

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

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 (46), Frank Penny (38) 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 MEMBER: Helen McCartin

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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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee, **Marty Olsen, Mac Pope** and **Valeda Grills**, brought forth the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2007-08 on April 11th:

President: **Tom Moriarty**; President-elect: **Captain Chris Sinnett**; Vice President: **Chip Gorra**; Immediate Past President: **Robert Grills**; Treasurer: **Robert Jones**; Directors Two Years: **David Stender, Andrea Bell** and **Mac Pope**; Directors One Year: **John Russell, Glenn Hamler, Ted Nelson** and **Valeda Grills**. The Secretary will be elected by the 2007-08 Board. Nominations will be accepted from the floor on April 18th. The Annual Meeting of the Kiwanis Club of New London will be held at 12:15 PM, Wednesday, April 25th at The Lighthouse Inn for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors for 2007-08 and any other germane business to become before the club.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors at their meeting on April 10th took the following action:

- ◆ Approved a Bike Rodeo at the Connecticut College Children's Program in conjunction with Kiwanis One Day

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



President Bob has made April 25th a New Member Day. All club members are asked to invite a prospective member- a friend, neighbor, business associate, to the meeting on the 25th as a guest of the club. Please submit the names and contact information to Marty Olsen or Bob Grills. An invitation will be sent out along with a package of information about Kiwanis. The success of this drive will be the proactive and positive enthusiasm each and every member brings. Let's all share our good fortune as members of Kiwanis with others!

APRIL PROGRAMS

ANDREA BELL: CHAIR

April 18: **Nina Gumkowski**, Key Club Lt. Governor, Division 29-A

April 25: **Maria Miranda**, Owner and Creative Director for Miranda Creative

KEY CLUB DISTRICT CONVENTION

Almost one thousand Key Clubbers from throughout New England congregated at the Sheraton and Marriott Hotels in Springfield, MA for the New England District of Key Club Convention the weekend of March 30-April 1. **Lori Singer**, Faculty Advisor at Fitch, chaperoned a contingent of six members from the Fitch Key Club and **Marty Olsen** oversaw a foursome from Lyme-Old Lyme High School. Our own **Tom Moriarty** represented the Kiwanis Foundation of New England at the Service Fair promoting Kiwanis Family Nite at the Revolution. The **Fitch Key Club** was recognized with the **Early Bird Award** for paying their dues in a timely fashion and the **Waterford Key Club** earned second place for Membership Development in the Silver Division. **Nina Gumkowski** and **Michael Barclay**, both of **Lyme-Old Lyme Key Club**, were installed and retired respectively as Lt. Governor for Division 29-A. Over **\$34,000** was presented by the clubs in the New England District of Key Club to support the three District Projects: **Camp Sunshine**, **Children of Peace** and the **Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute**. The following students were elected to lead the New England District of Key Club for 2007-08:

- ◆ Governor: **Jeff Poulin**, Scarborough HS, Scarborough, ME
- ◆ Secretary: **Emily Kwong**, Fairfield Ludlowe HS, Fairfield, CT
- ◆ Treasurer: **Katie Lau**, Southington HS, Southington, CT
- ◆ Bulletin Editor: **Brendan Howard**, Mystic Valley Regional HS, Everett, MA
- ◆ Endorsed to run for International Trustee at the Key Club International Convention in Orlando: **Hannah Rowell**, South Portland HS, South Portland, ME and **Carrie Mills**, Maloney HS, Meriden, CT

GUESTS

The club had three guests for lunch on April 4th. **Andrea Ballestrini** joined her parents, **Rusty** and **Carol**. Old friend **Rob Krawic** was a guest of **Ted Nelson's** and took membership material with him. **Jack Russell** joined his son, **John**.

Her co-worker, **Carrie Carter**, who she was introducing to the club on April 11th, joined **Andrea Bell**.

