

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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REMINDER!!

CLUB TO MEET AT NEW LONDON COAST GUARD STATION ON MAY 16TH

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON MAY 8TH

- ◆ Approved \$180 to purchase 10 Kiwanis Foundation of New England-New England Revolution Flex Tickets to be donated to a local youth group
- ◆ Approved \$300 to renew our sponsorship of the Kiwis minor league baseball team in the New London National Little League at Mitchell Woods
- ◆ Approved a two-day Bike Rodeo at St. Mary's School in New London on June 5th and 7th along with a \$100 appropriation towards the purchase of bike helmets.
- ◆ Approved Monday, August 6th for the Small Ships Regatta to be held at Ocean Beach

BIKE RODEO

Forty-six preschoolers received bike safety instruction and free bike helmets, donated by the club, at the Connecticut College Preschool Program on Friday, April 27th. **Trish Lieteau**, a club member and officer in the New London Police Department put the kids, on bicycles and tricycles, through a safety course. Club members helping out with the program were **Bob Grills**, **Valeda Grills**, **Mac Pope** and **John Russell**. The Salvation Army Canteen provided refreshments. An additional seventeen kids were put through their paces and received helmets on Tuesday, May 1st.

CONNECTICUT SUN TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

HURRY: ONLY SIX GAMES LEFT

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!

MAY PROGRAMS

MARLA CHAMPAGNE: CHAIR

May 16: Meeting at Coast Guard Station New London including tour of the facility
May 23: Patricia Schaefer, President, New London County Historical Society
May 30: Dr. Gary M. Freudenthal, Shoreline Mental Health, LLC, Licensed Clinical Psychologist

GUESTS

Sherry Lombardi, a member-in-waiting, joined the club for lunch on May 9th. Also joining us the 9th were Lauren Holder and Susan Mcgann as guests of President Bob. They ladies made a brief presentation regarding an upcoming Walk-a-Thon to benefit the Huntington's Disease Society of America they are involved with on Saturday, May 12th at Bluff Point State Park in Groton at 10:00 AM.

INTERCLUBS

16. 4/26/07, Kiwanis Club of Meriden: Robert Jones, Valeda Grills, Marla Champagne and Marty Olsen (photo left to right)



READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Ballestrini Childcare

90 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417

May 16
May 23
May 30

Andrea Bell
Bill Everett

Sherry Lombardi
Ted Nelson



Ballestrini's Childcare

Salem 4 Corners, Salem, CT

Thursday at 9:30-10:15 AM

May 17
May 24
May 31

Valeda Grills
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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

Attending as a guest of Robert Jones, Allison Phaneuf graciously stepped up to fill the void of Shirley Zaccheo, our scheduled speaker, on May 2nd. Allison shared that her father has been a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of Waterbury. She has recently moved into the area and is the Director of Business and Community Development for Mystic Studios: Tourism Television. Allison also chatted about her time with Youth Services in Bristol, CT and the Ropes Course they ran which is an urban/suburban program to develop camaraderie and team building skills.

Kitty Stalsburg, Program Director for High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, addressed the club on May 9th. Located on 120 acres off Town Woods Rd. in Old Lyme, High Hopes serves about 220 children with disabilities weekly. A staff of twenty is supported with three hundred volunteers weekly to meet the needs of the youth. High Hopes has a \$1M annual budget and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Kitty supplemented her presentation with a delightful nine-minute video that outlined programs and successes. In 1995, High Hopes hosted the Equestrian Events for the World Special Olympics.

ODDS & ENDS

Check out the *Marty Olsen for International Trustee* website at <http://www.marty.newlondonkiwanis.org>

In conjunction with the club's visit to the Coast Guard Station in New London on May 16th, the club will hold it's Annual Skip-A-Meal with proceeds benefiting the Kiwanis International Foundation.

The 2007-08 Board of Directors held a Special Meeting on May 2nd and unanimously elected **Marty Olsen** to be secretary for the 2007-08 administrative year.

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
- ◆ First and Third Monday on Comcast Cable Access Television, Channel 14 in Lyme and Old Lyme from 7:00-7:30 PM

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

Golf Tournament: Friday, September 7, 2007, 12:30 Shotgun, Shennecossett, Groton

Kiwanis 10K for Kids Family Walk: Saturday, October 13, Worcester, MA, proceeds to benefit Kiwanis Foundation of New England and Kiwanis International Foundation

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

DRAWINGS

May 2: **Robert Jones** donated \$6 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*

May 9: **Glenn Hamler**

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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