



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) and Valeda Grills (2004-06)
LIFE MEMBERS: Martin T. Olsen Jr., John Vincent and Frank Penny
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GOLF TOURNAMENT SETS RECORD WITH 22 TEAMS
NETS \$9000

The club's Annual Golf Tournament held Friday, May 23rd, at Shennecossett Municipal Golf Club in Groton was a big success. A field of twenty-two teams, a fifty percent increase over our previous best, went out with a shotgun start at 12:30 PM. The event netted \$9000. A committee led by **Glenn Hamler** oversaw the tournament, especially the major change from a fall event to spring. Joining Glenn on the committee were **Sherry Lombardi**, who again did an outstanding job coordinating the volunteer effort, **Rich Cheatham**, **Ted Nelson**, **Tom Moriarty** and **Marla Champagne**. The other club members who contributed to the success of the tournament were **Bob** and **Valeda Grills**, **Andrea Bell Kaiser**, **John Russell**, **Gordon Jackson**, **Marty Olsen**, **Ed Rachleff**, **Dave Stender**, **Rob Krawic**, **Carol Ballestrini**, **John Kashanski**, **Andrew Ely**, **Bruce Patterson** and **Mary Jane Rickard**. The club also wants to thank and recognize our major sponsors: **Dime Bank**, **Utopia Salon & Spa**, **TJ Nelson Home Improvements**, **Charter Oak Federal Credit Union**, **Bottinelli Custom Monuments**, **Robert and Valeda Grills**, **MetroCast Communications of CT**, **Singapore Grille**, **Catering to You**, **MJ Sullivan Automotive Corner** and **Michael & Bridgit Buscetto, Jr.** There were thirty-seven Tee sponsors, ten Patrons and over forty items that were raffled and/or auctioned off. A special note of thanks must be extended to the following guest volunteers who were absolutely necessary in making this tournament function: **Carrie Carter**, **Connie Potter**, **Mary Christina** and **Pam Stevens-Moriarty**.

KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF NEW ENGLAND
ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS MEETING FOLLOWING

Tufts Medical Center
 750 Washington St., Boston, MA
 Saturday, June 14, 2008
 Annual Meeting: 10:00 AM

JUNE PROGRAMS
SHERRY LOMBARDI: CHAIR

June 4: Report on **Key Leader** weekend, May 16-18, by those students and club members attending

June 11: **Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Grant Presentations**

June 18: **Arthur Lerner**, Director of Operations, F.R.E.S.H., New London c/o Gemma Moran/United Way Labor Food Bank

June 25: **Jeanne Gilbert**, Independence Physical Therapy (tentative)

SKYBOX GAME RAINED OUT ON MAY 9TH
RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST

The Defenders game with the Skybox donated by Ted Nelson on Friday, May 9th, which featured a post-game fireworks show, was rained out. The Skybox, originally sold out, is rescheduled for Saturday, June 21st and a **limited number of tickets are available**. Proceeds from this will benefit the John Kashanski Community Service Fund and Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Fund and Endowment.

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 30	Ted Nelson	John Russell	Mac Pope
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

Connie Potter joined the club for lunch on May 28th. Connie's participation in club activities is greatly appreciated!

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

The club has concluded its eighth consecutive year as a certified Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program. This includes seven consecutive years at Ballestrini's Childcare in Waterford and three consecutive years at Ballestrini's Childcare in Salem. **John Russell** has done another fine job coordinating the program. The program involves Kiwanis volunteers reading to pre-schoolers and providing each child with a minimum of three books to bring home that were donated by the club. Our RIF program qualifies as a **Young Children Priority One** project as well as Kiwanis International's **Read Around the World**. The following club members and guests provided volunteer reading each week from the beginning of January through the end of May once a week at each facility: **Valeda Grills, Bob Grills, Marla Champagne, Dave Stender, Carol Ballestrini, Chip Gorra, Mac Pope, Andrea Bell Kaiser, Rich Cheatham, Ted Nelson, John Lock, Mary Jane Rickard, Marty Olsen, Gloria Dover, Tom Moriarty, Connie Potter and Annette Lock.**



PAST PROGRAMS

Barry Weiner, Chair of the New London Water and Water Pollution Control Authority (W & WPCA), addressed the club on May 21st. A local guy, Barry is co-owner of Barry's Cleaners and lives in the city with his wife and two children. He has served on the W & WPCA for the past thirty years, including the past twenty as chair. Barry's presentation was a history of the water company side of the equation. New London was afforded the opportunity to develop its water system by Special Act of the Connecticut Assembly in 1871. Upon securing financing of \$175,000 with 7% bonds, the city embarked on this

ambitious project in 1873. The largest source of water for the system, Lake Konomoc, was added in 1892. There currently are four surface water reservoirs. A water filtration plant was added in 1988. The Water Authority has a six million dollar budget and one hundred million dollars in assets. A dozen years ago the authority changed a municipal operation to a private company via the bidding process to provide operations. Barry recognized our own **Bob Grills** who also serves on the W & WPCA.

April showers have turned to May flowers and the club enjoyed a timely program to close the month of May on the 28th with **Tita Williams**, Chair of the New London Beautification Committee. Tita's enthusiasm and passion for the city was evident in her presentation. After thirty-five years as a 3rd grade teacher at Edgerton School in New London, Tita was looking for a way to give back to the city and also expand her gardening hobby. She also is an active volunteer at the New London Trolley Station Information Booth. Tita gave a brief history of the committee, which was established in 1986 by ordinance. Originally set-up with thirteen members appointed by the City Council, the committee now has fifteen members- all who serve in a volunteer capacity. There are twenty-two sites throughout the city that the Beautification Committee has identified to oversee and maintain. The committee works with and cooperates with other city boards and agencies as well as the public works department to not duplicate efforts or tread in areas that PW maintains. Tita recognized our own **Glenn Hamler** as one the newest members of the committee and complimented him on his participation.

CONNECTICUT SUN 2008

Only four 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 still available:

Friday, June 27, Atlanta Dream, 7 PM Thursday, July 24, LA Sparks, 7 PM
Tuesday, July 1, Houston Comets, 7 PM Friday, September 5, Chicago Sky, 7 PM

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, June 10th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

Kiwanis Nite at the Connecticut Defenders will be Saturday, May 31st. President Tom will be throwing out the ceremonial First Pitch. The Defenders are playing the Binghamton Mets and game-time is 6:35 PM.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Yale-Harvard Regatta Luncheon: Thursday, June 12, 2008 (insert)

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

New England District Convention: Danvers, MA, August 21-24, 2008

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2: **Nick Vallas**

June 5: **Robert Grills**

June 25: **Tom Lacey**

DRAWINGS

May 21: **Chip Gorra**

May 28: **Chip Gorra**

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

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