

**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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**NOTES FROM PRESIDENT TOM**

- ◆ I would like to personally remind everyone that annual club dues were due at the end of last month. If you have not already paid, please send in your payment now. Remember you may use your Mastercard or Visa to pay your dues at <http://newlondonkiwanis.org/members.html>
- ◆ Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:  
November 20- Thanksgiving Dinner at Salvation Army  
December 19- Salvation Army Children's Christmas Party  
December 22- Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army
- ◆ I would also like to remind everyone we will be running our annual Ham and Turkey Sale in December. Also with Christmas on the horizon, why not order batteries for your children or grandchildren's toys at [www.interstatebatteries.com](http://www.interstatebatteries.com) and use coupon code KIWANISCT at checkout?
- ◆ I would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent installation dinner and everyone who filled out a club survey.

**OFFICIAL GOVERNOR'S VISIT**

Approximately fifty members representing eleven clubs from around the state made the trek to the Town of Newington Fire Headquarters on October 19<sup>th</sup> for the Official Visit to Connecticut by **John Maihos**, Governor of the New England District of Kiwanis. Governor John's theme for the year is ***Growth Through Service***. Governor John gave a dynamic talk outlining how clubs and individuals can achieve success this upcoming year. He has challenged the district to add 100 new members in the first 100 days and for each division to build a new club! Maihos strongly encouraged Kiwanis education and participation at district functions as well as the Kiwanis International Convention next June in Orlando. John promoted a joint project with our sponsored leadership programs to support Camp Sunshine in southern Maine for terminally ill children and their families.

The governor also stressed the importance of Key Leader and the need to get our Key Clubbers to take advantage of this dynamic program. John made a call for the clubs to support this year's Governor's Special Initiatives: Childhood Obesity and Children with Diabetes. The Governor concluded his remarks with a Distinguished Member program to inspire individual members to be rewarded and recognized for helping to achieve the goals and objectives for the year.

### **INTERCLUBS**

1. 10/19/07, Newington, Official Governor's Visit to Connecticut: **Tom Moriarty, Valeda Grills, Bob Grills, Chip Gorra and Marty Olsen**

### **NOVEMBER PROGRAMS**

#### **TED NELSON: CHAIR**

November 7: **Anne Marie Foster**, Director of Development, NL Maritime Society  
November 14: **Ray Hasson**, Compliance Manager, CorePlus Federal Credit Union  
November 21: **Melissa Canova**, Director, Montessori School, will discuss improving literacy, especially in the low income demographic  
November 28: **Attorney Gregg Wagman**

### **SEASONAL SERVICE WITH THE SALVATION ARMY**

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Family Dinner:** Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army on Governor Winthrop Blvd. This is an annual joint club and Key Club project. Over 100 meals will be served. Volunteers will be needed to set-up and break down the dining room, wash dishes, serve food, provide table service, bus tables and any other takes that might arise. Kiwanis club members are asked to bring apple and/or pumpkin pies for dessert. Volunteers will be needed between 4:30 and 6:30 PM
- ◆ **Christmas Party:** Guests from the Salvation Army Youth Program will join the club at our regular meeting at Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Santa sightings will be out and club members are asked to adopt a child and provide a gift, preferably clothing. The Army will provide names, ages, gender and sizes.
- ◆ **Bell Ringing:** Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Crystal Mall, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, two hour shifts at three entrances: Charlie's, JC Penny and Food Court. The Food Court is an indoor location.

### **SPONSORED LEADERSHIP**

The American Heart Association Walk was held at Rocky Neck State Park on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-eight members of the Fitch High School Key Club, myself and our principal, Mr. Bacewicz, walked as "Team Fitch" which was a sub-set of Team Pfizer. At last count the Key Club students had raised \$1090 for the American Heart Association. Submitted by Lori Singer, Faculty Advisor to the Fitch HS Key Club.

### **PAST PROGRAMS**

A lively discussion took place on October 17<sup>th</sup>, which was facilitated by President Tom regarding the recent Club Assessment. The assessment, sent to every club member with a self-addressed stamped reply envelope, had a thirty-percent return. Overall the survey indicated a high level of satisfaction with club membership. Those responding primarily expressed concern with the lack of brand name identity of the name *Kiwanis* and being informed of club activities.

**Lt. Commander Whit Irwin** of the US Coast Guard addressed the club on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Currently serving at the Academy as an assistant to the Superintendent, Whit's talk was on his two prior tours as a helicopter pilot flying primarily search and rescue missions. He had helicopter duty in Puerto Rico and in the Great Lakes region of Michigan. He supplemented his talk with a slide presentation that highlighted the missions. All in attendance greatly appreciated his efforts and the expanding role of the Coast Guard.

### **GUESTS**

The club had three guests on October 17<sup>th</sup>. **Jack Russell** broke bread with us as a guest of his son, **John**, and former member **Rachel Mirochnick** and her friend, **Alan Pierce**, were guests of **President Tom**.

**Rich Cheatham** joined the club a second time as a guest of **Mac Pope** on **October 24<sup>th</sup>**. He's enjoyed himself so much he's submitted an application for membership.

**Faith Nelson** joined her dad, Ted, for lunch at our meeting on Halloween. We were also joined by **Susan Farnsworth** and **Fred Franzius** from the Guilford/Shoreline club.

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

November 9: **John Vincent**

November 10: **Richard Lathrop**

November 12: **Paul Holden**

November 15: **Glenn Hamler**

November 15: **Rob Krawic**

November 24: **Sherry Lombardi**

### **ODDS & ENDS**

**Board of Directors:** Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

The following members have volunteered to serve on the Audit Committee: **John Russell, Ted Nelson** and **Valeda Grills**

Interested club members and guests can enjoy An Evening at the Garde to see *Evita* on Friday, January 11, 2008. The curtain goes up at 8:00 PM.

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**

**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 17: **Michael Bowe**

October 24: **John Vincent**

October 31: **John Vincent**

### **WHAT IS KIWANIS?**

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

### **THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS**

**New London High School Key Club**

**Waterford High School Key Club**

**East Lyme High School Key Club**

**Lyme-Old Lyme High School Key Club**

**Fitch High School Key Club**

