

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



**SERVING GREATER NEW LONDON SINCE 1940**

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

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**LT. GOVERNOR DIVISION 23:** Michael Doyle

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**BOARD ENDORSES OLSEN FOR INTERNATIONAL POSITION**

The Board of Directors at their meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> unanimously endorsed Past Distinguished Governor **Marty Olsen** to be the next candidate from New England for Kiwanis International Trustee. An opening will be occurring for a New England candidate over the next few years because the current trustee from New England is not seeking the next office this summer in San Antonio.



**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT**  
**MID-WINTER TRAINING CONFERENCE**  
**MARCH 2-4, 2007**  
**HOLIDAY INN, MANSFIELD, MA**  
**CONTACT CLUB SECRETARY MARTY OLSEN FOR**  
**REGISTRATION FORMS**  
**SPECIAL HOTEL RATES THROUGH FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Meet old friends and make new ones. The New England District of Kiwanis Mid-Winter Training Conference offers many opportunities to learn about Kiwanis, share your Kiwanis experiences and enjoy fellowship and camaraderie. A partial list of educational sessions is as follows:

- ◆ Become a Club Leadership Education (CLE) Trainer: open to all (Friday 9-4)
- ◆ CLE Training: for club presidents, club secretaries and other club officers, directors and interested parties (Sunday 8-3)
- ◆ Public Relations, Branding and Marketing; Communication; Grant Writing; Risk Management; Young Children Priority One; Together Achieving Growth (TAG); What are Interclubs For?; Write for the *Yankiwanian*; What does KPTI do?; Club

Revitalization; Special Olympics; Exhibits and Auctions; Community Service Roundtable and much, much more!

### KEY CLUB DIVISION 29-A CAUCUS

The Division 29-A Key Club Caucus was held Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at East Lyme High School with **Lt. Governor Michael Barclay** presiding. Representatives from 4 of the 5 schools in the division were present: East Lyme, Waterford, Fitch and Lyme-Old Lyme. **Nina Gumkowski** from LOLHS was unanimously elected to be Lt. Governor for the division for 2007-08. She is the fifth consecutive Lt. Governor from LOLHS. Currently a junior, Nina is in her second year of Key Club and has already attended a district convention in Springfield. She will be installed at the district convention at the end of March. Also in attendance was an interclub from our club (see Interclubs) along with the Faculty Advisors from Fitch, **Lori Singer**, East Lyme, **Roz Downing**, and Lyme-Old Lyme, **Roger Haynes**. Pizza and soda were provided by members of the Kiwanis Club of New London, which sponsors all the clubs in Division 29-A.

### INTERCLUBS

**11.** 1/20/07, Fitch High School Key Club (Battle of the Bands): **Joanne Kelly, Bob Grills, Valeda Grills, Mac Pope and Marty Olsen**

**12.** 1/29/07, Key Club Division 29-A Caucus at East Lyme High School: **Bob Grills, Valeda Grills, Dave Stender, Tom Moriarty and Marty Olsen**

### FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

#### JOHN RUSSELL: CHAIR

February 7: **Janet Rinaldi**, Health Service Coordinator, Life Line Screening

February 14: **Kevin Cavanaugh**, Deputy Mayor, City of New London

February 21: **John Brooks**, New London Development Corporation

February 28: TBA

### READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

#### Ballestrini Childcare

90 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

February 7	Bob Grills	Andrea Bell
February 14	Andrea Bell	Marty Olsen
February 28	John Lock	Annette Lock



#### Ballestrini's Childcare

Salem 4 Corners, Salem, CT

Thursday at 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

February 1	Valeda Grills	_____
February 8	Valeda Grills	_____
February 15	Valeda Grills	_____

### FITCH HS KEY CLUB

#### BATTLE OF THE BANDS

BY AMANDA MATHIEU, PRESIDENT

On Saturday, January 20th, the Fitch High School Key Club organized a Battle of the Bands to raise money for one of this year's Key Club International projects, Kick Aids Out of Kenya. Seven local high school and young adult bands battled it out for four hours all hoping to win the grand prize, a prize basket filled with over \$300 worth of items which had been donated by local businesses. About 150 people attended, enjoying a concession stand with numerous goodies and tables filled with the band's merchandise. Many Kiwanis members were also able to attend, adding to the success of the night. All in all \$1046 were raised and after a few operating expenses were paid \$900 went directly

to the Kick Aids Out of Kenya cause. Thank you to all whom helped make this a successful night.

### **KPTI RECEIVES GRANT FOR GERRISH REGISTRY FROM KIF**

The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI) received a \$10,000 grant from the Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF) for the “Hap” Gerrish Pediatric Trauma Registry. In order to meet the criteria set forth by KIF, the New England District of Kiwanis wrote the grant application on behalf of the program. The Gerrish Registry is a computer database that will offer medical professionals, such as EMT’s, nurses and doctors in the field immediate information via the Internet to assist in making appropriate and timely decisions in saving children’s lives.

