

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), Frank Penny (39) and Gordon Jackson (37)
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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DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT
DICK ENGLAND ELECTED GOVERNOR FOR 2008-09
BOB GRILLS INSTALLED LT.
GOVERNOR FOR DIVISION 23



The New England District of Kiwanis 90th Annual Convention was held the weekend of August 21-24th in Danvers, MA. Ten members of the club made the trip to the north shore (see Interclubs). Seventy-six clubs were represented with a total of three hundred forty



five Kiwanians and guests, including two hundred four delegates. The election results for district offices for 2008-2009 were as follows:

- ◆ Governor: **Richard “Dick” England**, Kiwanis Club of Sandwich, MA
- ◆ Governor-elect: **David Koohy**, Kiwanis Club of Newport, RI
- ◆ Treasurer: **Ron Sanville**, Kiwanis Club of Hardwick, VT

Governor-designate Dick proposed three goals for next year: New Club Building, Support for the Kiwanis Foundation of New England and District Restructuring. Our own **Bob Grills** was installed as Lt. Governor for Division 23. **Tom Moriarty** was recognized at the Kiwanis Foundation of New England luncheon as a new Kiwanis International Foundation IDD Hixson recipient with voluntarily contributions from fourteen club members. Tom will receive his Hixson at the club’s Installation of Officers on October 30th. **Veronica Ballestrini** sang the National Anthem at the Saturday Night Banquet along with many other selections during dinner. Past Distinguished Governor Marty Olsen installed Dick England as our new governor. The Kiwanis Club of New London was recognized for the following awards: Club Bulletin, Club Brochure, Public Relations, K Family Interclub, Camp Sunshine and Young Children Priority One.



FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

Helen Swenson, 93, a member since 1989, passed away on August 18th. Helen was an active member and served on the Board of Directors for many years. She also was instrumental contacting members and keeping them informed via phone about club projects and activities. Helen was a recipient of the prestigious Kiwanis International Foundation IDD Hixson award. Donations in her memory may be made to the Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Endowment, PO Box 333, New London, CT 06320 or Friends of Harkness Greenhouse Fund, PO Box 10, Waterford, CT 06385.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12 -14 - Camp Huckins, Freedom, NH
October 17-19 - Lakeside Camp, Pittsfield, MA

PROGRAM CHAIRS FOR 2008-09

ONLY TWO MONTHS LEFT TO FILL

STEP UP NOW AND TAKE A MONTH

October: **Rich Cheatham**

April: _____

November: **John Russell**

May: **Bob Grills**

December: **Glenn Hamler**

June: **Sherry Lombardi**

January: _____

July: **Mac Pope**

February: **Andrea Bell Kaiser**

August: **Carol Ballestrini**

March: **Ted Nelson**

September: **Valeda Grills**

INTERCLUBS

11. 8/22-8/24, Danvers, MA, New England District of Kiwanis Convention: **Bob Grills, Tom Moriarty, Valeda Grills, Rich Cheatham, Mac Pope, Connie Potter, Ted Nelson, Carol Ballestrini, Rusty Ballestrini and Marty Olsen**

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

VALEDA GRILLS: CHAIR

September 3: **New Member Introduction, Induction and Orientation**

September 10: **Christopher Trammell**, Eagle Scout, to discuss his Eagle Scout Project

September 17: **Joan Discordia**, Neighborhood Alliance, will talk about the Children's Fishing Contest

September 24: **Penny Parsekian**, Executive Director, New London Main Street

THANKS TO OUR CONNECTICUT DEFENDERS VOLUNTEERS

The following club members and guests volunteered this season at Connecticut Defenders games at Dodd Stadium: **Ted Nelson, John Russell, Mac Pope, Marla Champagne, Bob Grills, Marty Olsen, Rich Cheatham, Tom Moriarty, Valeda Grills, Jack Russell, Connie Potter, Glenn Hamler and Dee Santiago.** This is part of our ongoing partnership program where the club receives promotional space with a billboard and ad copy in the yearbook, fundraising opportunities with group sales and service opportunities sending area youth to minor league games.

GUESTS

Dave Stender dropped into our initial meeting at Mitchell College on August 20th. Dave was making his way back to New York State via Mitchell after attending a wedding in northern New England.

Kate Stephenson, the new Development Director at the Waterford Country School, was a guest of **Andrea Bell Kaiser** on August 27th. Kate is a former Key Clubber at New London High School.

PAST PROGRAMS

Al Serino, Vice President of Generational Solutions, LLC, addressed the club on August 20th. He discussed his firm's program the ABC's of Life, which is intended for vulnerable youth- a generation at risk. Along with leadership development, Al's program drives

home the point to young people that actions have consequences. Al has been working with Gob Grills locally and Charlie Mallar at the district level to find common ground where his program and Key Leader can work together. Serino has already brought his program into many high schools in Connecticut, including New London.

- ◆ Vision: impact the next generation culture, by transforming their behavior, choices and outcomes educationally
- ◆ Mission: partner with “others” in business and community to bring excellence to “school to work” and “social ownership”; changing outcomes

IT2 Patrick Godfrey of the Coast Guard was honored as Service-Person-of-the-Month on August 27th. The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut and the Navy League jointly sponsor this program. His wife, **Shawna**, accompanied Patrick. Chamber representative **Denny Hicks** presented Patrick a plethora of gifts donated by local chamber members. President Tom presented our recipient a \$100 US Savings bond on behalf of the club. **Admiral Scott Burhoe**, Superintendent at the US Coast Guard Academy, recognized Godfrey for his good work at the Academy. **Commander Andy McGurer**, CO of Enlisted Personnel at the Academy, outlined Patrick’s job and his value to Academy in his Information Technology job. Also attending this special program were **Master Chief John Niece** and **Lena Blanch**, Community Liaison at the Sub Base.



l to r: President Tom, Master Chief Niece, Commander McGurer, Shawna Godfrey, IT2 Patrick Godfrey, Denny Hicks and Admiral Scott Burhoe

ODDS AND ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, September 9th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

Gordon Jackson was recognized by the Kiwanis International Foundation as a Sustaining Donor of the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. On behalf of the KIF, President Tom presented Gordon a certificate recognizing his contribution.

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Support Your Club: There are some open spots for **Business Card Ads** to support the *News and Views* commencing in October. The *News and Views* is published twice a month and the ad would run one year from October 2008 through September 2009. The cost is \$110 for one year.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 15: **Sam Christy**

September 29: **Jack Russell** (Happy 87th)

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

DRAWINGS

August 20: **Ted Nelson** donated \$2 to **Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund**

August 27: **Gloria Dover**