



NEWS AND VIEWS
KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON, CT
 A KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION HONOR CLUB



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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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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee, consisting of **Marty Olsen** (chair), **Bob Grills** and **Ted Nelson**, moved the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2008-09:

President: **Captain Chris Sinnett**; President-elect: **Chip Gorra**; Vice-President: **John Russell**; Treasurer: **Rich Cheatham**; Immediate-Past President: **Tom Moriarty**
 Directors One Year: **Mac Pope, David Stender, Andrea Bell Kaiser**
 Directors Two-Years: **Sherry Lombardi, Ted Nelson, Lt. Andrew Ely, Glenn Hamler**
 The 2008-09 Board of Directors will elect the Secretary.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor on April 16, 2008. The Annual Meeting of the Kiwanis Club of New London will be April 30, 2008, to elect officers and directors for 2008-09 and any other germane business to come before the club.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

AHOY: NEW MEMBER ABOARD!

The Board of Directors took the following actions at their meeting on April 8th:

- ◆ Approved the membership of **Mary Jane Rickard**, sponsored by **Bob Grills**
- ◆ Elected **Bob Grills** and **Carol Ballestrini** as delegates to the Kiwanis International Convention and **Valeda Grills** and **Rusty Ballestrini** as alternates
- ◆ Approved the purchase of **50 *Kiwanis is Verb*** booklets
- ◆ Appropriated **\$150** towards the **St. Mary's School Field Trip** to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History in New York City
- ◆ Appropriated **\$500** towards **Christopher Trammell's Eagle Scout Project** at Riverside Children's Center in Groton
- ◆ Appropriated **\$100** towards **Laura Hong's** participation in the **National Youth Leadership Forum** in Boston

- ◆ Appropriated **\$190** to purchase **10 New England Revolution Flex Tickets** in support of the **Kiwanis Foundation of New England** and donate the tickets to the Salvation Army Youth Program
- ◆ Appropriated **\$300** to renew our sponsorship of our **Minor League** baseball team, the **Kiwis**, and the newly consolidated **New London Little League**
- ◆ Appropriated **\$100** for a **Tee Sponsorship** in support of the **New London High School Football Golf Tournament**
- ◆ Appropriated **\$100** for the benefit of the **Covenant Shelter** for the homeless
- ◆ Appropriated **\$300** (\$150 each) to send two **New London High School Key Clubbers** to **Key Leader** in May
- ◆ Approved paying the dues for 2007-08, **\$90**, for the nine students submitted as members of the **Key Club** at **New London High School** by **Jack Cochran**, the new Key Club Faculty Advisor
- ◆ Approved submitting a **Letter of Support** to **Lifefaq's**, which is part of a full-service community school program that is seeking government grants.
- ◆ Approved forgiving the Scholarship Loan of James Swauger from 1980
- ◆ Approved **Skip-a-Meal** to be held April 30th for the benefit of the **Kiwanis International Foundation**

HAPPENINGS AT THE KEY CLUB DISTRICT CONVENTION

The weekend of March 28 – 30th, eleven members of the Fitch High School Key Club attended the New England Key Club Convention in Springfield MA. A Kiwanis member, **Rich Cheatham**, and myself accompanied them. While at the convention, the Fitch High Key Club was recognized with a **First Place** award for **Membership Development**, recognizing significant growth in club membership over the past year. Over the past year the Fitch Key Club has grown from 32 dues paying members to 90 dues paying members. This increase is due in large part to a fantastic group of student officers, aggressive recruiting in the fall, and high visibility projects throughout the school. At the same convention, **Chelsea Chamberlain** a Fitch Junior was elected **Lt. Governor** for Division 29-A. Chelsea is a hardworking, motivated and bright young woman and the club is very proud of her. The students came back from convention really excited about the future of our club and what we can accomplish in the upcoming year.

By **Lori Singer**, Fitch High School Key Club Faculty Advisor

MORE CONVENTION MUSINGS

Having just experienced my first Key Club Convention, I would like to share some of my impressions. First off, oh to be young again! These future Kiwanis Leaders have a LOT of energy, excitement and commitment to the Kiwanis' Idea of service and leadership. From the way they conduct their campaigns and caucuses; to the passion and attentiveness they bring to the many sessions; to the incredible energy (and stamina, I might add) they bring to the dance floor. You witness true democracy in real time. Some of the New England District contests were pre-ordained, most were spirited races and some surprises came from the floor. The Governor and Secretary races were a toss-up until the Delegate meeting on Sunday morning. From the floor came a spirited race for Editor, ultimately won by a freshman (how proud her parents must be)! The Division 29A caucus for Lt. Governor, which took place on Friday evening, was a no brainer, with only Groton's Fitch Senior High School, fielding a candidate, **Chelsea Chamberlain**. She is a hardworking, motivated and bright young woman. The seriousness, dedication and passion these young folks bring to the election process should be an inspiration to all Kiwanians. I am sure the look of surprise and subsequent whoops of joy from the Fitch students, upon hearing "Fitch High School" for **Membership Development Award**, First Place (Gold Level), will remain with me for some time. They were SO surprised! The pride that radiated from **Faculty Advisor Lori Singer**, who was equally surprised, was and is immeasurable. You could literally see their pride as they kept looking at and passing around their First Place Award Plaque. A hardy congratulation to Fitch High School is in order. Great job Mrs. Singer and our own Advisor Andrew Ely for helping grow their club from 32 dues paying members to 90 in just one year. Finally, this convention could not and would not have been a success without the incredible efforts of many Kiwanians: from the New England District Leaders, to the area advisors, to the session trainers, to the local advisors and chaperones. Lest you think it was all work and no play, all you had to see was New England District Governor John Maihos busting a move at Saturday's dance to dispel that notion. All in all, I learned a lot, was motivated,

inspired and proud to be a Kiwanian. If you are asked to attend a Key Club Convention, I would urge all Kiwanians to give a resounding yes, but don't expect to get much rest!
By **Rich Cheatham**, Kiwanis Chaperone

Thanks to **Bob Grills, Chip Gorra, Rich Cheatham, Dave Stender** and **Andrew Ely** for providing transportation for the Fitch HS Key Club to and from the convention. **Tom Moriarty** and **Marty Olsen** also attended at a KFNE meeting held at the convention and circulated as well.

