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District 7980

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## Big and Small the Amber Alert Team Weighed and Measured Them All



School is almost open and it was time to weigh in the new school Superintendent. Tim Webster is sizing Mark Benigni up.



Rotarian Peter Wnek measuring one of the babies for Amber Alert.



Tim Webster and Peter Wnek assist in measuring Atty. General Richard Blumenthal.

The Amber Alert Team worked hard on *National Night Out*, they also got to play a little. The team got to size up Dick Blumenthal in this election year and weigh in Meriden's new Superintendent Mark Benigni.

Of course, I did "carp diem" and I am happy to report that Mark will be joining Rotary. I'm sure his arm will heal in short time.

can report that there may have been one dog.

It was another great event that made Meriden Rotary shine in the community.

The next Amber Alert is scheduled for August 8 at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sgt. Jeffrey Boucher Car Show held at the Hub in downtown Meriden from 11-1 p.m.

The total number of children signed up for Amber Alert was 72 kids. I

### Lunch Increase

The cost of lunch will be increased to \$12. effective August 17. If you pay for your lunch by check please make the check payable to Meriden Rotary.

### Interact Club Advisors Announced

We now have three Interact Clubs in Meriden Rotary. The following individuals are advisors for their respective schools.

**John Martorelli-Wilcox**  
**Colin Mahon-Platt**  
**Cliff Carlson-Maloney**

### Meriden Land Trust Brochures

If you are interested in additional brochures showing the hiking trails in Meriden, contact Dwight Needles, President, Meriden Land Trust via email [mlt@meridenlandtrust.com](mailto:mlt@meridenlandtrust.com). Please put a subject in your email so it doesn't get mistaken for spam.

### Potential New Member

Jen Scott has been approved by the Board as a new member. A notice was sent around at the last meeting. We are looking forward to Jen join our club. Oh, Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Jen.

### The RI President's Monthly Message

August 2010

*Building Communities-  
Bridging Continents*

Several Rotarians have asked me how I chose the RI theme for my presidential year, so let me explain. After reviewing all the past themes, I decided to search for a few words that would fulfill two objectives—to give outsiders a glimpse of our purpose, and at the same time to make Rotarians proud of their membership.

I searched for words to describe the passion, the creativity, and the generosity of Ro-

tarians. And as I sought the right words, I kept in mind that Rotary is a spirit of service as well as an organization of Rotary clubs, and that we need to share our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership with other people and organizations. I considered many words and phrases. The four words I finally selected to convey Rotary's current mission and highlight our achievements describe what Rotarians do best, which is Building Communities—Bridging Continents.

I hope you agree those four words aptly reflect who we are and what we do as Rotarians. We are a unique organization and certainly one of the best in the world. We build the spirit and resources of our local communities in an important way, and we are a prominent player on the world stage with Polio Plus and our international service projects.

Rotary has changed the world, and Rotarians will continue to change it in a positive way. The formula is simple: For us to succeed, all we need to do is to focus our best efforts on doing what Rotarians are passionate about and what Rotarians are the best in the world at doing, which is Building Communities—Bridging Continents.

## August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

**Lynn Faria  
Kieren Moore  
Patrick Muli  
James Trainor**

**Honorary Member John Stanton**

## John Martorelli vs Kevin Curry

They are weighing the options to their bet and will come up with a solution.

## More Cowboy Logic

*Applying Cowboy Logic to Life*

*The Lone Ranger Creed*



- I believe that to have a friend, a man must be one.
- That all men are created equal and that everyone has within himself the power to make this a better world.
- That God put the firewood there, but that every man must gather and light it himself.
- In being prepared physically, mentally, and morally to fight when necessary for that which is right.
- That a man should make the most of what equipment he has.
- That "this government, of the people, by the people, and for the people," shall live always.
- That men should live by the rule of what is best for the greatest number.
- That sooner or later...somewhere... somehow...we must settle with the world and make payment for what we have taken.
- That all things change, but the truth, and the truth alone lives on forever.
- I believe in my Creator, my country, my fellow man.

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 9-10, 2010—QRWA **Butterfly and Bee Garden**. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. **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.

August 18, 2001—**Amber Alert** at Block Party sponsored by Meriden Housing Authority.

August 31, 2010—Speaker at our meeting will be **James Craven** from the *Society of Professional Journalists*. The topic will be "Ethics in Journalism."

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 SlamFest*. **Amber Alert** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **Volunteers Needed.**

September 21, 2010—**Lunch will be held at Girls Inc., Lincoln St., Meriden. Don't forget!**

September 30—*Main & Vine* 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 \$160.00  
Balance needed to reach our Goal  
\$1,840.**

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