

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, Mary Jane Rickard, 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

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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KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF NEW ENGLAND

VALEDA GRILLS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT



The Kiwanis Foundation of New England held its Annual Meeting, Saturday, June 14th at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. Four members of our club made the trip (see Interclubs). **Rich Cheatham** was our Club Representative. Immediate Past President of KFNE, **Marty Olsen** was elected to serve a one-year term as a Director. **Tom Moriarty**, currently serving the final year of a three-year term as a Director, did not seek another term. At the Elections Meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting, the 2008-09 KFNE Board elected their Officers, including our own **Valeda Grills** as Vice-

President for a one-year term. **Art Creighton**, Upper Lebanon Valley, NH club was elected President and **Dr. Robert Moro**, Malden, MA club was elected President-elect. **Dr. Brian Gilchrist**, Medical Director for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI), thanked those in attendance for Kiwanis' ongoing support and gave a brief summary of KPTI's programs and activities, including the *Hap Gerrish Registry*, which provides a global information internet database for doctors, nurses and EMTs.

JULY PROGRAMS

MAC POPE: CHAIR

July 2: **Kiwanis International Convention Report**

July 9: **Peter Ciparelli**, Director New London Public Library, Library Resources and Good Summer Reads

July 16: **Deborah Donovan**, Sector Agency, Development in Our Area

July 23: **Mark Goldsmith**, Associate Dean, Mitchell College, Town and Gown (tentative)

July 30: **James Harmon**, OIC Program Director, Preventing Domestic Violence (tentative)

INTERCLUBS

8. 6/14/08, Kiwanis Foundation of New England Annual Meeting, Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA: **Tom Moriarty, Valeda Grills, Rich Cheatham and Marty Olsen**

9. 6/24/08, Kiwanis Club of Greater Southeastern CT: **Tom Moriarty, Connie Potter, Rich Cheatham and Gordon Jackson**

10. 6/26-6/29, Kiwanis International Convention, Orlando, FL: **Frank Penny, Carol Ballestrini, Rusty Ballestrini, and Bob Grills**

THANKS TED

SKYBOX NITE AT DEFENDERS GREAT FUN

Over forty club members and guests enjoyed a beautiful evening out on Saturday, June 21st at the Connecticut Defenders game at Dodd Stadium in Norwich. **Ted Nelson** graciously donated the Skybox to the club for the event and over **\$560** was raised to benefit the *John Kashanski Community Service Fund* and *Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Fund and Endowment*. **President Tom** led a group of club members as part of an historic “**First Pitch Relay**” ceremony culminating with 86 year old **Jack Russell** tossing the ball in the catcher’s mitt. **John Russell, Rich Cheatham, Ted Nelson and Marty Olsen** completed the relay team. **Andrea Bell Kaiser, Sherry Lombardi and Connie Potter** attended the game. **Rob Krawic and Joanna Herrick** donated their tickets and even from afar while en route to the Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, **Bob and Valeda Grills** also donated their tickets to the cause. In Eastern League Double AA action, the hometown Defenders (Giants) beat their in-state rival New Britain Rock Cats (Twins), 5-2, in a game featuring two home runs and two triples!

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, July 11	Mac Pope	Valeda Grills	_____
Friday, July 25	_____	_____	_____
Friday, August 8	Ted Nelson	Glenn Hamler	_____
Friday, August 22	Mac Pope	Marty Olsen	_____

GUESTS

Dick Kerr, a past longtime member of the club, joined us for lunch on June 18th. **John Leahy** and **Al Serino** also joined the club of the 18th as guests of **Bob Grills**. Al has been scheduled to address the club on August 20th.

Mary Christina and **Pam Moriarty** joined the club on June 25th as guests of **Sherry Lombardi**. Mary and Pam did yeoman work volunteering at our golf tournament and also joined us for our Skybox Nite at Dodd Stadium. We thank you for your ongoing support!

PAST PROGRAMS

Arthur Lerner, Director of Operations for FRESH New London, addressed the club on June 18th. Student leader **Louis Myers**, a sophomore at the Science and Technology Magnet High School in New London, joined Mr. Lerner. The acronym FRESH stands for Food, Resources, Education, Security and Health. The Mission of FRESH is to provide the people of New London with fresh, organically grown produce at reasonable prices, as well as opportunities for self and community empowerment of New London teens. FRESH is entering its fourth growing season has two primary gardens: the intersection of Lincoln and Mercer Streets in New London and at the Waterford Country School. The teens work for a wage, minimum wage or better, and provide a variety of services to make this program function as well offer leadership tracks. Fresh produce is sold primarily with a mobile market, which delivers primarily to public housing in New London on Tuesdays and Fridays. The program has grown to where seven teens work through the winter and sixteen to eighteen are empowered during the growing season.

The club was addressed on June 25th by **Jeanne Gilbert**, owner of Independence Physical Therapy in Mystic. Her able audio/visual assistant and husband, Craig, who was able to sneak away for a day from his full time job with the Coast Guard at the Boston CG Station, joined Jeanne. Jeanne has been involved with physical therapy (PT) for twenty-two years and opened her full service private practice in 2005. The mission of PT is to address and restore motion. Ms. Gilbert's presentation was informative and generated a plethora of questions. Sherry Lombardi's son, Travis, recently joined the team at Independence Physical Therapy as a physical therapist. The club would also like to thank Jeanne and her business for their major tee sponsorship support and for fielding a team at our recently held golf tournament.

CONNECTICUT SUN 2008

Only three 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:

Tuesday, July 1, Houston Comets, 7 PM Thursday, July 24, LA Sparks, 7 PM
Friday, September 5, Chicago Sky, 7 PM.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1: **Bruce Patterson** July 10: **Patricia Lieteau**
July 4: **Gloria Dover** July 18: **Bruce Rinehart**
July 18: **Lt. Andrew Ely**

ODDS & ENDS

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

There will be meeting of all interested club members regarding Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Funding levels on Monday, July 14th, 4:30 PM at Glenn Hamler's office at Stifel Nicolaus on the third floor in the Mariner Square building in downtown New London. **Marty Olsen** chairs this committee.

Baseball & BBQ at Dodd Stadium: pre-game BBQ at the Picnic Pavilion, Saturday, July 26th, Picnic at 5:00 PM, Game-time: 6:35 PM, Defenders host New Britain. Adults \$25 and Kids 12 and under \$13.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DRAWINGS

June 18: **Chip Gorra**
June 25: **John Vincent**

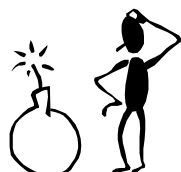
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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

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