

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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THERE WILL BE NO MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH
JULY BOARD MEETING CANCELED

NB KING SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED

Three graduating New London High School seniors were recognized and presented **\$1000 *Kiwanis Club of New London N.B. King Scholarship Grants*** at the meeting on June 6th. This year's recipients are **Jennifer Blanco**, **Lisandri Kutrolli** and **Willysthssa Pierre-Louis**. Her parents, **Jorge** and **Luz**, joined Ms. Blanco at the meeting and his girlfriend, **Allison Oddo**, joined Mr. Kutrolli. Each recipient had exceptional academic achievement and are in the top five percent of their class as well as being members of the National Honor Society. The students not only excelled in the classroom, but also had time to participate in many extracurricular activities such as sports, community service and work. Jennifer will be attending Connecticut College in the fall. Lisandri will join his



brother, **Nikolin**, also a King Scholarship recipient at UCONN and **Willysthssa** will be attending UCONN at Avery Point. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by **Glenn Hamler**, selected these three outstanding candidates from the largest pool ever. Joining Glenn on the committee were **Ted Nelson**, **Andrea Bell** and **Phil Lombardo**.

L to R: Jennifer Blanco, Lisandri Kutrolli, Willysthssa Pierre-Louis

photo credit: Bob Grills

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD
AHOY! NEW MEMBERS ABOARD!

The Board of Directors took the following actions at their meeting on June 12th:

- ◆ Approved the Membership Applications:
 1. **Sherry Lombardi**, sponsored by **Marty Olsen**
 2. **Rob Krawic**, sponsored by **Ted Nelson**
 3. **Joanna Herrick**, sponsored by **Ted Nelson**
- ◆ Approved renewal of club website with upgrade to “Professional Host”
- ◆ Elected **Bob Grills**, **Tom Moriarty** and **Mac Pope** to be delegates and **Robert Jones**, **John Russell** and **Ted Nelson** to be alternates to the New England District of Kiwanis Convention to be held the weekend of August 16-19, 2007 in Warwick, RI

BIKE RODEO RESCHEDULED

The Bike Rodeo originally scheduled for June 5th and 7th at St. Mary’s School in New London has been rescheduled to Monday, June 18th at 10:00 AM. Volunteers will be needed. Contact President Bob at 443-4249 to sign up.

JUNE PROGRAMS
DAVID STENDER: CHAIR

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

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

CONNECTICUT SUN TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE
HURRY: ONLY FOUR GAMES LEFT

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

GUESTS

Sue Reniewicz, our Lt. Governor-elect, and **Bob Seiler**, President, both from the Newington club joined us on June 6th. **Jack Russell** also joined the club on the 6th with his son, **John**.

Old friends **Mike Mader**, **Kathy Mader** and **Eleanor Bruce** from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Southeastern CT joined the club for lunch on June 13th.

KIWANIS NIGHT & DEFENDER VOLUNTEERS

President Bob led a strong contingent of club members, family and friends out for Kiwanis Night at the Connecticut Defenders on June 9th. Bob whistled in a heater for the ceremonial first pitch as he theatrically walked his way to the catcher to drop the ball in his mitt. The game was held after a day of heavy rain. The home team blew a 3-1 lead in the ninth inning to the visiting Binghamton Mets and lost 5-3. Unused tickets to this game can be exchanged at the box office for any home game during the season. Club members are also encouraged to buy tickets to future Defender games through the club as an inventory is held with returned tickets by club members. Club members who have not bought, sold or returned their allotted tickets are asked to do so as soon as possible so we may add to our program profit as each unsold ticket represents net income to the club. Kiwanis volunteers are needed on the following Friday Night Fireworks games and should arrive by 5:00 PM:

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| June 22 | Ted Nelson | Rusty Ballestrini | _____ |
| July 13 | Marla Champagne | _____ | _____ |
| July 20 | Rusty Ballestrini | _____ | _____ |
| August 3 | Mac Pope | Valeda Grills | _____ |
| August 17 | _____ | _____ | _____ |

A big Kiwanis thank you to **Ted Nelson**, **John Russell**, **Mac Pope**, **Dave Stender**, **Marty Olsen** and our old friend **Dennis McCarthy** from the Kiwanis Club of Peabody for helping out at games earlier this season!

PAST PROGRAM

Donald Benoit, Department Chair of Professional Studies at Mitchell College, addressed the club on June 13th. Don has been at Mitchell five years and seen quite a transformation

as the school moves from a two-year school to a four-year school. During his tenure Mitchell has gone from 20% four-year students to 80%. The school has also moved into Division III athletics. Mitchell College purchased Michael's Dairy a year ago. The dairy is adjacent to the dormitories and athletic facilities off Montauk Ave. The school bookstore has been moved to this sight and a small restaurant, the Red Barn Café, has opened there as well in the back. The purpose of this purchase has been to offer students real life business experience. A satellite Michael's Dairy downtown has been opened as well. Mitchell has also embarked on the beginning of a major \$50M capital improvement plan. It was quite obvious that Don is enjoying his role in the changes and growth at Mitchell College.

ODDS & ENDS

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

Thanks to **Marla Champagne** for staffing the club's promotional table at the Connecticut Sun game on June 2nd.

Bob Grills, Andrew Ely, Marty Olsen, Gordon Jackson and Bill Everett, along with his wife, **Joyce**, represented the club at the annual **Yale-Harvard Regatta Luncheon**.

Club Leadership Education (CLE) will be offered on Saturday, June 23rd in Newington. Club officers, directors or members interested in receiving Kiwanis training should contact Lt. Governor-elect Sue Reniewicz at (860) 667-5900.

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

Baseball & BBQ: Saturday, July 21st, Defenders @ Dodd Stadium, In-game Picnic at 7:05 PM (see flyer insert)

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

Tailgate Party with Kiwanis International President David Curry at Kiwanis Family Nite at the New England Revolution: Saturday, October 13, Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA (order forms available on club website)

DRAWINGS

June 6: **Bruce Patterson**

June 13: **Michael Doyle**

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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