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Rizzo Motivates Departing Airline Staff

Steve Rizzo, a corporate motivational speaker, bestselling author and TV consultant, donated his time and his leadership to “Don’t Stop Believin’?” a farewell party held earlier this month at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT, for the 500 employees of the soon-to-close American Airlines call center in nearby Windsor. More than 310 employees and guests attended the event that also featured the entertaining and inspirational juggling duo, The Passing Zone.

“These are trying times,” said Rizzo. “It’s time we all look at the big picture and ask ourselves what it is that we can do to help each other.” The message: “Pay it forward.”

Rizzo, a long-time call center user, initiated and pulled together the event with a little help from his friends: Mohegan Sun, the Passing Zone, his representative Diane Goodman, owner of Goodman Speakers Bureau, and other sponsors. As with Rizzo’s corporate presentations, the event conveyed the message that opportunities don’t disappear, but simply manifest in new and different ways.

Rizzo, the author of *Becoming a Humor Being* (Full Circle Publishing, 2000), left his career as a comedian to pursue a passion for helping people to be happy and successful regardless of their circumstances. — **KB**



(Far left) The entertaining Passing Zone partners Owen Morse and Jon Wee juggled and speaker Steve Rizzo (left) inspired the more than 300 attendees at the complimentary event “Don’t Stop Believin’?” at the Mohegan Sun.

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