

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, Mary Jane Rickard, Mac Pope

LEGION OF HONOR: John Kashanski (54), Ed Rachleff (47), Frank Penny (39) and Gordon Jackson (37)

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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SEE BECKHAM!!

Los Angeles Galaxy vs. New England Revolution

Saturday, August 30, 2008

Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA

7:30 PM

Tickets: \$19 each



See **David Beckham** on his only scheduled trip to New England this season. The Kiwanis Foundation of New England has reserved seats to this game for only \$19 each. Proceeds will benefit the *Hap Gerrish Registry* and *Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI)*. Contact Marty Olsen at (860) 437-0224 or [martin t_olsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:martin_t_olsen@sbcglobal.net) to buy your tickets now! The supply is limited!

AUGUST PROGRAMS

August 6: **Gary Farrugia**, Editor and Publisher, *The Day*

August 13: **Lt. Governor Chelsea Chamberlain** (Division 29-A) and **Mike Muehe:** Key Club International Convention Report

August 20: **Al Serino**, Director of Business Development, ROi Leadership International

August 27: **Service-Person-of-the-Month**

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT OF KIWANIS
90TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

August 21-24, 2008

Sheraton Ferncroft Resort & Hotel

Danvers, MA

Support our own **Bob Grills** who will be installed as **Lt. Governor** for 2008-09

See Club Secretary Marty Olsen for Registration Information

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, August 8	Ted Nelson	Glenn Hamler	Connie Potter
Friday, August 22	Mac Pope	Marty Olsen	_____

BASEBALL & BBQ

**GOVERNOR-ELECT DICK ENGLAND AND HIS WIFE, JACKIE,
SPECIAL GUESTS**

Over twenty-five club members and guests enjoyed a beautiful evening and exciting ballgame at Dodd Stadium on July 26th. The hometown Defenders (San Francisco Giants) scored an exciting come from behind 8-7 win over the visiting New Britain Rock Cats (Minnesota Twins), including a grand slam homer. The club was honored to have Governor-elect Dick England from the Kiwanis Club of Sandwich, MA and his wife, Jackie, join us for this annual event. Dennis McCarthy from the Kiwanis Club of Peabody, MA also made the trek. A large contingent of from the Kiwanis Club of Southeastern Connecticut filled out our group. Our picnic coincided with a festive Military Appreciation Day pre-game celebration and post-game fireworks display.

GUESTS

Chris Russell joined his dad, **John**, and grandfather, **Jack**, for lunch on July 16th with three generations of Russell's breaking bread together. Chris was visiting his dad and grandfather from South Beach. **Yolande Davis** also joined the club on the 16th as a guest of **Marty Olsen**. Yolande works as a banker at the Ocean Avenue office of Citizen's Bank. She is a former Key Clubber and was raised in Jamaica. Yolande has taken a membership application.

Lieutenants Herb and **Miriam Rader** of the Salvation Army broke bread with the club on July 23rd. Herb and Miriam have been assigned to the area to replace the Lock's. Miriam has submitted a membership application, while Herb is a Rotarian.

PAST PROGRAMS

Chris Jennings, President of Mystic Coast & Country, addressed the club on July 16th. Formed in 1992 by a group of local major tourist attractions spearheaded by Joyce Resnikoff and Foxwoods executives, Mystic Coast and Country's mission is to provide marketing, lobbying and membership events in the area of tourism in southeastern Connecticut. The organization, which is membership driven, was initiated with a \$1M contribution by Foxwoods and is currently operated with an annual budget of \$750,000. Currently there are one hundred sixty members, including six sustaining members. A major difference between Mystic Coast and Country and the regional tourism council is that MC & C is comprised by those in the business of tourism as opposed to political appointees. In today's business and economic environment, Jennings stated the goal is to have tourists spend more and stay longer.

Marc Goldsmith and **Kevin Mayne** who both are Associate Deans at Mitchell College addressed the club on July 23rd. The gentlemen tailored their remarks on the rapid changes being made at the school regarding plant, programs and enrollment. These changes, coming at the 70th anniversary of Mitchell, have been expedited by the transition ten years ago from a two-year private junior college to a four-year primary college offering bachelor degrees in a variety of disciplines. The men outlined four key areas where the positive changes are taking place: Growth, Programs, Facilities and

Community. Mitchell has been developing many new programs to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow, such as Global Studies, Environmental Studies, Homeland Security, Communications, Accounting Management and Hospitality and Tourism. Mitchell has also initiated Thames Academy, which is a Post Graduate program to prepare at-risk students transitioning from high school to college. A Study Abroad program is now in place. Mitchell now competes in NCAA Division III athletics. All these new program and activities are having a significant impact on the local economy, internship opportunities, volunteerism at the school and in the community as well as ongoing cultural events at the school which are open to the public.

James Harmon, OIC Program Director for Preventing Domestic Violence, spoke to the club on July 30th. Mr. Harmon has been on the job for seventeen years at OIC. He oversees a twenty-six week class, which includes homework, to men and women to change their belief system and end their violent behaviors. Harmon utilized an extensive list of stories and anecdotes to outline the problems and procedures used to address the issues of domestic violence. The line is quite thin and the repercussions severe.

CONNECTICUT SUN 2008

Only one game remains 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 game is still available: Friday, September 5, Chicago Sky, 7 PM.

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, August 12th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

Glenn Hamler, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, presented **Marissa Charles** her Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship during our club meeting on July 23rd. Marissa was unable to attend the formal scholarship presentation in June because of a conflict with her orientation at Assumption College. Marissa was joined at the meeting with her mother, **Claudette**.

Mac Pope's sister from Hawaii, **Sylvia**, sent back a large box of chocolate covered macadamia nuts that were shared as a dessert treat on July 23rd. Thanks, Sylvia!!

Veronica Ballestrini, sixteen-year-old daughter of **Carol** and **Rusty Ballestrini**, was featured in a front-page article of the Region Section, Page C1, of the July 13, 2008, edition of *The Day*. The article highlighted Veronica's soaring country music career. Congratulations, Veronica!!

The Kiwanis Club of New London **Sail** was sighted off Green Harbor Beach recently with the kids participating in the New London Community Boating program.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1: **Carol Ballestrini**
August 4: **Richard Cheatham**
August 16: **Bill Everett**
August 16: **Joanna Herrick**
August 23: **Marybeth Foley**

DRAWINGS

July 16: **Marybeth Foley**
June 23: **Tom Lacey**
July 30: **Nick Vallas**

FAREWELL TO AN OLD FRIEND

Ed Rachleff, 82, died Monday, July 28th. A member of the Legion of Honor and forty-seven year member of the club, Ed consistently supported the club's annual golf tournament and other fundraising activities. He is survived by his wife, Naomi, and two sons, Peter and Larry. Memorial gifts should be directed to the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital Development Fund, 365 Montauk Ave., New London, CT 06320.

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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