



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:** Richard Cheatham
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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CHEATHAM ELECTED TREASURER

Our newest member, **Richard Cheatham** was elected to fill the vacancy of Club Treasurer for the remainder of the 2007-08 year at our regular meeting on January 16, 2008. A New London resident, Rich is the Volunteer Resources Administrator for Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut. He has also served six years in the US Navy as a submariner. Rich has jumped into his new position with enthusiasm, which is greatly appreciated.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Ballestrini Childcare Waterford

90 Rope Ferry Rd.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

February 6	Ted Nelson	Marty Olsen
February 13	Annette Lock	John Lock
February 20	School Vacation- No Reading This Week	
February 27	Mac Pope	Bob Grills

Ballestrini's Childcare Salem

Salem 4 Corners, CT

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

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

GUESTS

Bud Bray joined his friend, **John Russell**, for lunch on January 23rd to hear New London City Councilor Mike Buscetto.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS CHIP GORRA: CHAIR

February 6: **New Member Induction**

February 13: **Paul Jacobowski**, Director, Gemma Moran Food Center in New London, will discuss the food center and focus on their “Kid’s Club” program

February 20: **Rep. Edward “Ted” Moukawsher**, State Representative 40th District, will offer his thoughts on the upcoming legislative session along with expectations and goals.

February 27: TBA

CONNECTICUT SUN 2008

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Last Name	First Name
05/17/08	Saturday	Atlanta	4:00 PM	Nelson	Ted
05/24/08	Saturday	Sacramento Monarchs	7:00 PM	Russell	John
05/27/08	Tuesday	Indiana Fever	7:00 PM	Kashanski	John
05/30/08	Friday	New York Liberty	7:00 PM		
06/06/08	Friday	Minnesota Lynx	7:00 PM		
06/08/08	Sunday	Washington Mystics	3:00 PM		
06/24/08	Tuesday	Detroit Shock	7:00 PM	Olsen	Marty
06/27/08	Friday	Atlanta	7:00 PM		
06/29/08	Sunday	Phoenix Mercury	1:00 PM		
07/01/08	Tuesday	Houston Comets	7:00 PM		
07/15/08	Tuesday	New York Liberty	7:00 PM		
07/20/08	Sunday	Chicago Sky	1:00 PM		
07/24/08	Thursday	Los Angeles Sparks	7:00 PM		
08/31/08	Sunday	Seattle Storm	1:00 PM	Grills	Bob
09/05/08	Friday	Chicago Sky	7:00 PM		
09/07/08	Sunday	San Antonio Silver Stars	1:00 PM	Bell Kaiser	Andrea
09/13/08	Saturday	Washington Mystics	4:00 PM		

Connecticut Sun tickets are available for the 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. 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. The club gets recognized at each game by electronic display and by the public address announcer.

PAST PROGRAMS

Susan Bailey, Development Coordinator for the Riverfront Children’s Center in Groton spoke to the club on January 16th. The center provides full time, high quality, affordable childcare and early childhood education for children ages 3 months through twelve years. A non-profit 501(c)(3), Riverfront is fully licensed by the State of Connecticut and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The core group of children served comes from families that are unable to afford private childcare and not poor enough to qualify for government benefits. A waiting list exists to gain entry. Supplementing her talk with a PowerPoint presentation, Susan outlined programs offered and the benefits of preschool and early childhood education. Funding comes approximately in thirds from the United Way, State of Connecticut along with tuition, grants and private donations.

Newly elected New London City Councilor **Michael Buscetto III** addressed the club on January 23rd. A successful local developer, Buscetto is the third generation from a well-known family. His grandparents owned Michael’s Dairy and his dad, Michael’s Arco & Towing. Mike indicated he ran for office in an effort to give back to the city and that his relative youth, 36, gave him the energy to be effective. Buscetto, a Democrat, indicated he is much more concerned with putting the city and people first and not party politics. He recently hosted the “Buscetto Bash” at Ocean Beach and donated the proceeds,

\$17,000, to the city's fire and police department along with the New London High School Band. Michael has initiated a call for comprehensive drug testing for city employees. To date, he has been asking the tough questions, including a series to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Chris Clouet, regarding the Magnet School proposal and has helped promote Charter Revision. Last year Mike was a big supporter of our Golf Tournament and the club members in attendance thanked him for his generosity.

The club welcomed **Candace Devendittas**, Owner of Dev's on Bank St., as our speaker on January 30th. Candace is from a local family. She had the opportunity to grow up in various points around the world as her father, a nuclear engineer, had assignments in Asia, Europe and South America. Candace returned to southeastern Connecticut from the Boston area where she worked in the food and beverage industry about five years ago. She took a "normal" 9-5 job at Foxwoods in the food business, but wasn't happy. She quit her job and began scouting for a location to open her own place. In early November she opened Dev's on Bank St. at the location formerly Ye Olde Tavern. Specializing in Spanish Tapas, Candace is hoping to tap into a new niche market while also catering to her customers' requests and old favorites. Her enthusiasm and dedication should help her to overcome the long odds for getting a new start-up restaurant off the ground. It was evident she won some new friends with her presentation.

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, February 12, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

Fourteen members and guests took advantage of the club trip to the Garde Arts Center on January 11th to see a wonderful and powerful performance of *Evita*. A big Kiwanis thank you to **Bob and Valeda Grills** who provided delightful pre-show appetizers, hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. The catering was done by Bob and Valeda's son, Tim, through his business at TVCCA in Bozrah, *Catering to You*.

Division 23 Caucus and Council Meeting: Thursday, February 7th, Paradise Pizza Restaurant, New Britain, 6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Meeting

Roland Santoni, Past Lt. Governor for Division 22, passed away January 12th at the age of 69. The club extends its condolences to his wife, Elaine, and the entire Santoni family. A candidate for District Treasurer last year, Roland had many friends in our club.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 10: **Michael Doyle**

February 21: **Dave Stender**

February 11: **Valeda Grills**

February 27: **Marty Olsen**

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

Yale-Harvard Regatta Luncheon: Thursday, June 12, 2008

Kiwanis International Convention: Orlando, FL, June 26-29, 2008

New England District Convention: August 14-17, 2008

DRAWINGS

January 16: **Andrew Ely**

January 23: **David Stender** donated \$10 to the *Covenant Shelter*

January 30: **Valeda Grills** donated \$2 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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