CONNECTICUT SUN TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

For the second consecutive year the club has purchased 10 seats for each Connecticut Sun home game. The WNBA team has seventeen home games and plays at the Mohegan Sun Arena. Game selection will continue to be on a first come first serve basis based on payment. Each game can be purchased for \$100 with the club netting \$20 per game for the benefit of Club Administration. Eleven games are sold already!



READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Ballestrini Childcare
90 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford
Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM
Contact John Russell at 912-0417

April 25	Andrew Ely	_____
May 2	Ted Nelson	_____
May 9	Andrea Bell	_____
May 16	_____	_____
May 23	Andrea Bell	Dave Stender
May 30	_____	_____

Ballestrini's Childcare
Salem 4 Corners, Salem, CT
Thursday at 9:30-10:15 AM

April 26	Valeda Grills	_____
May 3	Valeda Grills	_____

KIWANIS NIGHT & DEFENDER VOLUNTEERS

Three volunteers will be needed at each of the following Friday Nite Fireworks games at Connecticut Defenders games at Dodd Stadium in Norwich for a variety of tasks: May 11, May 25, June 8, June 22, July 13, July 20, August 3 and August 17. Sign up at club meetings or contact Marty Olsen. Tickets for Kiwanis Nite at the Defenders on June 9th have been mailed out. Each member has been sent 10 tickets to buy or sell with a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience. Ten tickets are \$80.

PAST PROGRAMS

The club enjoyed a lively and engaging program on April 4th by **Jose Gonzalez**, an English Professor at the Coast Guard Academy and noted Latino poet. Jose, a New London High School graduate, discussed the many names, uses, and problems of ethnic identity associated with Latinos, Hispanics, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Mexicans and the use of aliens. He has run into his own form of stereotyping as an English professor with a Spanish surname. Professor Gonzalez presentation covered a serious topic with a light touch. He concluded his remarks with a reading from his own book on the topic **Brown**, which had the large gathering wanting more.

Former restaurateurs **Todd Taylor** and **Lorraine Butler**, co-owners Water Works for Women, a bottled water company that benefits breast cancer research, addressed the club on April 11th. The for-profit company donates a percentage of their net profit to research. The pair purchased the company after the founder, Nancy Luzzi, from Westerly, RI, passed away and they maintain her mission of supporting breast cancer research. In the highly competitive bottled water industry, supporting research provides a unique marketing tool. They have been aggressively growing the business in RI and Connecticut.

ODDS & ENDS

Check out the *Marty Olsen for International Trustee* website at <http://www.marty.newlondonkiwanis.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 in the Members area at <http://www.newlondonkiwanis.org> for more details!

New London Kiwanis Today with hosts **Ted Nelson** and **Glenn Hamler**. **John Russell**, RIF Coordinator, is this month's special guest.

- ◆ Every Wednesday on MetroCast Cable Access Television, Channel 24 from 5:30-6:00 PM.
- ◆ Every Thursday on Comcast Cable Access Television, Channel 12 in Groton from 9:30-10:00 PM

90th Anniversary Celebration: Kiwanis Club of Portland, ME, Saturday, April 21st, 6:00 PM, Sheraton Hotel, South Portland, ME, \$40 per person.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Yale-Harvard Regatta Luncheon: hosted by the New London Rotary Club, Thursday, June 7th, Noon, Lighthouse Inn

New London Kiwanis Nite @ Connecticut Defenders: Saturday, June 9th

Kiwanis Foundation of New England Annual Meeting: Saturday, June 16th, 10:00 AM, Doubletree Hotel, Westboro, MA; Elections Meeting to Follow

Baseball & BBQ: Saturday, July 21st, Defenders @ Dodd Stadium, 5:30 PM Picnic followed by baseball at 7:00 PM

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

Kiwanis 10K for Kids Family Walk: Saturday, October 13, Worcester, MA, proceeds to benefit KFNE and KIF

Kiwanis Family Nite at the New England Revolution: Saturday, October 13, Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA

DRAWINGS

April 4: **Dave Stender** donated \$4 to the *Kiwanis Club of New London N.B. King Scholarship Fund*

April 11: **Gordon Jackson** donated \$2 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*