Meriden Rotary Club Joins Fight Against MS Through Benefit Motorcycle Ride, Luminary Walk

MERIDEN, Conn. -- The Rotary Club of Meriden is joining in the fight against multiple sclerosis (MS), hosting the first Meriden Rotary Motorcycle Megaride and a Luminary Walk all to benefit the National MS Society, Connecticut Chapter and the more than 6,000 Connecticut residents battling MS.

“These events promise to be action-packed, fun-filled and inspiring,” says Kara Preston, associate vice president of development. “The benefit ride is synchronized with another taking place in Meriden, England, and the walk is through beautiful Hubbard Park.”

Multiple sclerosis is a potentially debilitating disease affecting the central nervous system. The cause is unknown and there currently is no cure. The disease is unpredictable. It affects no two individuals the same. Symptoms can include tingling and numbness in the extremities, fatigue, changes in vision, imbalance, pain, speech impairment, and, in some cases, complete paralysis.

The Meriden Rotary Motorcycle Megaride will begin and finish at Hubbard Park Sunday, June 8. Pre-registration is available on Saturday, June, 7, between noon and 5 p.m. at Quality Time, 999 Broad Str., Meriden. Event day registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the ride kick-starts at 11 a.m. The June 8 event features an hour long ride, lunch, a classic motorcycle show, live music by Freeplay, drawings, vendors and more. The fee is $25 per rider and $15 per passenger.

The Luminary Walk takes place Sunday, May 31, at 8 p.m. in Hubbard Park. Luminaries are $10 for 10 and are available for purchase by calling 203.599.6261. Sponsorships are available. Proceeds benefit the National MS Society, Connecticut Chapter. In the case of rain, the event will be held Sunday, June 1.

For more information on the Meriden Rotary Motorcycle Megaride or to pre-register, please contact David Liseo at 203-238-2147 or by e-mail at davel@megahits.com. The Rotary Club of Meriden has been serving its community since 1921. For more information on the Rotary Club of Meriden, please visit http://www.meridenrotary.org/. To learn more about multiple sclerosis and its effects and the many ways you can help in the fight against the disease, please go to http://www.ctfightsms.org/.