

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 2007-2008

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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MAIHOS INSTALLS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2007-08
FOUR MEMBERS INDUCTED
JACKSON KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR



President Tom Moriarty

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Tom Moriarty was installed as President of the club for the 2007-08 year by **Governor John Maihos** at a very well attended event at The Lighthouse Inn. For this august affair Tom was joined by his wife, **Selina**, daughter, **Gayle**, and his mother and father, **Elaine** and **Neil**. Governor John also installed the 2007-08 officers and directors: President-elect: **Captain Chris Sinnett**; Vice President: **Chip Gorra**; Immediate Past President: **Robert Grills**; Treasurer: **Robert Jones**; Secretary: **Marty Olsen**; Directors Two Years: **Andrea Bell, David Stender, Mac Pope** and Directors One Year: **John Russell, Valeda Grills, Glenn Hamler** and **Ted Nelson**. **Sue Reniewicz**, Division 23 Lt. Governor from Newington, retired the 2006-07 officers and directors. Governor John formally inducted four members into the club: **Sherry Lombardi** and **Chip Gorra** sponsored by **Marty**

Olsen, Andrew Ely sponsored by **Chris Sinnett** and **John Russell** sponsored by **Bob Grills**. Club members recognized for Perfect Attendance were **Robert Jones** (1 year), **Robert Grills** (3 years), **Tom Moriarty** (3 years), **Valeda Grills** (7 years), **Ted Nelson** (9 years), **Mac Pope** (12 years), **Marty Olsen** (19 years) and **Gordon Jackson** (36 years). President Bob acknowledged **Gordon Jackson**, who was unable to attend, as the club's *Kiwanian of the Year*. Gordon will be duly recognized at a club meeting in the near future. Four members were noted for their service in the **Legion of Honor**, which requires 25 years of service to Kiwanis: **John Kashanski** (54 years), **Ed Rachleff** (46 years), **Frank Penny** (39 years) and **Gordon Jackson** (36 years). Our Key Clubs were well represented at the Installation as well: **Lori Singer**, Faculty Advisor Fitch HS; **Nina Gumkowski**, Lt. Governor Division 29-A from Lyme-Old Lyme HS, **Jessica Torgerson**, President Fitch HS; **Megan Robinson**, Fitch HS and East Lyme HS Co-Presidents **Kim Betts** and **Ricky Connell**. A number of other guests joined the festivities: John Russell's father, **Jack**, Sherry Lombardi's husband, **Dave**, Bill Everett's wife, **Joyce**, Ted Nelson's wife, **Grace**, Chip Gorra's guest, **Caroline Cunningham**, Lt. Governor from the Kiwanis Club of Peabody, **Dennis McCarthy** and **Gloria Olesen** from Newington. Outgoing **President Bob Grills** was presented a plaque by **Past Distinguished Governor Marty Olsen** for his outstanding service as club president the past two years. **Glenn Hamler** did his usual fine job as Master of Ceremonies.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors took the following actions at their meeting on October 9th:

- ❑ Appropriated \$250 to purchase bike helmets to donate to Bikes for Kids
- ❑ Appropriated \$200 to New London Main St. towards Children's Theater
- ❑ Voted to purchase Key Club Faculty Advisor shirts
- ❑ Appropriated \$500 to purchase sails, which will include our name and logo, for the New London Community Boating program at Green Harbor Beach
- ❑ Andrea Bell will chair the Annual Ham & Turkey Sale
- ❑ Authorized An Evening at the Garde for a Broadway Series show after New Year's
- ❑ Authorized 2008 Golf Tournament to be a Spring Event in May

OFFICIAL GOVERNOR'S VISIT

John Maihos

Governor New England District of Kiwanis

Friday, October 19, 2007

Fire Headquarters, 1485 Main St., Newington, CT

6:00 PM

\$35 per person, Casual Attire

INTERCLUBS

20. 9/29/07, Kiwanis Foundation of New England Board of Directors Meeting at New England Medical Center in Boston: **Tom Moriarty, Valeda Grills, Marla Champagne** and **Marty Olsen**.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

ROBERT JONES: CHAIR

October 17: Roundtable discussion regarding recent Club Assessment

October 24: TBA

October 31: a surprise for Halloween

PAST PROGRAMS

The club was addressed on October 3rd by **Jennifer Johnson**. She is the Marketing Director for the Children's Museum of Southeastern CT in Niantic. Ms. Johnson has been on the job since August after moving into the area this past June with her husband and two small children from the Midwest. Jennifer gave us an overview of the Museum's mission of a hand's on experience geared for children six months through age five. The museum, founded in 1992, will be celebrating its 15th Anniversary this year. Initially the museum leased their space from the Town of East Lyme, but was able to purchase the building in 2002. Last year they had over 40,000 visitors and operate with a \$300,000 budget. They have 1200 members and are helped out with over 400 volunteers who provided over 3000 hours of service. Jennifer concluded her presentation with an appeal to the club for volunteers, board members and donations.

Jeffrey Ostroff, Principal at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School, addressed the club on October 10th. A Philadelphia native, Jeff graduated from UCONN and has cultivated his educational experience in Connecticut town's and cities from Tolland to Willimantic to Norwich to his current administrative post in Region 18. His primary topic of discussion is a camp he has run annually since 1981 to foster learning, especially in the arts. His camp brings professionals in the arts to work with approximately one hundred fifty kids between 11-17 years old in an immersion program over a two-week period. A self-described wayward child growing up, Ostroff's passion for extending himself to enhancing the opportunity for young people was quite evident. His camp, a 501(c)(3), has had different locations over the years and currently is operating at the Westover School during July. He offered a variety of ways the club could provide assistance from scholarships to student referrals.

GUESTS

Rich Cheatham joined the club for lunch on October 10th as a guest of **Mac Pope**. Rich works for Literacy Volunteers and is interested in membership!

ODDS & ENDS

Kiwanis Club of Cheshire 50th Anniversary: Saturday, November 3rd, Waverly Tavern.

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.

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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

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

DRAWINGS

October 3: **Robert Jones**

October 10: **Andrew Ely**

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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