



# 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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### **DIVISION 23 CAUCUS**

#### **BOB GRILLS ELECTED LT. GOVERNOR FOR 2008-09**

**Bob Grills** was unanimously elected Lt. Governor for 2008-09 at the Division 23 Caucus hosted by the Newington club held February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Paradise Pizza Restaurant in New Britain. Division 23 consists of the following clubs: New London, Greater SE CT, Guilford/Shoreline, Glastonbury, Cheshire, New Haven, Wallingford and Newington. Five members of the New London club attended the caucus (see Interclubs). Bob joined the Kiwanis Club of New London in 2001 and helped round out an Interclub to the Kiwanis International Convention that year in Taipei. Bob served two years as Club President and earned Distinguished Club President. Kiwanis International has also recognized him as a Distinguished Club Member. Bob has coordinated two Governor's Cruises to Bermuda and is currently serving as the District Chair for Read Around the World. Bob has also been recognized for his generous contributions to the Kiwanis International Foundation and the Kiwanis Foundation of New England.

### **GUESTS**

The club enjoyed the company of three guests on February 20<sup>th</sup>. **Rick Mattson**, a local rep for AFLAC, joined **Carol Ballestrini**. Our newest member, **Rich Cheatham**, introduced the club to two of his sisters, **Kathy Cheatham** and **Paula Cheatham**, who were visiting from Sonora, CA. Paula is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Sonora. A member of Kiwanis since 1995 and currently serving as a Club Director, Paula gave a brief overview of her club and their activities. A breakfast club, the Sonora group hovers around 100 members and regularly has around fifty out for club meetings. She was quick to point out that her club sings, is quite rowdy and utilizes fines for control, especially interrupting the club president! The Sonora club also has a RIF program and has a mobile food trailer/canteen for fundraising purposes.

## INTERCLUBS

4. 2/28/08, Newington (Division 23 Caucus): **Tom Moriarty, Valeda Grills, Bob Grills, Dave Stender and Rich Cheatham**

### READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

#### Ballestrini Childcare Waterford

90 Rope Ferry Rd.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

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| March 5  | Annette Lock       | John Lock     |
| March 12 | Ted Nelson         | Rich Cheatham |
| March 19 | Andrea Bell Kaiser | Rich Cheatham |
| March 26 | Chip Gorra         | Rich Cheatham |

#### Ballestrini's Childcare Salem

Salem 4 Corners, CT

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

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|----------|---------------|---------------|
| March 6  | Valeda Grills | _____         |
| March 13 | Valeda Grills | _____         |
| March 20 | Valeda Grills | David Stender |
| March 27 | Bob Grills    | _____         |

## MARCH PROGRAMS

### CHRIS SINNETT: CHAIR

March 5: **Tido Holtcamp**, former German crewmember on HORST WESSEL (now EAGLE) and author of the January 2008 published book *A Perfect Lady – A Pictorial History of the U.S. Coast Guard Barque EAGLE*. He will speak about his experiences as a 1943 draftee in the German Navy when he was assigned to HORST WESSEL, and how he became reacquainted with the ship after he immigrated to America and became a citizen.

March 12: **JoAnn Eaccarino**, Director of School Based Medical Services for New London County. She will talk about medical and mental health services provided to primary and high school students in New London County, and the success of the School Based Clinic program.

March 19: **Bob Frost**, He will speak on the international & domestic economy, and their impacts on small business. Mr. Frost has spent 45 years actively involved in the international business community, including three years in the US Navy as a supply and fiscal officer on a destroyer; eight years as a business journalist and commentator with The New York Times, Business Week and the British Broadcasting Company and nearly 30 years as a consultant with specialties in finance, marketing and business strategies. Mr. Frost has served over 400 companies worldwide through ECOM Consultants, an international firm, which he founded, and five years as an investment advisor and portfolio-manager.

March 26: **Dave Thompson**, Mr. Thompson is a member of Ledyard Rotary and is Pfizer's Executive Director of Development for Bone Disease Drugs. He invented the drug Fosamex and will speak about how osteoporosis and other bone-related issues affect us throughout our lives.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 13: **Tom Moriarty**

March 29: **John Kashanski** (Happy 87<sup>th</sup>)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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 22-24, 2008

## CONNECTICUT SUN 2008

| Date     | Day      | Opponent                 | Time    | Last Name   | First Name |
|----------|----------|--------------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| 05/17/08 | Saturday | Atlanta                  | 4:00 PM | Jackson     | Gordon     |
| 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 club gets recognized at each game by electronic display and by the public address announcer.

### PAST PROGRAMS

Our scheduled speaker for February 20<sup>th</sup>, **Rep. Edward "Ted" Moukawsher**, State Representative 40<sup>th</sup> District, was called into legislative session. Therefore, his cousin, Chip, will seek an alternative date for him to offer his thoughts on the upcoming session. Filling the breach on short notice was our own Program Chair for the month, **Chip Gorra**. Chip discussed the upcoming and ongoing national transition from analog to digital TV. In a year, 2/17/09 specifically, the entire United States television service will be digitized. Analog will no longer be available or a usable technology. Chip gave a brief synopsis of where TV technology has been and where it is going and why. In essence, digital technology compresses space and therefore frees up other valuable frequencies, which the federal government has auctioned off for serious money. Chip, with his electronics background, was able to answer many questions about the transition and the future benefits to all.

**Mary Jane Rickard**, Executive Director for Public/Community Access TV for MetroCast of Connecticut addressed the club on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Well known to most in the room, especially our own TV star, Ted Nelson, Mary Jane outlined the role of public/community access television. She indicated that each state determines their own rules and regulations. In Connecticut the governing body is the Department of Public Utility Control. (DPUC). Public/community access television in Connecticut has four regulations: no advertising, no pornography, no lotteries and political programs can not solicit funds. Beyond those parameters it is very wide open in regard to taste and content. The First Amendment of Free Speech rules. Her talk was lively and she responded to many questions deftly.

### ODDS & ENDS

**Board of Directors:** Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

### DRAWINGS

February 20: **Chris Sinnett**

February 27: **Tom Lacey**

### WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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