



# 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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### INDUCTION

**Past President Chip Gorra** presided over the Induction of **Rich Cheatham** as the club's newest member on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Chip read a history of the club, which he gleaned from Ted Hargrove's work in the club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program. **President Tom** and **Past Governor Marty** jointly inducted Rich into the club. Sponsored by **Mac Pope**, Rich has stepped right up in many club activities, including filling an acute void as Club Treasurer.

### ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors took the following actions at their meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>:

- ◆ Approved up to **\$500** for the Fitch HS Key Club towards the District Convention to be used for transportation expenses and to pay for a Kiwanis chaperone, **Rich Cheatham**, to assist the Faculty Advisor with the twelve students attending.
- ◆ Approved **\$150** for the Library Fund Drive for the **Waterford Public Library** where our board meets each month.
- ◆ Approved **\$100** for the **Riverfront Children's Center** in Groton.
- ◆ Scholarship Committee: **Glenn Hamler** (chair), **Ted Nelson**, **Andrea Bell**, **Sherry Lombardi** and **Rich Cheatham**
- ◆ Nominating Committee: **Marty Olsen** (chair), **Bob Grills** and **Ted Nelson**
- ◆ **Ted Nelson**, through his company, **TJ Nelson Home Improvements**, has donated a 48 seat Skybox for a Connecticut Defenders game at Dodd Stadium as a fundraising opportunity. This will be open to club members and guests. Ted also indicated this would be a wonderful opportunity to introduce prospective members to Kiwanis.

### INTERCLUBS

3. 2/7/08, Newington: **Tom Moriarty**, **Valeda Grills**, **Bob Grills** and **John Russell**

## 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 27	Mac Pope	Bob Grills
March 5	Annette Lock	John Lock
March 12	Ted Nelson	_____
March 19	Andrea Bell Kaiser	Rich Cheatham
March 26	_____	_____

### Ballestrini's Childcare Salem

Salem 4 Corners, CT

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

February 28	David Stender	Valeda Grills
March 6	Valeda Grills	_____
March 13	Valeda Grills	_____
March 20	Valeda Grills	David Stender
March 27	_____	_____

## GUESTS

**Bob Frost** attending our meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> as a guest of **Chris Sinnett**. Bob hales from New Rochelle, NY and is a Director of the American Sail Training Association (ASTA). He traveled as a guest on the *Eagle* from the shipyard in Baltimore to New London, which arrived in port today.

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

### CHIP GORRA: CHAIR

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

February 27: **Mary Jane Rickard**, Executive Director, Public Access TV for MetroCast of CT

## CONNECTICUT SUN 2008

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Last Name	First Name
05/17/08	Saturday	Atlanta	4:00 PM		
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	Cheatham	Rich
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	Nelson	Ted
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. 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

**Kenneth Hinrichs**, President of the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut, addressed the club on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Ken has been on the job for about one year and has come to the area via the United Way of Baton Rouge, LA. Pinch hitting on short notice, Hinrichs did a great job outlining the depth and scope of the local chapter. He did this through a series of “20 Questions”. Some highlights of his presentation are as follows:

- There are 1328 United Ways in the country.
- More than half the funds the local United Way raises come from Pfizer and Pfizer employees.
- The United Way of Southeastern CT raised \$8,180,000 last year.
- Employees of local organized labor donated 22% of the total.
- 10% of the funds raised are utilized for administrative expenses.
- 37 agencies are supported by the United Way of Southeastern CT.
- To qualify for United Way funding, an agency must channel their efforts into one of four impact areas: Community Wellness, Thriving Children, Basic Needs and Training and Education for jobs

## DEFENDER TICKETS IN THE MAIL SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

Each club member has been sent ten Connecticut Defender tickets for our Kiwanis Family Nite on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. President Tom will be throwing out the ceremonial first pitch! Members are asked to buy or sell the block of tickets at the retail value of \$80. A self addressed stamped envelope has been enclosed to enclose your check with. The club stands to make \$1600 for the 400 tickets if we are able to sell them all. As part of our overall partnership with the Defenders the club receives a billboard in centerfield for the entire season. The tickets can be exchanged for any home game at the Dodd Stadium box office based on availability.

## ODDS & ENDS

The club welcomed back **Captain Chris Sinnett**. For the past few months Chris has been in Baltimore as the *Eagle* has been getting much needed maintenance and repairs.

**Marty Olsen** was a guest on **Lee Elci's Morning Show** on WXL 102.3 FM on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Lee interviewed Marty in the studio at 6:35 AM for fifteen minutes about Kiwanis.

The scheduled Division 23 Caucus and Council Meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> were postponed until Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> due to a lack of a quorum of clubs (3 of 8 with minimum of five needed).

In an effort to save the club money on postage, please contact Marty Olsen if you want to receive the *News and Views* via email only.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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

February 6: **Chris Sinnett** donated \$2 to the *John Kashanski Community Service Fund*

February 13: **Tom Lacey**

## WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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