

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: Thomas Moriarty **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Cpn. Chris Sinnett
VICE-PRESIDENT: Chip Gorra **TREASURER:** Robert Jones
SECRETARY: Martin T. Olsen Jr. **IMM. PAST-PRESIDENT:** Robert Grills
DIRECTORS (1 YEAR): Valeda Grills, John Russell, Ted Nelson, Glenn Hamler
DIRECTORS (2 YEARS): Andrea Bell, David Stender, Mac Pope

LEGION OF HONOR: John Kashanski (54), Ed Rachleff (46), Frank Penny (38) and Gordon Jackson (36) **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), Valeda Grills (2004-06) and Michael Doyle (2005-07)

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.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

My name is Tom Moriarty and I have been entrusted to be your president for the 2007-2008 Kiwanis year. The theme for my year is membership involvement. By getting you the members more involved in your club, and it is your club, we together can grow and expand the Kiwanis mission of *Serving the Children of the World*.

My first step in involving you the members of the club is the Club Assessment that you recently received in the mail. If you have not already returned your survey please take the time to mail it back to the club today. When you fill out the survey don't be afraid to write some comments on the back. Everyone's input in improving your club is important. I will be tabulating the results for discussion at the October Board of Directors meeting. The results will also be available online at our website in the members section, www.newlondonkiwanis.org/members.html.

If you have any questions or concerns about the club, please feel free to contact me. My home phone is 887-1305 or I can be emailed at president@newlondonkiwanis.org.

I hope to see everyone next week at the installation of officers dinner, October 4th at 6:00 PM at the Lighthouse Inn. Remember "*One Can Make a Difference*", and you can be the one!

Yours in Kiwanis Service,
President Tom

GUESTS

For the second consecutive week, on September 19th, **Carol Joyce** was a guest of **Bob** and **Valeda Grills**.

Russ George from the New Haven Club broke bread with us on September 26th.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2007-08

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Thursday, October 4, 2007

The Lighthouse Inn

Buffet Dinner Menu

- ◆ Crisp Garden Salad
- ◆ Delmonico Potatoes
- ◆ Fresh Garden Vegetables
- ◆ Grilled Flank Steak with Mushroom Demi Glaze
 - ◆ Grilled Salmon with Red Onion Fume
 - ◆ Pasta Primavera
 - ◆ Warm Rolls with Sweet Butter
 - ◆ Executive Chef Dessert Selection
 - ◆ Coffee/Decaf Coffee/Hot Tea Selections

Social Hour at 6:00 PM followed by Dinner Program at 7:00 PM

\$35 per person

Spouses and Guests Welcome

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

ROBERT JONES: CHAIR

October 3: **Jennifer Johnson**, Children's Museum of Southeastern CT in Niantic

October 10: TBA

October 17: TBA

October 24: TBA

October 31: a surprise for Halloween

PAST PROGRAMS

Lisa Sullivan, our scheduled program on September 19th, from the New London Front Porch Program was unable to attend due to a family emergency and will be rescheduled a later date.

The club was addressed by **Penny Parsekian**, Executive Director of New London Main St., on September 26th. Penny's talk was very upbeat, positive and at times quite animated. She outlined the mission of Main St. and the geographic parameters in the downtown area and Historic Waterfront District. Four major committees oversee the operations of the organization: design, promotion, economic enhancement and organizational outreach. Penny discussed the excitement the mega cruise ship activity has created in New London, especially the downtown area. This has fostered a need to educate the downtown business owners about much of the historical significance of New London and many of its building and stories so visitors from the ships will receive an enthusiastic, consistent and accurate message. To just drop off a boatload of guests without proper preparation would be a disaster. Penny also gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Parade area at the foot of State St. New London Main St. also sponsors four downtown festivals over the course of the year with the most recent one being the *Books, Brushes, Jazz and Blues Festival*. A courtyard café has been created in the Union Plaza to offer casual bring your own lunch dining. Main St. has also won a competition to receive free marketing with a value of \$40,000 from a local firm. Although some buildings in the downtown area need repairs and tenants, Penny indicated that significant investment has been and continues to be made in downtown New London. The central message that Penny brought was good things are happening and encouraged club members to take advantage of the opportunities!

ODDS & ENDS

Dues are due: \$105. Please remit to Kiwanis Club of New London, PO Box 333, New London, CT 06320 or pay online via credit card in the Members Area.

Board of Directors: Tuesday, October 9th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library, Meeting Room. All members are invited to attend.

Go to our club website at <http://www.newlondonkiwanis.org> to see a large portfolio of pictures of our Golf Tournament submitted by Tom Moriarty and Chip Gorra.

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**.

- ◆ 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

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)

Official Governor's Visit: Friday, October 19th

Fall Training Conference: North Conway, NH, November 16-18, 2007

Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute: Open House, Saturday, December 1, 2007

Mid-Winter Training Conference: Worcester, MA, March 7-8, 2008

Kiwanis Cruise to Bermuda with Governor John Maihos: June 1-8, 2008

Kiwanis International Convention: Orlando, FL, June 25-29, 2008

New England District Convention: August 14-17, 2008

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 5: **Mac Pope**

October 14: **Phil Lombardo**

October 20: **Marla Champagne**

October 25: **John Russell**

DRAWINGS

September 19: **Robert Grills** donated \$6 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*

September 26: **Joanne Kelly**

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

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