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 "*One Day for Service*" project at the Gemma Moran United Way Food Bank on April 5th was a big success. Between 8:00 AM and noon six club members and nine Key Clubbers representing three clubs sorted tons of food. **Rich Cheatham** did a great job facilitating the project. Many thanks also to **Paul Jakoboski**, Executive Director at the Food Bank, for opening and working with the club to make this project successful. Along with Rich Cheatham, club volunteers were **Tom Moriarty, Marty Olsen, Dave Stender, Andrea Bell Kaiser** and **Andrew Ely** and his twelve-year-old son, **Aidan**. Key Club volunteers from Fitch were **Amanda Bright, Mike Muehe, Emily Story, Cassie Hill** and **Chelsea Charbonier**; East Lyme: **Kevin Santa Maria** and **Tom Krasner** and Lyme-Old Lyme: **Mick Barclay** and **Austin Hack**. Thanks to all who participated!

CONNECTICUT DEFENDERS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP LIST

The Kiwanis Club of New London, as part of our partnership agreement with the Connecticut Defenders, has committed to providing three volunteers to each of the following games for 2008. Volunteers are asked to be at Dodd Stadium by 5:15 PM. Gates open at 5:30 PM. Report to Jim Epps. Volunteers work at the gate in a variety of capacities usually until the 2nd or 3rd inning. All these dates are fireworks nites.

Friday, May 9	Marty Olsen	John Russell	Bob Grills
Friday, May 23	Marty Olsen	_____	_____
Friday, May 30	Ted Nelson	_____	_____
Friday, June 13	Bob Grills	_____	_____
Friday, June 20	Rich Cheatham	Ted Nelson	_____
Friday, July 11	Mac Pope	_____	_____
Friday, July 25	Valeda Grills	Bob Grills	_____
Friday, August 8	_____	_____	_____
Friday, August 22	_____	_____	_____

INTERCLUBS

6. 3/28/08-3/30/08, Fitch High School Key Club (New England District of Key Club District Convention in Springfield, MA): **Rich Cheatham, Bob Grills, Chip Gorra, Andrew Ely, Dave Stender, Tom Moriarty** and **Marty Olsen**

APRIL PROGRAMS

ANDREA BELL KAISER: CHAIR

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: TBA

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.** Please reserve your spot as soon as possible and enjoy the game in the comfort of the Skybox. Play Ball!

GUESTS

Former member, **Rachel Mirochnick** joined the club for lunch on April 2nd as a guest of **President Tom.**

The club had three guests at the April 9th meeting. **Jack Cochran**, our new Faculty Advisor for the New London High School Key Club; **Ali Brax**, Human Resources at Seconn Fabrication, joined **Andrea Kaiser**; and **Jack Russell** joined his son, **John.**

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 23	Andrea Bell Kaiser	_____
April 30	Ted Nelson	_____
May 7	_____	_____
May 14	Mary Jane Rickard	_____
May 21	Tom Moriarty	Mac Pope
May 28	Andrea Bell Kaiser	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 24	Valeda Grills	_____
May 1	_____	_____
May 8	_____	_____
May 15	_____	_____
May 22	_____	_____
May 29	_____	_____

PAST PROGRAMS

Abby DeMars, Executive Director for the DNA-Epi Center, addressed the club on April 2nd. The DNA-Epi Center is located on Gallows Lane at the former Thames Science Center site in New London. The Mission Statement for the center is, "To promote the understanding of the science of life to people of all ages." A scientist by trade, Abby outlined the three primary goals and objectives of the center:

1. To offer hands-on, inquiry-based bioscience professional development workshops for K-12 educators.
2. To offer hands-on, inquiry-based bioscience experiments and museum exhibits for students in grades K-12.
3. To offer museum exhibits and educational seminars to educate the general public about current events relating to DNA.

Supplementing her talk with a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. DeMars candidly discussed many of the challenges of getting this center off the ground, such as but not limited to constant funding source(s), issues with the building and growing their programs. She highlighted camping programs for kids ages 8 through 18 to spur interest in science. She concluded her remarks with ways our club and/or club members could help out by volunteering or financially.

The club was addressed by **Bill Martin**, Assistant Executive Director of the Waterford Country School, on April 9th. Along with the perfunctory list of services rendered, what was most impressive about Bill's presentation was his passion for his job and the young people served by the Waterford Country School. He has been at the school for twenty-seven years and has seen many changes in the physical campus as well as the growing

need for services to children with no where else to go. Although most of the assembled were aware of the Waterford Country School, Bill was able to delve into topics in more depth as his talk was interspersed with many questions. For more information, visit the Waterford Country School website at <http://www.waterfordcountryschool.org>.

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.

ODDS & ENDS

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

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

April 2: **Valeda Grills** donated \$4 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*

April 9: **Dave Stender**

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

- ❑ **To give primacy** to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life
- ❑ **To encourage** the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
- ❑ **To promote** the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards
- ❑ **To develop**, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship
- ❑ **To provide** through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities
- ❑ **To cooperate** in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.