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Men Don the Aprons on April 26th!

Derby, CT, April 2, 2014—Join the fun and good times at the 7th Annual “Men Who Cook” as it returns to the Valley on April 26th. This is a unique spring evening out with your friends and family at the Valley’s most popular event. Let someone else cook while you enjoy a wide variety of dishes and desserts prepared by over 60 Valley Guys. The Men Who Cook are not professional chefs; they are dedicated community neighbors who want to share their cooking talents and camaraderie with you and your friends.

What’s on the menu? Go international with Bad Bandito Chili Verde, pulled pork tacos, bratwurst, empanadas, and unique pasta dishes. Prefer grill food then wings, chili, and smoked turkey await you. If you are a sea foodie, try the seafood gumbo, scampi, shrimp and grits or Rhode Island chowder. Sample the porketta, the comfort of chicken pot pie, and corned beef reuben dip. Remember to leave room for dessert with freshly baked chocolate chip layer bars, ginger cookies, key lime pie or fried oreos.

Chairpersons for this event are Charles Sullivan, David Grant and Jeff Westine.

And (to date) the chefs who’ll proudly wear the Men Who Cook Aprons:

Kevin Atterbury, Pastor Edward Barnes, Jack Betkoski, David Blackwell, Juan Bonilla, Ryan Boos, Harry Burlakoff, Bill Calderara, Michael Caleca, Patrick Carey, Chief Mike Chaffee, Patrick Charmel, John Coscia, Jim Cotter, Jack Cowell, Senator Joe Crisco, Dexter Davis, Dr. Steve DiBenedetto, Dr. Jay Dworkin, David Eisenman, Brian Fonck, Roger Giori, Bruce Goldson, Terri Goldson, David Grant, Jim Halligan, Chris Hill, Dave Hill, Chief Joel Hurliman, Craig Jones, David Jones, Senator Kevin Kelly, Mike Kielely, Tim Kielely, Richard Knoll, Kevin Lantowsky, Pete Larsen, Dan L’Atrella, Mayor Mark Lauretti, Robert McColl, Paul McGinnis, Tim McGinnis, David McNamera, Sherrod McNeill, Jeff Merrill, John Mihalko, Bill Miller, First Selectman Kurt Miller, James Mills, Michael Mills, Dave Monahan, Nelson Morales, David Morgan, Rick Moore, Bill Nimons, Brian O’Connor, Chris O’Connor, Jack O’Donnell, Tim Oppel, Win Oppel, Fred Ortoli, Joe Pagliaro, Jr., Richard Persico, John Petrillo, Jorge Pezo-Candelario, Rick Ponce DeLeon, Dave Rabinove, John Rollinson, Joshua Rosado, Chris Sansone, Chris Setaro, Anthony Simonetti, Kevin Spooner, Thomas Steeves, Dr. Ira Stein, Charlie Sullivan, Dominick Thomas, Ben Trabka, Robert VanEgghen, Hector Velez, Ken Weinstein, John Yeager, John Zaprzalka, and Tom Zaprzalka.

Special MC for the event is Chaz of Chaz and AJ in the morning on 99.1 PLR, Ct’s number one morning show. Men Who Cook begins at 6pm to 11pm at Warsaw Park in Ansonia. Only \$55 per person includes food, beer/wine and soft drinks, bid at the Valley’s greatest silent auction and dance away the

night's calories with music! The Marquee Sponsor for Men Who Cook is Naugatuck Valley Savings and Loan and the Bassett Family Fund.

To sponsor Men Who Cook or donate an auction item, call Trish Wigglesworth at 203 736 5420 ext 221. To purchase tickets, you can call Trish or obtain tickets online at www.teaminc.org. All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the programs provided by TEAM, Inc. serving the needs of individuals and families living in the Valley.

TEAM Inc. is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit corporation whose mission is to connect individuals and families with solutions that lead to well-being, self-sufficiency and full participation in the community. It aims to achieve its mission by conducting activities that address the needs of economically disadvantaged individuals and families including resource mobilization, education, advocacy and service delivery. TEAM programs serve the communities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Shelton, Seymour and Woodbridge.

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