



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:**
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 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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ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors at its meeting on January 8th took the following actions:

- ◆ Accepted the resignation of Robert Jones as Club Treasurer
- ◆ Nominated Rich Cheatham to fill the Club Treasurer vacancy with the election to be held at the club meeting on January 16, 2008
- ◆ Renewed partnership with Connecticut Defenders
- ◆ Appropriated \$250 to support Montville High School Band trip

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Ballestrini Childcare Waterford

90 Rope Ferry Rd.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

January 16	Andrea Bell Kaiser	Chip Gorra
January 23	Mac Pope	Rich Cheatham
January 30	Rich Cheatham	_____
February 6	Ted Nelson	_____
February 13	Annette Lock	John Lock
February 20	School Vacation- No Reading This Week	
February 27	_____	_____



Ballestrini's Childcare Salem

Salem 4 Corners, CT

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

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January 17	Marla Champagne	_____
January 24	Bob Grills	_____
January 31	_____	_____
February 7	_____	_____
February 14	Marla Champagne	Valeda Grills
February 21	School Vacation- No Reading This Week	
February 28	David Stender	Valeda Grills

JANUARY PROGRAMS

BOB GRILLS: CHAIR

January 16: **Susan Bailey**, Development Coordinator, Riverfront Children's Center

January 23: TBD

January 30: **Candace Devendittas**, Owner, Dev's on Bank St.

PAST PROGRAMS

Lisa Sullivan, Director of the Front Porch Foundation, opened the speaking programs for the New Year on January 2nd. Ms. Sullivan was joined her colleague, **Rosie Lopez**, who is the Residence Service Coordinator for the program. The Front Porch Foundation is a non-profit foundation established by the New London Housing Authority. The mission of the foundation is to strengthen families and build communities in New London within the seven neighborhoods under the umbrella of the New London Housing Authority. The Housing Authority administers the following seven neighborhoods which provide low and moderate income and senior housing: Thames River (Crystal Avenue High Rise), Bates Woods, Riozzi Court, Gordon Court, 202 Colman, St., Briarwood and 127 Hempstead St. The Front Porch Foundation has been collaborating and networking with many city and social service agencies to provide services and raise funds to enhance the living conditions of those served in New London's public housing.

Bud Fay, champion of saving the Sub Base from BRAC closure, discussed the future of the Sub Base on January 9th. Bud opened his remarks by noting that discussing the Sub Base was the equivalent of discussing Electric Boat at the same time. The two are inexorably linked. The two institutions represent close to 35,000 jobs and over \$3.2B in income. Concern for the status of the Base has led the State of Connecticut to appropriate \$40M for infrastructure at the Sub Base. Bud praised the efforts of Congressman Joe Courtney. In his first term, Courtney has positioned himself well to protect the interests of eastern Connecticut in regard to the Sub Base and Electric Boat. Current plans have the Navy gearing up to building two subs per year by 2012. Bud indicated advocates are pushing to move this process up to 2009. When questioned why EB hasn't been able to build other "things", Bud clearly outlined the shipyard's need to have a zero tolerance for product failure. This stringent quality control would be excessively expensive in the private sector. A sprightly eighty-one, Bud is also involved in a variety of business ventures and has many friends in the club!

ODDS & ENDS

Connecticut Sun tickets are available for 2008 season. The club has purchased ten tickets for each home for the 2008 season. Club members are asked to buy a game for \$80 and the tickets can be used at the pleasure of the member- family, business, donate to charity. There are seventeen home games this season for the Sun who play their games at the Mohegan Sun Arena. The WNBA season kicks off in May. Pick your games early-see former UConn stars such as Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi. The club will have the pre-game center-court ball exchange at the Phoenix Mercury game featuring Diana Taurasi. The ball exchange benefit and said game will be auctioned off.

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!

Correction: **Eleanor Bruce** from the SE CT club assisted with Bell Ringing.

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 26-29, 2008

New England District Convention: August 14-17, 2008

DRAWINGS

January 2: **Paul Holden**

January 9: **Helen Swenson**

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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