

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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JUNE PROGRAMS

DAVID STENDER: CHAIR

June 6: **Kiwanis Club of New London N. B. King Scholarship Award Presentations**

June 13: **Donald Benoit**, Department Chair of Professional Studies, Mitchell College, will discuss the new majors at the college as well as his experience in the Michael's Dairy expansion.

June 20: **Megan Robinson** and **Jessica Torgersen**: Fitch HS Key Clubbers who recently attended Key Leader

June 27: **Mary Ellen Jukowski**, President, Mitchell College

YALE-HARVARD REGATTA LUNCHEON

The New London Rotary Club will host the annual joint service club **Yale-Harvard Regatta Luncheon** on Thursday, June 7th at noon at The Lighthouse Inn. The cost is \$15.

CONNECTICUT SUN TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

HURRY: ONLY FIVE GAMES LEFT

Each game can be purchased for \$100 with the club netting \$20 per game for the benefit of Club Administration. Twelve games are sold already!

GUESTS

Sherry Lombardi joined the club for its special meeting at the New London Coast Guard Station on May 16th as well as our meeting at The Lighthouse Inn on the 23rd.

The club had two special guests to close out the month of May on the 30th. Her brand new grandson, **Tanyon** joined **Marla Champagne**, and **Jack Russell**, joined his son, **John**.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

The club recently concluded its 6th consecutive year of providing a certified *Reading is Fundamental* program at the Ballestrini Childcare Centers in Waterford and Salem. Approximately 50-60 preschool children were read to each week from the beginning of January through the end of May. Over the course of the program each child was given three books, donated by the club, to bring home. The program also qualifies as a *Kiwanis Young Children Priority One* program as it serves children from pre-natal to age five as well as *Kiwanis Read Around the World*. **John Russell** is to be thanked and congratulated for coordinating the program for a second consecutive year. Sixteen club members volunteered to read: **Valeda Grills, Bob Grills, Mac Pope, Ted Nelson, Marty Olsen, Andrea Bell, John Lock, Bill Everett, Andrew Ely, Chip Gorra, Carol Ballestrini, Tom Moriarty, Marla Champagne, Rusty Ballestrini, Glenn Hamler and John Russell**. Two special guest readers also volunteered: **Annette Lock** and member-in-waiting **Sherry Lombardi**. Program graduations will be held at on the following dates and club members are invited to attend: Waterford, Tuesday, June 12th and Salem, Thursday, June 14th.



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: 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.

OUT AND ABOUT

Over the weekend of May 18th club members made their way to a variety of meetings and sessions. **Tom Moriarty** received his Club Leadership Education (CLE) training in Worcester for club president. **Bob Grills** spent the weekend at Camp Lyndon in Sandwich, MA at Key Leader. Also in Worcester **Marty Olsen** addressed the incoming Lt. Governors at their training in his capacity as District Marketing & Branding Chair. On Monday, May 21st, **Valeda Grills, Marla Champagne and Marty Olsen** visited the Guilford/Shoreline club.

PAST PROGRAMS

Club members enjoyed a delightful spread on May 16th at our special meeting at the Coast Guard Station New London. **John Walsh, E6**, represented the Coast Guard and gave a very informative talk about the station itself and the Coast Guard in general. After lunch the group had a tour of the facility including a stroll on the dock to view the boats in port. A big thank you to club member **Lt. Andrew Ely** for coordinating our visit to the station!

Patricia Schaefer, President of the New London County Historical Society, spoke to the club on May 23rd. Founded in 1870, the Historical Society has been in its current home at the Shaw Mansion on Blinman St. since 1907 when they purchased it. The Mission of the New London County Historical Society is to inspire residents and visitors to appreciate the past and draw upon Southeastern Connecticut's rich heritage as a key to understanding the present and planning for the future. The Society provides genealogical archives and local research and educational opportunities at the Shaw Mansion as well as collaborative efforts, such as reenactments at Fort Trumbull and Fort Griswold. Pat supplemented her remarks with a fine PowerPoint presentation.

Dr. Gary M. Freudenthal, a licensed clinical psychologist with a private practice at Shoreline Mental Health, LLC, addressed the club on May 30th. A native of Cincinnati, OH, Gary made his way east after marrying a New England girl. He spent one year in Israel studying at Hebrew University and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Cincinnati. He earned his masters and doctorate degrees at the University of Chicago. The theme of his talk was the power of positive thinking and he described himself as a cheerleader of the mind and body.

ODDS & ENDS

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

Board of Directors: Tuesday, June 12th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

Marla Champagne was elected to be *Club Representative* to the Annual Meeting of the Kiwanis Foundation of New England on Saturday, June 16th. (Calendar of Events)

In conjunction with the club's visit to the Coast Guard Station in New London on May 16th, the club held it's Annual Skip-A-Meal with proceeds benefiting the Kiwanis International Foundation. The club netted \$75 plus and additional \$20 from an IDD canister donated by Bernie Rosenblatt of the former Old Saybrook club.

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**. **Marty Olsen**, Past Distinguished Governor, 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 5:30-6:00 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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, In-game Picnic at 7:05 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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2: **Nick Vallas**

June 5: **Robert Grills** (Happy 70th!!)

June 25: **Tom Lacey**

DRAWINGS

May 16: **Nick Vallas**

May 23: **Frank Penny**

May 30: **John Russell** donated \$8 to the *Kiwanis Foundation of New England*

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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