### **GUESTS**

The club had nine guests on January 31<sup>st</sup> to hear Admiral Scott Burhoe, including an interclub from the Kiwanis Club of Cheshire. They also came to retrieve their banner, which had been borrowed by our group on a recent interclub. Cheshire President **Stuart Post** was joined his father, **Gary**, a Distinguished Past Lt. Governor from Waterbury, Past Distinguished Lt. Governor **Ken Anderson** and President-elect **Jim Miele**. **Amanda Mathieu**, President of the Fitch High School Key Club made the trek over the bridge with **Jessica Torgersen**, President-elect, and their school principal, **Bob Bacewicz**. **Dave** and **Sherry Lombardi**, Marty Olsen’s next door neighbors, also enjoyed the program and were introduced to Kiwanis.

### **PAST PROGRAMS**

**George White**, founder of the *Eugene O’Neill Theater* in Waterford, addressed the club on January 17<sup>th</sup>. **Janice Muirhead**, Director of Institutional Development, and **Preston Whiteway**, Executive Director, joined him. White gave an overview of the origins of the theater. Founded in 1963 with an annual budget of \$1200, George told us that an initial goal was to save the buildings of the Hammond Estate that were part of the land and buildings given to the Town of Waterford that became Waterford Beach. George was 27 years old and working in television in ’63 when he embarked on the O’Neill Theater project. Ms. Muirhead continued the presentation and told us that from their humble origins, the theater now is world-renowned and has an annual budget of \$2.5M. The mission of the theater is to be a playwrights conference and to develop new work. Each year the theater has an open submission process that accepts over 600 new works that are culled down to a few for consideration. Up and comers as well as current stars and celebrities converge on Waterford each summer to work and develop this new material. Last year the theater initiated their first Young Playwrights Conference featuring work by local students from Waterford High School. Eighteen submissions were whittled down to three. The hope is for this new program to expand into the entire region. Ms. Muirhead also discussed the Monte Christo Cottage on Pequot Avenue in New London, which was a boyhood home of O’Neill and is under the umbrella of the theater and is open for tourists and educational field trips.

On January 24<sup>th</sup> **Mary Ann Nash** from the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital’s Nutrition Center addressed the club. Ms. Nash was joined by **Nanette Thomas**, an RN from the Cancer Center at L & M. Ms. Nash supplemented her talk with a very well done PowerPoint presentation. The thesis of her speech was childhood obesity and the ramifications of not addressing the problem. She indicated one in three kids under the age of 17 qualified as overweight and/or obese. The numbers got shockingly higher for blacks and Hispanics. A result of this problem is the rising caseload of Type II Diabetes in children and other health related issues. Mary Ann discussed ways they are working to deal with this dilemma. Educating children and parents in better and more nutritious diets is a start along with more exercise. The emphasis is being local in addressing the needs and the problems.

**Rear Admiral Scott Burhoe**, Superintendent, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, closed out the month of January on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Admiral Burhoe, just new on the job, had a very congenial style and was very positive about the academy and the role of the Coast Guard in general. He emphasized that the mission of the academy is to develop character and leadership in the cadets during their stay at he academy. Currently there are nine hundred twenty-one cadets, including sixteen international students. There are eight majors to choose from, primarily in the areas in engineering, mathematics and computer science.

The students are very bright with an average SAT score of 1299, but also very well rounded with 70% participating in intercollegiate athletics. Burhoe also spoke glowingly about the academy's world class sailing facilities and other physical assets, including the \$15M addition to Chase Hall, which will add one hundred fifty beds to the barracks. Admiral Burhoe discussed how the cadets also work with area high school students in robotics and how the academy is a good neighbor. The academy is not only home to the cadets, but is also home to all of the Coast Guard's training facilities and training programs. The Admiral proudly referred to the academy as The Hub of Leadership for the Coast Guard. Admiral Burhoe is first superintendent of the academy since 1902 that did not attend the academy. His positive and enthusiast approach should bode well for academy during his tenure at the helm.

### **ODDS & ENDS**

**Board of Directors:** Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

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*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. **Marty Olsen** is this month's special guest.

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

February 10: **Michael Doyle**

February 11: **Valeda Grills**

February 25: **Greg Massad**

February 21: **Dave Stender**

February 27: **Marty Olsen**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**New England Circle K District Convention:** February 23-25, 2007, Westboro, MA

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

**New England Key Club District Convention:** March 30-April 1, 2007, Springfield, MA

**Kiwanis International Convention:** July 3-7, 2007, San Antonio, TX

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

### **DRAWINGS**

January 17: **Frank Penny**

January 24: **Ted Nelson** donated \$4 to the *John Kashanski Community Service Fund*

January 31: **Valeda Grills** donated \$2 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.

### **THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS**

**Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School Builders Club**

**New London High School Key Club**

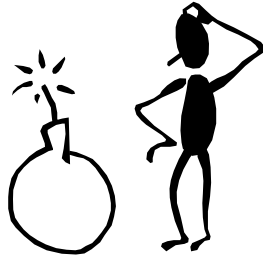
**Waterford High School Key Club**

**East Lyme High School Key Club**

**Lyme-Old Lyme High School Key Club**



**Fitch High School Key Club**



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