



Connecticut's talking newsstand for the blind and print-handicapped.

## Annual Meeting Set For Fall

Volunteers, donors and listeners are invited to attend CRIS Radio's annual meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at the Dakotas restaurant in Rocky Hill, where lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The FY 2011 annual report, year ending June 30, will be presented and various individuals and funders will be recognized for their support of CRIS Radio throughout the year.

The cost of lunch, which includes a choice of grilled trout, chicken, steak or burger/bison burger, plus salad bar and dessert, is \$20.

Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by Sept. 19. For more information, please e-mail [info@crisradio.org](mailto:info@crisradio.org) or telephone CRIS at 860-527-8000.

## GOLF CLASSIC RAISES \$13K

CRIS Radio raised more than \$13,000 at its 14th Annual Golf Classic held on June 29 at the Manchester Country Club.

Fifty-two golfers swung into action at the event, including John Casola, a member of the U.S. Blind Golfers Association, and Scot Haney, WFSB meteorologist.

Haney, who also served as the event emcee, boosted the event with on-air promotions and auctioned a spot with his golf foursome for a \$1,000 donation.

CRIS greatly appreciates Haney's support as well as that of its sponsors:



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**The winning foursome are, from left: Craig Cavanaugh, Dick Hurley, Paul McDonnell, and Fred Bonyun.**

FML CPAs, Rabbett Insurance, Sharon & Wayne Mulligan, Walmart and Carter's Companion Care.

## CRIS Radio To Launch Kids On-Demand

CRIS Radio is expanding its programming to include children's magazines. We are officially kicking off our launch of Kids On-Demand on Monday, Sept. 26. The new programming will initially feature about 12 children's magazines, with the focus on science, technology, the environment and math (STEM).



There are an estimated 72,000 children in Connecticut receiving special education services.



CRIS Radio will be the first in the nation to offer comprehensive, on-demand audio text conversions of children's magazines. It will be available as podcasts, on smartphones and as downloads from CRIS Radio's Web site,

[www.crisradio.org](http://www.crisradio.org).

Extensive research has found that children learn better if read to by a person in contrast to a computerized voice.

The annual Kids On-Demand subscription will cost \$30 for unlimited downloads. The first 200 subscribers will receive a free MP3 player with earphones.



## Teen Produces CRIS Home Run Derby

Fifteen-year-old Nicholas Cianciolo, son of Peter Cianciolo, Lions District 23B CRIS chair, wanted to help CRIS Radio, so he proposed the CRIS Radio Home Run Derby.



Local businesses liked his idea, so they are pitching in with donations to defray expenses and provide prizes for first-place winners.

The derby will be held on Aug. 13 at 9 a.m. at Walker Field in Winsted. The registration fee is \$10 in advance or \$12 on the day of the event. Ages 10 to 100 are invited to

participate. For more information contact Peter Cianciolo at [petercianciolo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petercianciolo@sbcglobal.net) or 860-913-9144.

### SAVE THE DATES

**Annual Meeting**  
**Sept. 28**  
**Dakotas**  
**Rocky Hill**

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**Dining & Dancing**  
**In The Dark**  
**April 21**  
**The Hartford Club**