



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 (47), Frank Penny (39) 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 took the following action at their meeting on March 11th:

Approved the following funding requests:

- ◆ \$250 to Donovan Davis towards his People to People trip to Washington DC
- ◆ \$62.50 toward the Waterford HS Academic Excellence History Award which we split with the Waterford HS Key club for a total of \$125
- ◆ \$100 to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center through the Harry Martinez Good Friday Golf Tournament
- ◆ \$250 to the New London Science & Technology HS Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Party
- ◆ \$300 towards sending two Fitch HS Key Club members to Key Leader in May
- ◆ Elected **Rich Cheatham** to be our Club Representative to the Kiwanis Foundation of New England (KFNE)

MEMBERS ENJOY SPECIAL PROGRAM

On March 5th the club had a very special program courtesy of **Captain Chris Sinnett. Tido Holtcamp**, former German crewmember on HORST WESSEL (now EAGLE) and author of the book *A Perfect Lady – A Pictorial History of the U.S. Coast Guard Barque EAGLE* which was published in January 2008, addressed the club. He revealed the assembled group about his experience as a 1943 draftee in the German Navy at the age of 17 when he was assigned to the training ship HORST WESSEL. The alternative was being drafted in the German Army and being sent to the Russian front. Supplementing his presentation with period slides he told wonderful stories highlighting how frightening planes were while on the ship as it was difficult to know whether they were friend or foe. Now 82, Tido immigrated to United States in 1950 and was immediately drafted into the

United States Army and became a citizen in 1956. How ironic! Mr. Holtcamp's presence was important enough for *The Day* to cover the program by reporter **Brian Hallenbeck** and run a front-page story on Thursday, March 6th with a photo by **Tim Martin**.

**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 31st. 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.

GUESTS

Anne-Marie Foster, Development Director and Treasurer of the Custom House in New London, and **Richard Dixon**, Vice-President of the Custom House, attended our meeting on March 5th as guests of **John Russell** to hear our special speaking program by **Tido Holtcamp**. **Brian Hallenbeck** covered the program from *The Day* along with photographer **Tim Martin**. A photo and front page article made *The Day* the following morning on March 6th.

Mary Jane Rickard, a recent guest as a speaking program, joined the club for lunch on March 12th. She has submitted a membership application and we appreciate her taking an active role while her application is being processed.

INTERCLUBS

5. 3/708-3/9/08, Worcester (Mid-Winter Conference): **Tom Moriarty, Bob Grills, Valeda Grills, Rich Cheatham and Marty Olsen**

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Ballestrini Childcare Waterford

90 Rope Ferry Rd.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

March 19	Andrea Bell Kaiser	Rich Cheatham
March 26	Chip Gorra	Rich Cheatham
April 9	Bob Grills	_____
April 23	Andrea Bell Kaiser	_____
April 30	Ted Nelson	_____

Ballestrini's Childcare Salem

Salem 4 Corners, CT

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

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March 20	Valeda Grills	David Stender
March 27	Bob Grills	_____
April 3	Valeda Grills	_____
April 10	Valeda Grills	_____
April 24	Valeda Grills	_____

MARCH PROGRAMS

CHRIS SINNETT: CHAIR

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.

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.

PAST PROGRAM

JoAnn Eaccarino, Director of School Based Medical Services for New London County, a subset of Child and Family Agency, spoke to the club March 12th. She gave a lively presentation, which she supplemented with a PowerPoint program. School Based Health Centers have grown to over 1700 nationwide since their inception in 1982. They provide primary health care services inside schools or on school property year-round with a Nurse Practitioner and Mental Health Clinician on staff. This program, which requires parental permission, supplements the services of the school nurse and helps to remove barriers to health care such as, but not limited to transportation and those uninsured. Currently sixteen centers serve in the New London (7), Norwich (4), Groton (4) and Waterford (1) school systems and over 20,000 visits were made during the 2006-07 year. Funding comes primarily from the State of Connecticut through the Department of Public Health along with the United Way, third party reimbursements and fundraising.

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	Ball Exchange	Auction
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	Cheatham	Rich

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Foundation of New England Annual Meeting: Saturday, June 14, 2008

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

New England District Convention: Danvers, MA, August 22-24, 2008

DRAWINGS

March 5: **Andrew Ely**

March 12: **Richard Lathrop**

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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