

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.

DISTRICT CHAIR- READ AROUND THE WORLD: Robert Grills

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

AHOY! NEW MEMBER ABOARD

The Board of Directors at their meeting on December 11th took the following actions:

- ◆ Approved the membership application of **Richard Cheatham**, sponsored by **Mac Pope**
- ◆ Approved renewing the Connecticut Sun partnership for 2008
- ◆ Approved a request by the Goodwin School PTO in Old Saybrook to help out with a Bike Rodeo in March of 2008
- ◆ Appropriated **\$100** towards the request by David Fairman for the benefit of Ingrid Orvedal to participate as an intern with the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood in the Sudan as part of an academic program
- ◆ **Bob Grills** has been named District Chair for *Read Around the World* for 2007-08

HAM & TURKEY SALE REACHES NEW HIGH FOR PROFIT

The club's *Annual Ham & Turkey Sale* concluded with the pick-up on December 12th at the Salvation Army and chair **Andrea Bell Kaiser** reporting a profit of **\$1272.11** on total sales of **seventy-four units**. Twenty-nine EZ Carve Hams, eighteen Gourmet Pre-cooked Smoked Turkeys and Twenty-seven Spiral Hams were sold. Including Andrea, nineteen club members participated in this important seasonal fundraiser:



Tom Moriarty, John Lock, John Kashanski, Gordon Jackson, Sherry Lombardi, Bob and Valeda Grills, Ted Nelson, Dave Stender, Marla Champagne, Mac Pope, Rich Cheatham, Bruce Patterson, Marty Olsen, Helen McCartin, Glenn Hamler, Chip Gorra and leading salesman every year, **Paul Holden**. Thanks to all who participated with a special thank-you to Andrea for a job well done!!

BELL RINGING
CRYSTAL MALL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
IDEALLY TWO VOLUNTEERS PER LOCATION

9:00AM-11:00AM	<u>Charlie's</u> Gordon Jackson	<u>JC Penny's</u> Bob Grills	<u>Food Court</u> Ted Nelson
11:00AM-1:00PM	<u>Glenn Hamler (2)</u>	<u>Robert Jones</u>	<u>Marty Olsen</u>
1:00PM-3:00PM	<u>Chip Gorra</u>	<u>Valeda Grills</u>	<u> </u>
3:00PM-5:00PM	<u>Tom Moriarty</u>	<u>Mac Pope</u>	<u>Valeda Grills</u>
5:00PM-7:00PM	<u>Marla Champagne</u>	<u>Rich Cheatham</u>	<u> </u>



DECEMBER PROGRAMS
JOHN RUSSELL: CHAIR

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

December 26: **Robert Grills** will discuss the status of his research on expanding our reading program and opportunities to meet the challenges of literacy in New London

PAST PROGRAMS

Melissa Canova, Director of the Mayflower Montessori School in Norwich, addressed the club on December 5th. The Montessori school is a philosophy of teaching and learning with literacy being the prime objective. This school has twenty children between the ages of three to six. The children are encouraged to express their natural desire to learn in an environment that also inspires independence and individuality. As part of the program the children are taught respect, compassion, cooperation, responsibility and community partnering with their families to fully develop the academic and personal development of each child. Respect for cultural, racial, economic and spiritual diversity is also part and parcel of the program. Ms. Canova has studied extensively in this area. The work being done at the Montessori school might be a good fit in the expanded and enhanced reading the club is exploring under Bob Grills.

On December 12th the club was addressed by **Bill Vogel**, CEO of V-Tech, Inc. Bill's business focuses on Web Development. He gave an overview of the steps needed to get a website up and running. The three main elements are picking a hosting a hosting service, picking a domain name and developing content. Costs associated with web development were relatively modest and Bill stressed the need to keep it simple. Too much clutter and other unnecessary color and distractions take away from the message. However- he indicated that pictures were always good! Bill concluded his remarks with a pitch for Business Network International, which is dedicated to networking and promoting those businesses within the group.

GUESTS

Rich Cheatham joined the club on December 5th in his final appearance in the role of member-in-waiting!

Bob Grills was joined by his friend, **Milt Scaturro**, for lunch on December 12th.

ODDS & ENDS

Get well wishes to **Marla Champagne** and **Joyce Everett**, Bill's wife, who are convalescing.

A big Kiwanis Thank you to **Andrea** and her new husband, **Michael Kaiser**, for opening their home on December 7th for the club Christmas Party!

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.

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

DRAWINGS

December 5: **Valeda Grills** donated \$22 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*

December 12: **Glenn Hamler**

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

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