

**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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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT**

Over five thousand seven hundred Kiwanians and guests, including five club members (see Interclubs) made the journey to Texas for the Kiwanis International Convention in San Antonio July 3-7. Two thousand sixty nine clubs were represented by three thousand one hundred thirty three delegates plus five hundred ninety delegates at-large in the House of Delegates. Election results as well as the results of the nineteen By-law Amendment proposals can be found at [kiwanis.org](http://kiwanis.org). A special treat for the New England District and two other districts at our District Dinner at the Dude Ranch was a performance by **Veronica Ballestrini**.

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT OF KIWANIS CONVENTION**

**AUGUST 16-19, 2007**

**CROWNE PLAZA, WARWICK, RI**

**SEE MARTY OLSEN, CLUB SECRETARY, FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF NEW ENGLAND**

The Annual Meeting of the Kiwanis Foundation of New England, which was followed by the Election Meeting, was held June 16<sup>th</sup> in Westboro, MA. Four club members attended (see Interclubs). **Paul Donato** (Medford, MA Kiwanis) was elected to a third, and final, one-year term as President. **Marty Olsen** continues as Immediate-Past President. **Tom Moriarty** was elected to serve a one-year term as an At-Large member of the Executive Committee. **Valeda Grills** served on the Nominating Committee.

**INTERCLUBS**

**17.** 6/16/07, Kiwanis Foundation of New England Annual Meeting in Westboro, MA: **Marla Champagne, Tom Moriarty, Valeda Grills and Marty Olsen**

18. 7/3/07-7/7/07, Kiwanis International Convention, San Antonio, TX: **Bob Grills, Valeda Grills, Rusty Ballestrini, Carol Ballestrini and Marty Olsen**

### **BIKE RODEO**

Club member and New London Police Officer **Trish Lieteau** put forty-one kids, Kindergarten through Grade 8, through a rigorous Bike Safety Training Course on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's School in New London. Joining Officer Lieteau were club members **Bob Grills, Valeda Grills, Mac Pope, John Russell and Gordon Jackson**. Each student received a free Bike Helmet donated by the club. The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI) provided a variety of educational materials for the children and as adults as well. The Salvation Army Canteen provided food and refreshments.

### **JULY PROGRAMS**

#### **MAC POPE: CHAIR**

July 18: **Susan Pownsley**, Executive Director, Literacy Volunteers

July 25: **Marci Boyer** and **David Lewis**, Partners in Flavours of Life, a Bank St. firm dealing in Fair Trade

### **CONNECTICUT SUN TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE**

#### **ONLY THREE GAMES LEFT**

#### **10 SEATS PER GAME FOR ONLY \$100**

July 17 vs. Minnesota Lynx with former UConn stars Tamika (Williams) Raymond and Svetlana Abrosimova

July 26 vs. New York Liberty with former UConn star Ashley Battle

August 7 vs. Sacramento Monarchs

### **DEFENDER VOLUNTEERS**

Kiwanis volunteers are needed on the following Friday Night Fireworks games and should arrive by 5:00 PM:

July 20	<b>Rusty Ballestrini</b>	_____	_____
August 3	<b>Mac Pope</b>	<b>Valeda Grills</b>	_____
August 17	_____	_____	_____

**Sherry Lombardi** along with her husband, **Dave, John Russell, Marla Champagne, Robert Jones** and **Marty Olsen** volunteered at the Eastern League All-Star Game on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **PAST PROGRAMS**

**Jessica Torgersen**, one of the two Fitch HS Key Clubbers, who recently attended Key Leader, addressed the club on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Jessica just completed her sophomore year at Fitch and will be President of the Key Club next year. She attended the Key Leader program the weekend of May 18-20 at Camp Lyndon in Sandwich, MA. Wearing the blue Key Leader T-shirt she received for attending the program, Jessica highlighted the Five Aspects of leadership that were focused on over the weekend: Integrity, Respect, Community, Growth and Excellence. She noted that an activity was attached to each unit. She also mentioned participating in a Ropes Course that was designed as a Trust Exercise. Jessica indicated she had a great time and hopes to attend again next year- perhaps as a Teen Leader!

Dr. Mary Ellen Jukowski, president of Mitchell College, addressed the club on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Jukowski has been president of the college since 1994. Mitchell College is a co-educational, private residential institution offering associate and bachelor degree programs in the liberal arts and professional areas. Under Dr. Jukowski Mitchell has transformed from a 2-year school to a four-year school. In 2000 there were 13 students in the 4-year degree program. This fall over 120 students will be enrolled in the 4-year program. New degree programs will be offered in Homeland Security, and hospitality. These are in addition to programs already offered in communications, early childhood development, business, environmental systems, and global studies. In her talk she outlined the school's 3-year plan for physical transformation of the campus. An anonymous donor has allowed the school to start construction on a new academic success center. The academic success center will offer students tutoring, learning resources,

career and academic advise all in one building. Dr. Jukowski also outlined the college's Thames Academy program. This program is for high school graduates who are not ready for starting college. Mitchell is the only school to offer this popular program. Written by Tom Moriarty

### 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**. **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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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)

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1: **Bruce Patterson**  
July 4: **Gloria Dover**  
July 10: **Patricia Lieteau**  
July 18: **Bruce Rinehart**  
July 18: **Lt. Andrew Ely**

### DRAWINGS

June 20: **Marty Olsen** donated \$6 to the *Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Endowment*  
June 27: **Bruce Rinehart**  
July 11: **Greg Massad**

### WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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



**Your Humble Servant**