

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 Kaiser, 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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OVER 150 SERVED AT THANKSGIVING FAMILY DINNER

Led again by **Billie Hadley** in the kitchen, the largest turnout for the Thanksgiving Family Dinner at the Salvation Army in New London enjoyed a feast of turkey and all the fixings. Over twenty Key Clubbers representing East Lyme, Waterford, Fitch and Lyme-Old Lyme High Schools volunteered their services! **Amanda Marchese** and **Ian Cheney**, Faculty Advisors for the Waterford HS Key Club, helped out as well again this year. Club members volunteering and donating pies for dessert were **Tom Moriarty**, **Glenn Hamler**, **Robert Jones**, **Gordon Jackson**, **Carol Ballestrini** and her daughter, **Veronica**, **Bob Grills**, **Marty Olsen** and member-in-waiting **Rich Cheatham**.

HAM & TURKEY SALE

The club's *Annual Ham & Turkey Sale* is going on now! **Andrea Bell Kaiser** is chairing this important fundraiser. Club members are asked to buy or sell these holiday treats. An order form has been mailed to all club members and orders need to be received by December 7th with pick-up on December 12th at the Salvation Army in New London. Gourmet Pre-cooked Smoked Turkeys, EZ Carve Hams and Spiral Hams are available for only \$35 each.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

JOHN RUSSELL: CHAIR

December 5: **Melissa Canova**, Director, Mayflower Montessori School, will discuss improving literacy, especially in the low income demographic

December 12: **Bill Vogel**, CEO of V-Tech solutions, will discuss BNI, a business networking group he belong to, and his business, which works with websites

December 19: **Annual Christmas Party** with Guests from the Salvation Army Youth Program. **Santa Claus** is expected to make an appearance!

December 26: TBA

SEASONAL SERVICE WITH THE SALVATION ARMY WE NEED BELL RINGERS!

- ◆ **Christmas Party:** Guests from the Salvation Army Youth Program will join the club at our regular meeting at Wednesday, December 19th. Santa sightings will be out and club members are asked to adopt a child and provide a gift, preferably clothing. A sign-up list is circulating at club meetings or contact President Tom at 887-1305.
- ◆ **Bell Ringing:** Saturday, December 22nd, 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.

PAST PROGRAMS

Our own **Glenn Hamler** addressed the club on November 21st to discuss the New London Kiwanis Foundation and NB King Scholarship Fund and Endowment. Glenn stressed the need for the club to develop an investment policy statement. A committee, chaired by Glenn, will be formed to work on this project and report back to the board.

Attorney Gregg Wagman closed the month of November as our program. Gregg passed the bar in 1992 and has been practicing in New London as a sole proprietor ever since. He handles a variety of cases, but spent most of his time discussing the nuances of criminal law in which he handles 75-100 cases per year. Attorney Wagman outlined the challenges of dealing with prison capacity and overcrowding and public's desire to "lock 'em up" with Mandatory Sentencing and Three Strike Your Out laws. This has been exacerbated, in his opinion, by Governor Rell's repeal of parole in the face of the Cheshire Home Invasion case. Wagman stressed the need for flexibility in the system to allow lawyers, and more importantly judges, to do their jobs.

GUESTS

Rich Cheatham joined the club again for lunch on the 21st while patiently waiting for his membership application process. Rich also stepped up in a big way at the Thanksgiving Family Dinner at the Salvation Army the night before with his time as well as donating three home-baked pies!

Member-in-Waiting **Rich Cheatham** continues to build his Perfect Attendance points as he joined the club for lunch on November 28th. Former member, **Rachel Mirochnick** was a guest of **President Tom's** on the 28th as well.

ODDS & ENDS

Congratulations to **Andrea Bell Kaiser** who was married to **Dr. Michael Kaiser** on November 23rd.

Get Well to **Sherry Lombardi** who is recuperating from recent surgery. Cards can be sent to her home at 792 Ocean Ave., New London, CT 06320.

Board of Directors: Tuesday, December 11th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

Interested club members and guests can enjoy *An Evening at the Garde* to see *Evita* on Friday, January 11, 2008. There will be a Pot Luck dinner prior to the show in the Pfizer Room at The Garde Arts Center at 7:00 PM with a Cash Bar. Tickets are \$50 each. Payment must be made by December 28th. The curtain goes up at 8:00 PM. Contact Marty Olsen for tickets at (860) 437-0224. Flyer enclosed.

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**. Special Guest this month: **President Tom**

- ◆ 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

New England Circle K District Convention: Westboro, MA, February 15, 17, 2008

New England Kiwanis One Day for Growth: Wednesday, March 5, 2008

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

New England Key Club District Convention: Springfield, MA, March 28-30, 2008

Kiwanis International “One Day for Service”: Saturday, April 5, 2008

Key Leader: Camp Hayward, Sandwich, MA, May 16-18, 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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 11: **Michael Bowe**

December 22: **Chip Gorra**

December 23: **Helen McCartin** (Happy 97th)

December 24: **Andrea Kaiser**

DRAWINGS

November 21: **John Vincent**

November 28: **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

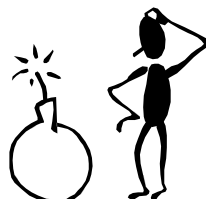
Lyme-Old Lyme High School Key Club

Fitch High School Key Club



OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

- ❑ **To give primacy** to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life
- ❑ **To encourage** the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
- ❑ **To promote** the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards
- ❑ **To develop**, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship
- ❑ **To provide** through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities
- ❑ **To cooperate** in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.



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