

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 PRIVATE ROOM, CLARKE CENTER
MITCHELL COLLEGE
437 PEQUOT AVE., NEW LONDON, CT 06320

CLUB OFFICERS 2007-2008

PRESIDENT: Chris Sinnett **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** John Russell
VICE-PRESIDENT: Connie Potter **TREASURER:** Richard Cheatham
SECRETARY: Martin T. Olsen Jr. **IMM. PAST-PRES:** Thomas Moriarty
DIRECTORS (1 YEAR): Andrea Bell Kaiser, Mac Pope, Jim Sylvester
DIRECTORS (2 YEARS): Andrew Ely, Sherry Lombardi, Ted Nelson, Glenn Hamler

LEGION OF HONOR: John Kashanski (55), 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
VICE PRESIDENT KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF NEW ENGLAND: Valeda Grills
PAST DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR & DIRECTOR KFNE: Martin T. Olsen Jr.
DISTRICT CHAIR- MARKETING & BRANDING: Martin T. Olsen Jr.
LT. GOVERNOR DIVISION 23: Robert Grills

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PARTING THOUGHTS

IMMEDIATE-PAST PRESIDENT TOM

Wow- past president already. It seems like yesterday I was just getting started on my journey as president and now I've finished. This isn't an end though, just a transition to a new presidency. I would like to thank everyone who helped me out along the way. The club has had a successful year including bringing in 10 new members, donating over \$15,000 to worthy causes and providing over 240 service hours to the community. I hope everyone's enthusiasm carries over to this new year and we can all support our new president, Captain Chris. Chris' theme for the new year is "A year of growth". If we can recruit just one new member every month we can beat last years numbers and continue to grow. Thanks again to everyone who contributed this year. I appreciate your efforts, as do the children of New London and the world.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SPECIAL GUEST GOVERNOR DICK ENGLAND

Thursday, October 30, 2008

Social Hour 6:00 PM Followed by Dinner Program

Weller Center, Mitchell College

Buffet Dinner

Members, Spouses, Guests: \$35 per person

OFFICIAL GOVERNOR'S VISIT

DIVISIONS 22, 23, 24

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Social Hour 6:00 PM followed by Dinner Program

Il Monticello, Meriden, CT

\$35 per person

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

RICH CHEATHAM: CHAIR

October 1: **Jeff Anderson**, Museum Director, Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme

October 8: **Bill Stanley**, Vice President, Development & Community Relations, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, New London

October 15: **Jane Glover**, Director, Kente Cultural Center, New London

October 22: **LCDR Gregory Caskey**, USN, Museum Director, US Submarine Museum/ Historic Ship USS Nautilus, Groton

October 29: **Sandra Kersten Chalk**, Executive Director, New London Landmarks, Inc., New London



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 17-19 - Lakeside Camp, Pittsfield, MA

INTERCLUBS

1. 9/22/08, Kiwanis Club of Newington (Installation): **John Russell, Connie Potter, Marty Olsen, Jack Russell** and **Lt. Governor Bob Grills**. Photo credit Tony Cercena



GUESTS

Sherry Lombardi introduced the club to her friend and college roommate at the University of New Hampshire, **Dr. Barbara Phillips-Cole**.

PAST PROGRAMS

Joan Discordia, Chairperson of the Neighborhood Alliance, addressed the club on September 17th. Joan's primary topic was the Children's Fishing Derby, which was held on July 26th. Over fifty children between the ages of 5-15 cast their lines. Joan thanked the club for our support. Our donation was used to purchase prizes for all the participants. The Fishing Derby was co-sponsored by the Front Porch Foundation this year.

An old friend and periodic guest and speaker, **Penny Parsekian**, Executive Director of New London Main Street, addressed the club on September 24th. New London Main Street is one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 1800 programs nationwide created to revitalize historic downtowns. The agency has recently been given significantly more authority regarding economic development in New London by the City Council. It's primary functions have been promotion, design improvements and economic enhancements. New London Main Street has also won a competition and been awarded \$90,000 worth of marketing services by Smizer Perry. Penny discussed the upcoming Fall Calendar of Events with an emphasis on the Fall Food Stroll being held October 15th. She also talked about some of the challenges facing New London Main Street, such as coordinating economic development activity and working with the State Department of Transportation and highway signage.

