

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

CLUB OFFICERS 2008-2009

PRESIDENT: Captain Chris Sinnett, USCG **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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ACTIONS OF THE BOARD
AHOY: NEW MEMBER ABOARD!

The Board of Directors took the following actions at their meeting on October 14th:

- ❖ Approved the Membership Application of **Alan Pierce**, sponsored by **Rachel Mirochnick**
- ❖ Approved to make a donation of bike helmets to **Bikes for Kids**
- ❖ Approved \$500 appropriation to **Kiwanis Operation Holiday Cheer (Connecticut)**
- ❖ Approved a **Bike Safety Rodeo** to be held at the Daycare Program at Connecticut College, including an appropriation up to \$400 for related supplies
- ❖ Approved \$100 appropriation for **New London Main St.'s Lights and Song Holiday Program**

OFFICIAL GOVERNOR'S VISIT

Dick England, Governor of the New England District of Kiwanis, made his official visit to Divisions 22, 23, and 24 on October 22nd in Meriden. Six of our club members (see Interclubs) joined close to seventy others representing a good cross section of clubs. Governor Dick, from the Kiwanis Club of Sandwich, MA, arrived tastefully late, and gave an inspiring talk. The Governor has three primary goals for the year:

1. Membership Growth, primarily through New Club Building
2. Support for the Kiwanis Foundation of New England (KFNE) and KPTI
3. Change, which may manifest itself with changes to the district leadership structure



Governor Dick strongly encouraged members to take advantage of the upcoming Fall Training Conference at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, ME. **Don Canaday**, President of Kiwanis International, will be in attendance and doing a series of Membership and New Club Building sessions. His track record of success in this area is second to none. International Trustee **Alan Penn** will also be at

the Samoset and conduct an Adult Key Leader session to teach Kiwanians what is being taught to the high school students at our new and outstanding leadership program and cultivate more Kiwanis participation. Dick advocated individuals and clubs to support KFNE, especially through the Red Jacket program. KFNE supports the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI) at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, which provides research, education, development and training in the area of pediatrics. KFNE also funds the new Hap Gerrish Pediatric Registry that is an Internet pediatric database accessible worldwide that aids EMT's, nurses, and doctors in the field with instantaneous current information, which helps save the lives of children. Dick's last point was the need for resiliency and change. He plans to evaluate the district structure in an effort to make it more efficient as well as to cultivate new district leaders. Thanks to Lt. Governors **Guy Russo**, Division 22, **Bob Grills**, Division 23, and **Cindy Perham**, Division 24, for a job well done. Photo of **Governor Dick** addressing the group submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

JOHN RUSSELL: CHAIR

November 5: **Fr. Michel Belt**, Pastor, St James, Episcopal Church and President NL Rotary Club, will speak on children's programs supported by St James

November 12: **Dan Gaynor**, Former Director of New London Adult Ed, currently working on a grant to help recruit homeless students to get GED

November 19: **Mel Foti** will discuss the banking environment in these challenging economic times

November 26: **Steven Santangelo**, Executive Director of Covenant Shelter and Kiwanis Member will speak on the Children's Mentoring Program run by Covenant Shelter

INTERCLUBS



4. 10/22/08, Kiwanis Club of Meriden (Official Governor's Visit): Front Row L to R: **Chris Sinnett** and **Valeda Grills**; Back Row L to R: **Rich Cheatham**, **Connie Potter**, **Marty Olsen** and **Bob Grills**. Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**. Banquet held at Il Monticello's in Meriden, CT, home of the Kiwanis Club of Meriden.

GUESTS

Pam Moriarty and **Mary Christina** joined the club on October 22nd as guests of **Tom Moriarty** and **Sherry Lombardi**. Our guests brought along a guest as well, **Donna Ricciardelli**, formerly a local girl who now lives in upstate New York.

The club was joined by the leadership from the Fitch HS Key Club on October 29th: **Tracy Jamula**, Faculty Advisor, **Jessica Torgersen**, Club President and **Chelsea Chamberlain**, Lt. Governor Division 29-A.

PAST PROGRAMS



Jane Glover, Executive Director of Kente' Cultural Center, a very dynamic speaker, addressed the club on October 18th. Kente' Cultural Center was formed in 1997 by seven start-up organizations which shared a common spirit of giving back to the community. Their mission is to promote the contribution and importance of African American culture and history to society as a whole. The Kente' Center strives to provide meaningful activities that foster creativity thinking and build self esteem for young people, typically 15 years and under. These programs range from trips to see Broadway productions, local museums, and rock climbing to art, ethics, and social etiquette classes. Kente' takes a no nonsense approach to helping African American children understand the real world environment. Kente' also offers after school and weekend programs, including New London's only student art gallery. Their art gallery operates much like any other art gallery, with art shows and sales of original works, but their artists are New London senior high school student. Jane summed it up by say that "seeing the light in the

children's eyes go on when they understand their hidden potential" is what Kente' Cultural Center is all about. Photo L to R: **Rich Cheatham, Jane Glover, Chris Sinnett**. The report and photo were submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.



The club was addressed by **LCDR Gregory Caskey, USN**, Director of the Historic Ship USS Nautilus/ Submarine Force Museum in Groton, on October 22nd. Caskey gave an overview and history of the now 27,000 square foot facility, which he supplemented with a PowerPoint presentation. The museum was started as a submarine library in 1954 and housed at Electric Boat. This coincided with the launching of the USS Nautilus, the first nuclear powered submarine, in 1954. Nautilus made the first trip to the North Pole under the polar icecap in 1958. In 1964 the library was donated to the Navy and moved to the Submarine Base. Nautilus was decommissioned in 1980 and moved to Groton in 1986 as the centerpiece of the new museum. The facility is now the center for submarine research and houses temporary exhibits on an ongoing basis. Photo of **President Chris** and **LCDR Caskey** by **Rich Cheatham**.

On October 29th the club was addressed by **Sandra Kersten Chalk**, Executive Director of New London Landmarks. The focus of Ms. Chalk's presentation was the current issue regarding the attempt to save the house on Franklin St. that Shiloh Church owns and has targeted for demolition for a parking lot. As part of her case, Chalk pointed out the benefits of saving and restoring the homes on Starr St. Sandra indicated that New London Landmarks is not only involved with preservation, but also education. An example given was the upcoming tour of Ye Olde Antientist Burial Ground on Saturday, November 1st.

ODDS AND ENDS

Board of Directors: Monday, November 10th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

CALENDAR

- ❑ **Fall Training Conference:** Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME, November 21-23, 2008
- ❑ **Mid Winter Training Conference:** Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA, March 6-8, 2009
- ❑ **Kiwanis International Convention:** Nashville, TN, June 25-28, 2009
- ❑ **New England Convention:** Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI, August 14-16, 2009

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 9: **John Vincent**
November 10: **Richard Lathrop**
November 12: **Paul Holden**
November 15: **Glenn Hamler**
November 15: **Rob Krawic**
November 24: **Sherry Lombardi**

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

DRAWINGS

October 15: **John Vincent**
October 22: **Chris Sinnett** donated \$4 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*
October 29: **Bruce Rinehart**

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS

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