

NEWS AND VIEWS
KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON, CT
A KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION HONOR CLUB



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WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 12:15 PM
THE LIGHTHOUSE INN
6 GUTHRIE PLACE, NEW LONDON, CT

CLUB OFFICERS 2006-2007

PRESIDENT: Robert Grills **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Michael Doyle
VICE-PRESIDENT: Tom Moriarty **TREASURER:** Robert Jones
SECRETARY: Martin T. Olsen Jr. **IMM. PAST-PRESIDENT:** Mac Pope
DIRECTORS (1 YEAR): Carol Ballestrini, Gordon Jackson, Phil Lombardo
DIRECTORS (2 YEARS): Valeda Grills, John Russell, Ted Nelson, Glenn Hamler

LEGION OF HONOR: John Kashanski (53), Ed Rachleff (45), Frank Penny (37) and Gordon Jackson (35)

SENIOR MEMBER: Ed Rachleff

PAST LT. GOVERNORS: John Kashanski (1971-72), Frank Penny (1980-81) Gordon Jackson (1982-83), Martin T. Olsen Jr. (1996-97) and Valeda Grills (2004-05)

LIFE MEMBERS: Martin T. Olsen Jr., John Vincent and Frank Penny

HONORARY MEMBERS: Helen McCartin and Dr. Kathryn Pugh

DIRECTOR KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF NE: Valeda Grills, Tom Moriarty

PAST DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR & IPP KFNE: Martin T. Olsen Jr.

DISTRICT CHAIR- MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS: Martin T. Olsen Jr.

DISTRICT CHAIR- COMMUNICATIONS: Robert Grills

LT. GOVERNOR DIVISION 23: Michael Doyle



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CHRISTMAS PARTY



Twelve children from the Salvation Army's Youth Program joined the club for our Annual Christmas Party on December 20th. Our quarters were intimate, but **Santa's** arrival had the kid's beaming. The children were escorted by **Captains John and Annette Lock** from the Salvation Army and their able assistant, **Emanuel**. The Lock's son, **Jordan**, joined the festivities as well. The following club members adopted children or provided gifts for all the kids: **Greg Massad, Valeda Grills, Andrea Bell, John Kashanski, Frank "Santa" Galley, Chris Sinnett, Ted Nelson, Marty Olsen, Carol Ballestrini, Rusty Ballestrini, Mac Pope, Tom Moriarty, Robert Jones, Chip Gorra, Tom Lacey, Gordon Jackson, Joanne Kelly and Dave Stender.**

JANUARY PROGRAMS

CHRIS SINNETT: CHAIR

January 3: **Mike O'Farrell**, Mystic Seaport

January 10: **Lisa McGinley**, *The Day*

January 17: **George White**, founder of the Eugene O'Neill Theater

January 24: tba

January 31: **Rear Admiral Scott Burhoe**, Superintendent, U.S. Coast Guard Academy

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



Kiwanis Bell Ringers, aided by an abundance of Key Clubbers, enjoyed an unseasonably warm day on December 23rd at the Crystal Mall. The volunteers staffed the entrances at Charlie's Eating and Drinking Saloon, JC Pennys and the Food Court from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM. **Captain John Lock** thanked all those that stepped up to help and indicated he will report on the proceeds when he returns from vacation after New Year's. Key Club members from **New London, Waterford, Fitch, East Lyme**

and **Lyme-Old High Schools** helped out all day along with **Faculty Advisors** from New London and Waterford. The help and support from our Key Clubs is greatly appreciated! The following club members provided service as Bell Ringers over the day: **Ted Nelson, Glenn Hamler, Joanne Kelly, Rusty Ballestrini, David Stender, Gordon Jackson, Tom Moriarty, Chip Gorra, Mike Freedman, Valeda Grills, Bill Everett, Mac Pope, Robert Jones, Marla Champagne** and **Marty Olsen**.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

John Russell, RIF chair, announced that our Reading is Fundamental program will commence the second week of January. This will be the sixth consecutive year the club has provided this **Young Children Priority One** project at Ballestrini's Childcare Centers. Three volunteer readers will be needed weekly at the Waterford center beginning, Wednesday, January 10th. The Salem center requires one weekly reader on Thursdays beginning January 11th. Volunteers are needed at 9:30 AM for approximately 30 minutes. The program will run through the end of May. The club also donates books that the children will be able to bring home. This important program promotes literacy, the joy of reading and book ownership. Contact John Russell at 912-0417 or sign-up at a club meeting to become a RIF volunteer reader.



PAST PROGRAMS

Tom Morgan, owner of Sound Home Inspections of Mystic, addressed the club on December 27th. A local guy, Tom has been in the home inspection business for twenty-two years and has inspected over 6000 homes. Prior to entering the business he went a home inspection school in Washington DC. Currently he is licensed, insured and certified by ASHI and primarily works for the buyer. His inspections generally take 2 ½ to 3 hours. The inspections are visual and Tom starts outside before moving to the basement and living quarters and attic. He indicated that in our area the primary problem area is the water-related concerns in the basement. Termites and electrical problems also surface in the basement. Tom brings a laptop computer on his inspections and enters data as he goes along so that his thoughts are fresh. Morgan indicated that the State of Connecticut for the past five years has required home inspectors to be licensed. Often the last inspector to evaluate a home prior to a closing, Tom said his work could break deals when necessary repairs exceed a buyer's ability to pay. Morgan also provides a variety of the related services such as but not limited to radon testing, septic inspections, asbestos and mold.

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, January 9th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

After visits in and out of Lawrence & Memorial Hospital over the past month, **President Bob** was able to get out and join the club December 27th. **Immediate-Past President Mac** has done an admirable job filling in for Bob while he has been convalescing.

Due to circumstances beyond his control, when **Mac Pope** was President in 2005, he was denied ***Distinguished*** recognition he richly deserved. President Bob, on behalf of the club, presented Mac a framed certificate recognizing him as a ***Distinguished Club President*** in the eyes of the club he served! Mac has and continues to step up and take the reins when needed. Mac- you're the best and thank you for all you do for the Kiwanis Club of New London.

Thank you to **Chip Gorra** for his photo portfolio of the Christmas Party with the children from the Salvation Army. Chip's photos are currently displayed on the club website at <http://www.newlondonkiwanis.org>.

Kiwanis Member Benefit Program for **Boston Celtics** half price tickets for selected games through the Kiwanis Foundation of New England. See Secretary Marty for an order form or go to <http://www.kfne.org>.

Need batteries, buy **Interstate Batteries** and support our club. The club receives 30% on all retail purchases through this program. Visit our club website at <http://www.newlondonkiwanis.org> for more details!

New London Kiwanis Today every Wednesday with hosts **Ted Nelson** and **Glenn Hamler** on MetroCast Cable Access Television, Channel 24 from 5:30-6:00 PM. **Captain Annette Lock** from the Salvation Army is this month's special guest.

Immediate Past President Mac has reported that the Regional Multicultural Magnet School has decided to promote community service internally and has closed shop on the K-Kids club. We want to extend our warmest thanks to **Helene Smith**, Faculty Advisor, to the club for all her effort and support.

Photo credit picture on page one of Santa Claus: **Chip Gorra**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mid-Winter Training Conference: March 2-4, 2007, Mansfield, MA

Kiwanis International Convention: July 4-8, 2007, San Antonio, TX

New England District Convention: August 16-19, 2007, Warwick, RI

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 16: **Frank Galley**

January 24: **Ed Rachleff**

DRAWINGS

December 20: none

December 27: **Mac Pope** donated \$20 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

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