



**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**

**APRIL 30, 2008**

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTED 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 elected **Marty Olsen** secretary.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT COMING ON FAST**

The club's Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 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!

**SEE YOU IN THE SKYBOX**

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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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	Ted Nelson	_____	_____
Friday, August 22	_____	_____	_____

### GUESTS

Seven-year-old **Maddie Bell** joined her mother, **Andrea**, for lunch on April 16<sup>th</sup> as well as member-in-waiting **Jack Russell** who joined his son, **John**.

**Jack Russell**, our member-in-waiting, joined his son, **John** and **Steve Santangelo** joined **Marty Olsen** for lunch on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Steve, Executive Director for the Covenant House, has been a speaker in the past and is now exploring membership opportunities.

The club had a large contingent of guests on April 30<sup>th</sup>. **Vaughn Dowsett**, representing the newly consolidated New London Little League, gave a brief presentation and thanked the club for its ongoing support of the league and the over 50 year sponsorship of the minor league team Kiwis. Soon to be member **Jack Russell** joined his son, **John**. **Dan Sullivan**, Principal of New London High School, along with New London High Key Club Faculty Advisors **Jack Cochran** and **Erin McGuire**, also joined the club. Erin has just recently joined the team and we welcome her aboard!

### READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

#### Ballestrini Childcare Waterford

90 Rope Ferry Rd.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Contact John Russell at 912-0417 to Volunteer

May 7	Gloria Dover	Marty Olsen
May 14	Mary Jane Rickard	Gloria Dover
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

May 8	Valeda Grills	_____
May 15	Valeda Grills	_____
May 22	Mac Pope	Valeda Grills
May 29	_____	_____

### PAST PROGRAMS

**Andrea Bell Kaiser** had the pleasure of introducing her husband, **Dr. Michael Kaiser**, as our speaker on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mike is currently in his second year as the Assistant Principal at Prince Technical High School in Hartford. He gave an overview of the technical high school system in the State of Connecticut with an emphasis on Prince Tech. Supplementing his remarks with a PowerPoint program; Mike told the assembled group that over 10,000 students attend eighteen technical high schools throughout the state. Norwich Tech and Grasso Tech in Groton service southeastern Connecticut. The tech schools offer a wide variety of technical programs that are geared to preparing the students to enter the workforce. However- interested and academically qualified students also are prepared to enter college. Students spend half of their time in the classroom and in their trade in nine-day cycles. Students must meet admission requirements that include

grades, CMT scores, attendance and good discipline. Not only are students offered a top-notch education with a technical trade, they are offered extracurricular activities, such as but not limited to sports, clubs and community service. For more information on the tech school system in the state, Mike advised us to visit [cttech.org](http://cttech.org).

The club was addressed by **Marge Valentin**, Associate Dean of Continuing Education at Three Rivers Community College, on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Marge proudly indicated the school served over 4500 students in PY 2006-2007 in both non-credit and credit courses. She highlighted programs dedicated to workforce development, especially in the following areas: Allied Health, Manufacturing, Small Business, Public and Private Employees, Culinary and Community Service. The school strives to promote a ladder to success with a two-year degree program that provides the academic foundation to matriculate into a four-year degree program. The school is growing and building new facilities to meet the challenges of today and the future

The month of April was closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> with a program featuring **Amy Camassar** and **Holly Salegna** whom own **Papoose**, a new parenting store, in Norwich. Now open for a year, the store is a “store for moms” that provides not only retail supplies for moms and babies, but family support, such as but not limited to breast feeding support and instruction. The women indicated they are growing their business with an online component, currently 20%, and feature a Registry and Membership.

### CONNECTICUT SUN 2008

Only five games remain to be purchased with the New London Kiwanis season ticket plan with the Connecticut Sun. A game includes 10 seats for only \$80. The following games are available:

Friday, May 30, New York Liberty, 7 PM

Thursday, July 24, LA Sparks, 7 PM

Friday, June 27, Atlanta Dream, 7 PM

Friday, September 5, Chicago Sky, 7 PM

Tuesday, July 1, Houston Comets, 7 PM

### ODDS & ENDS

**Board of Directors:** Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

**Skip-A-Meal:** The club raised **\$168** for the benefit of the **Kiwanis International Foundation** on our Skip-A-Meal program April 30<sup>th</sup>. A big thanks to **Bob** and **Valeda Grills** for donating lunch so that hearty appetites could be filled.

**Dr. James Swauger** has thanked the club for their consideration for forgiving his Scholarship Loan, circa 1980, and made a **\$3000** donation to the club. The Board of Directors has directed this very generous contribution to the Kiwanis Club of New London N.B. King Scholarship Endowment. Dr. Swauger’s thoughtful letter is enclosed in hard copy. Kiwanis does make a difference!

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

### 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 16: **John Vincent**

April 23: **Dave Stender**

April 30: **Tom Moriarty** donated **\$8** to the *John Kashanski Community Service Fund*

### WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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