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Dear Gridiron Club Member,

Thank you for your continued support of the Gridiron Club of New Canaan! In a few short months, we'll be holding the 57th annual Gridiron Show and Fall Guy celebration – the date is **April 21, 2017**, so mark your calendars and get the word out. Come join us for the best roast ever, as we celebrate one of New Canaan's own in a story of his life and times.

The past Fall Guys met and cast their ballots, and come April we will honor **Rick Franco** as our **2017** Fall Guy and star of the Gridiron Show! A New Canaan native from a family that has been part of our town for more than a century, Rick is "*the unofficial mayor of Elm Street*" and a proud owner of one of the oldest liquor licenses in Connecticut! The team has been hard at work researching and writing, and rehearsals are set to begin. The Men's Night Dinner and Show will be held on Friday, April 21st at the Country Club of New Canaan; Ladies Night will be on Wednesday, April 19th.

The Gridiron Show is an annual New Canaan tradition, and it reflects the spirit of our great community. The renowned Robert Bliss founded the event over fifty years ago! His thought was: "*all year long, year after year, we are segmented, organized, re-organized, divided, split, grouped and re-grouped. We pull and haul ourselves and each other along civic, partisan, emotional, business, social and political lines. We operate as ridge-runners and natives, town and gown, old timers and new comers, you name it. Why not once a year have a Gridiron Dinner, where we could stage some skits, have some laughs with and at ourselves, get to understand and know each other better, all in the interest of an ongoing New Canaan? We might honor a citizen each year as our 'Fall Guy' and have a little good-natured gridiron 'roast' as we honor him.*"

We look forward to having you join us for another great Gridiron Show, and honoring Rick Franco at the annual dinner in April. Please fill out the enclosed form and return it with your check. We are a not-for-profit organization, and your show ticket includes Gridiron Club dues which are tax deductible. Much more in money and sweat equity is donated by members of the Gridiron production team, so any generosity above and beyond is greatly appreciated!

Together let's ensure the future vitality of this great tradition! Bring a group of friends, and have a few laughs as we celebrate the spirit of community service through the life of our Fall Guy.

Sincerely,

Eric

John

The Gridiron Club

Reservation Form

Mail this form with your check to:

The Gridiron Club
P.O. Box 1686
New Canaan, CT 06840



Name (Please Print)

Address

Phone

E-Mail

Men's Night Gridiron Club Dues, Dinner and Show	\$150	_____
<i>(\$75 tax deductible)</i>		
Ladies Night Dinner and Show	\$100	_____
<i>(\$35 tax deductible)</i>		
Donations		_____
<i>(tax deductible)</i>		
Vineyard Vines "Limited Edition" Gridiron Club Tie	\$75	_____
	Total	_____

If you would like to participate in next year's show, check these specific areas:

Writing _____ Acting _____ Production _____

Past Fall Guys: 1961-Carlton Hill; 1962-Leslie B. Young; 1963-Izzy Cohen; 1964-Robert I. Bliss; 1965-Earl M. Smith; 1966-Stanley P. Mead; 1967-Charles F. Kelley; 1968-Julius Groher; 1969-Dr. Thomas P. Cody; 1970-Carlton S. Raymond; 1971-W. Riley Hogan; 1972-Jack Sterling; 1973-Stanley R. Resor; 1974-Chester Billings, Jr.; 1975-Roger B. Kelley; 1976-Paul Killiam; 1977-Charles P. Morton; 1978-Philip L.R. duVal; 1979-Marshall Montgomery; 1980-Al Youmans; 1981-Dr. Jerome Selinger; 1982-Nick Lombardo; 1983-The Rev. Guthrie Speers; 1984-Hoyt Catlin; 1985-Dr. David Brown; 1986-Edward L. Winpenny; 1987-Harry S. Noble; 1988-Yorke Allen; 1989-John G. Matthews; 1990-John W. Pickering; 1991-James G. Rogers, Jr.; 1992-Curry E. Ford; 1993-Ralph Pereida; 1994-Ed Chrostowski; 1995-Harry Coleman; 1996-Joe Sweet; 1997-Dana Ackerly; 1998-Jim Schlumpf; 1999-Leo E. Karl, Jr; 2000-Dick Brinckerhoff; 2001-Tom Moorhead; 2002-Dick White; 2003-Lewis Annunziato; 2004-Dick Bond; 2005-Sperry DeCew; 2006-Bailey and Richard Stewart; 2007-Joe Rucci, Jr; 2008-Don Hersam; 2009-Mike Hobbs; 2010-Laszlo Papp; 2011-George Baker; 2012-Leo Karl, III; 2013-James Cole; 2014-John Hetherington; 2015-William Walbert; 2016-Keith Simpson.

I recommend the following as new member(s) of the Gridiron Club:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Name: _____

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