



WGN RADIO NEWS ANCHOR STEVE BERTRAND CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY

CHICAGO (June 3, 2025) – WGN Radio today announced its afternoon news anchor Steve Bertrand is celebrating his 40th anniversary with the station. A trusted voice in the newsroom, Bertrand is known for his quick-witted commentary. He has hosted several shows and anchored news on nearly every part of the clock during his tenure.

“Steve has shared his entire broadcasting career with the WGN Radio audience and built respect, trust, and friendships along the way. It’s a special relationship and four decades deserves recognition,” said WGN Radio Vice President and General Manager Mary Sandberg Boyle.

Raised in Manteno and a Marquette University graduate, Bertrand started at WGN Radio as an intern and hired full-time in 1985. He has been in the news anchor chair since 1992, working with legendary WGN names including Wally Phillips, Roy Leonard, Spike O’Dell and Kathy O’Malley and Judy Markey. With the latter, he brought a unique blend of banter and insight to the conversation of the duo known as “The Girlfriends.”

“Growing up in a small town, I always had my eye on moving to the big city. Never during those years of daydreaming would I have imagined the career I’ve had at WGN Radio. I have worked with, and still do work with, some of the best in radio,” said Steve Bertrand. “I’m so grateful. And lucky. Back in the day, many people might have considered my fantasy a pipe dream. But it turns out, dreams can come true.”

Bertrand spent six years on the road with the Chicago Bears when WGN Radio was the flagship for the team, producing play-by-play broadcasts, hosting pre- and post-game shows and interviewing Coach Mike Ditka live from the locker room.

A few of the more notable news stories Bertrand has covered over the past four decades include the death of Mayor Harold Washington, the Plainfield tornado of 1990, Al Gore’s decision not to concede on election night in 2000, the Oklahoma City bombing, and the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He has received several awards and gained a national reputation for interviewing top authors.

Visit www.wgnradio.com/bertrand for a photo gallery celebrating Steve Bertrand’s anniversary, including the link to the “100 Years of WGN Radio: A Retrospective” that aired in 2022 and featured Bertrand on and off-camera.

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