winners at the banquet as well as the new *Paul Harris Fellows*. You all deserve the recognition for jobs well done.

It was nice to see George Carabetta, Sr. receive the *Howard Houston Award*. It certainly was well deserved.

I am also looking to the membership for their input and suggestions on helping to continue

to make the Meriden Club one of the best in the state. Every member of this club will be a member of the Public Relations Committee. We want the community to know of the good works that Meriden Rotary does. If you are at an event and take a few pictures send them along to the Public Relations Chairperson. We need to "toot" our own horns on successful projects.

A big "Thank You" to Past President Cliff Carlson. Cliff's year was outstanding his energy was apparent throughout the many project, activities and fund raisers we had. Now that his rein is over, he is still part of the Board and I hope we can

continue to see this "Energizer Bunny" at future events.

I hope you like the new format of *The Good Spoke*. I would like to be able to recognize the members through photos and brief write ups. If you have anything you would like in the next issue please send it along. This includes upcoming events, projects that are in the works that you need help on or any other kind of announcement you would like to make. This includes significant awards, promotions and family celebrations. You will not be fined for getting promoted at work or achieving a long sought after goal. We want to celebrate with you. Your Rota-

ry family wants to hear good news about members.

July 2, 2010 Amber Alert

At the July 2 Fireworks Display Rotary did *Amber Alert*. I don't have the number but several children were signed up.



Working the *Amber Alert* were Yvonne deAngeli-Fontanez, Chris deAngeli, Dave Lake, Kieren Moore and myself. Yvonne and David worked the keyboard while Kieren and Chris measured and weighed the children. After watching how efficient they were working *Amber Alert* I thought the best thing I could do is stay out of the way.

Thank you to all of them for their day of "Service Above Self."

August 14, 2010 Tacky Tie Contest

District Governor Julie Rappenhagen will be visiting our Club on August 14. This is the day of our Tacky Tie Contest. Start looking for that special tie that will capture Julie's eye. She will be judging this annual event.

September 18, 2010 Silver City SlamFest

We have a productive year ahead beginning with the Silver City SlamFest that Rotary is sponsoring on September 18 in Hubbard Park. This is a classic car show and being run in conjunction with "Disturbed Image Truck and Car" club. This is the Second Annual event. Last year it was held at Napier's parking lot. Weather wasn't on it's best behavior so let's hope this year is better.

The profits of this classic car show will be donated to benefit the Meriden Boys & Girls Club. There isn't much we, as a club, need to provide other than support through attendance and perhaps publicity. If you were at the July 2, fireworks display at Westfield Shopping Center you would have seen some of the cars that collectors from the area display. The attraction was one of the focal points of the event.



With the continued publicity it would not be unheard of to reach several hundred classic car owners for their participation. If you know of any friends or relatives that have classic cars or trucks pass the word along. Flyers will be available at our next meeting.

October 2, 2010 Pet Fair

David Lake is gearing up for the Second Annual Pet Fair in Hubbard Park. This year's Pet Fair will be held along with a Road Race. More details and flyers to come.

Avenues of Service

The sign up for Avenues of Service will be going around at our next meeting. Please take a look at where you feel you would be most productive. If there is an area that you would like to chair let me know.

If you were a chair of an event last year, please consider either chairing it again this year or being a co-chair for the new chair. This makes transition a little easier for the new person.

The Avenues of Service are:

Club Service

Vocational

Community Service and

International

We are always looking for speakers check out the calendar on the web site. I'm sure you will find the new web site amazing. The new site went live on June 21. Thank you to Tom Barton, Ty Bongiovanni and the others that made this happen.

June 27, 2010 Megaride Recap

As we start the new Rotary year I am reminded of the Polio Plus goals that each club is responsible for. We are off to a great start. At the Installation we received \$81 in contributions. The real story is that one of my co-workers was asked to pass out pins for District Governor Julie Rappenhagen's year displaying her motto. I'm not sure, but I think that my co-worker was selling them. However, Julie was impressed with the money we raised for Polio Plus and she wished she had brought more pins. I want to wish Julie the best for her upcoming year starting July 13.



Thanks to all the volunteers that participated in the Third Annual Megaride.

I hope to see you all on Tuesday, July 6 at Il Monticello for our weekly meeting. For those of you that read *The Good Spoke* below is a coupon that you can cut out and bring to the meeting. This is only good for the July 6, 2010 meeting! Mentioning the coupon will not be accepted.

This coupon is good for

One Free Fine

Should you not remember to wear your pin or your badge this coupon will pay for your fine. Should your phone go off during the meeting this coupon will cover that fine also. Should you disrespect the President this isn't going to help you one bit!

Good for July 6, 2010
Meeting Only



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?"