



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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ANNUAL MEETING SET: APRIL 30, 2008

Nominating Committee: April 9, 2008, Report for Officers and Directors for 2008-09

Nominations Accepted from the floor: April 16, 2008

Annual Meeting: April 30, 2008, Elect Officers and Directors for 2008-09 and any other germane business to come before the club

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT MOVES TO SPRING

The club's Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, **May 23rd**, at Shennecossett Municipal Golf Club in Groton. Registration will commence at 11:00 AM with a 12:30 PM shotgun start. Players, Sponsors, Raffle Prizes and Volunteers are all needed! Flyers have already been sent to all club members. This is our club's primary fundraiser for the year and everyone's help is needed!

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL "ONE DAY FOR SERVICE"

The Kiwanis Club of New London will volunteer at the Gemma Moran United Way Food Bank located at 374 Broad St., New London, sorting food between 8:00 AM and noon on Saturday, April 5th. Please be generous with your time and step up and help out with this community service project that is part of the Kiwanis International Worldwide Community Service Day. Thanks to **Rich Cheatham** for cultivating and coordinating this community service project.

APRIL PROGRAMS

ANDREA BELL KAISER: CHAIR

April 2: **Abby DeMars**, Executive Director, DNA-Epi Center

April 9: **Bill Martin**, Assistant Executive Director, Waterford Country School

April 16: **Dr. Michael Kaiser**, Assistant Principal, Prince Technical High School

April 23: **Marge Valentin**, Associate Dean of Continuing Education, Three Rivers Community College

April 30: **Chris Bastin**, Director of Marketing, Crystal Mall (tentative)

GUESTS

Mary Jane Rickard, member-in-waiting, joined the club for lunch on March 19th.

The club enjoyed the presence of three guests on March 26th. Member-in-waiting **Mary Jane Rickard** again joined the club for lunch after reading at Ballestrini's in Waterford in the morning. **Jack Russell** joined his son, John. Jack has also submitted a membership application and is being sponsored by **Bob Grills**. We also had a fellow Kiwanian, **Connie Potter**, drop in and break bread. A member of the Riverfront Kiwanis Club in Cincinnati, OH, Connie has recently moved to Coventry, CT and is researching Kiwanis opportunities.

SEE YOU IN THE SKYBOX

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH, CONNECTICUT DEFENDERS, FIREWORKS

Thanks to the generosity of **Ted Nelson** the club has an opportunity to enjoy an evening of baseball, fellowship and to support the John Kashanski Community Service Fund and NB King Scholarship Fund and Endowment. Ted has donated the use of a Skybox for a Connecticut Defenders game at Dodd Stadium on Friday, May 9th. The Defenders host the Binghamton Mets with the first pitch at 6:35 PM. For \$25, you get access to the Skybox, and all-you-can-eat buffet featuring assorted salads, chicken tenders, prime rib sandwiches, BBQ chicken breasts, cheese fries, cookies, brownies, soda and water, along with the game and post-game fireworks! This special night out is open to club members, families, friends and guests. Seating is limited, so please reserve your spot as soon as possible and enjoy the game in the comfort of the Skybox. Play Ball!

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Ballestrini Childcare Waterford

90 Rope Ferry Rd.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

April 2	Annette Lock	John Lock
April 9	Bob Grills	Mary Jane Rickard
April 23	Andrea Bell Kaiser	_____
April 30	Ted Nelson	_____

Ballestrini's Childcare Salem

Salem 4 Corners, CT

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

April 3	Valeda Grills	_____
April 10	Valeda Grills	_____
April 24	Valeda Grills	_____

PAST PROGRAMS

The club had a stimulating program on March 19th by **Bob Frost** and **Erik Olsen** discussing current economic and business conditions both domestically and internationally with a look into the future. The gentlemen are associates at ECOM Consultants, Inc. in New Rochelle, NY and were invited to speak by Captain Chris Sinnett. Olsen handled the economic issues and talked about the status of whether or not we are currently in a recession. He articulated his points with economic indicators, such as the housing surplus, actions of the Fed and the weak value of the dollar. Frost, a recent guest of the club after sailing with Chris on the *Eagle*, tailored his remarks to positive business attitude, especially in a down cycle. He offered many key points such as: to have and project confidence coupled with a positive attitude; think outside of the box; recognize opportunity lies with adversity and to hone your people skills and relations with employees, clients and suppliers.

Dave Thompson, Executive Director of Development for Bone Disease Drugs for Pfizer, spoke to the club on March 26th. Mr. Thompson has a long and distinguished career in the pharmaceutical industry beginning twenty-seven years ago at Merck, where he invented the drug Fosamex. He has been at Pfizer the past eighteen years. Dave's talk, supplemented with a PowerPoint presentation, honed in on osteoporosis and bone disease that he termed the silent killer. Osteoporosis is much more prevalent in women,

especially Asian and Caucasian, with symptoms accelerating one-three years after menopause commences. Osteoporosis, which Thompson called a systemic skeletal disease, strikes more women than heart disease, stroke and breast cancer combined. A bone scan, which is simple and painless, is a good start for prevention and he strongly advocated a need for a conversation between those women in the target group and their primary physician to stay ahead of this debilitating disease.

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	Rickard	Mary Jane
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 5/9
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	Kashanski	John
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.

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, April 8th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

President Tom will Open Bids for the Phoenix Mercury game June 29th at the Connecticut Sun featuring former UConn star Diana Taurasi at the Defenders Skybox game at May 9th.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 8: **Major John Lock**

DRAWINGS

March 19: **Valeda Grills** donated \$12 to the *John Kashanski Community Service Fund*

March 26: **John Vincent**

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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