



**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 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):** LCDR Andrew Ely, USCG, 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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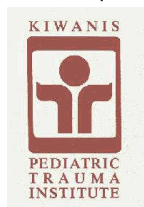
**MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB**  
**CHARTER CELEBRATION**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**2:10 PM, ROOM 202**

**ANNUAL HAM & TURKEY SALE**  
**CONNIE POTTER: PROJECT CHAIR**

The club is again selling **EZ Carve Hams** (7-8 pounds), **Pre-cooked Gourmet Smoked Turkeys** (10-12 pounds) and **Spiral Hams** (7-8 pounds). Orders need to be received by Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army on Governor Winthrop Blvd. in New London between 2:00PM-4:00PM. These delectable treats are great for the holidays as well as for gifts, parties and the Super Bowl and are only **\$35** each! Proceeds from this important seasonal fundraiser will benefit the *John Kashanski Community Service Fund* and *Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Endowment*. Order forms are enclosed with hard copies.

**OPEN HOUSE AT THE KIWANIS PEDIATRIC TRAUMA INSTITUTE**  
**KPTI- SEEING IS BELIEVING!!**

**Tuft Medical Center**  
**750 Washington St., Boston, MA 02111**  
**Saturday, December 13, 2008**  
**Registration 10:00 AM**  
**Cost \$5**



**BELL RINGING**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**CRYSTAL MALL**

**Members Can Sign-up to Volunteer on our Club Website**

<http://www.newlondonkiwanis.org>

<u>Time</u>	<u>Charlie's</u>	<u>JC Penny</u>	<u>Christmas Tree Shop</u>
9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Marty Olsen	Bob Grills	Steve Santangelo
11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Ted Nelson		
1:00 PM-3:00 PM			
3:00 PM-5:00 PM			
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Rich Cheatham		

**FALL CONFERENCE REPORT**  
**BY BOB GRILLS**

Three of your members spent the weekend of November 21 through November 23 at the beautiful resort of Samoset located on the Atlantic coast in Rockport, Maine. Attending the successful event was Division 23 Lt. Gov. **Bob Grills**, current KNFE Vice President **Valeda Grills** and New London Vice President **Connie Potter**. Over 225 Kiwanians, under the leadership of NED Governor **Dick England**, attended, had fun, and heard some of the best speakers in the Kiwanis World. **Kiwanis International President Don Canaday** presented a two-part **Growth Summit** taking the attendees through the exact details of how to grow existing clubs from good to great. He also detailed steps of how to form successful new clubs. Don is extremely noted for new club building having personally formed 109 new clubs in his Kiwanis career. He stopped in Portland, Me before the conference and used his membership growing techniques to obtain 20 new members for the Portland club in one afternoon. Not a bad day's work. Also spreading the Kiwanis word was our **International Kiwanis Trustee Allen Penn**. He put on a two-hour adult **Key Leader** session to introduce the attendees to the great benefits of our new Key Leader programs for 13 to 18 year old children. This is one of the best and fastest growing youth programs in Kiwanis. Allen also attended our board meeting and provided positive advice on various methods to help guide the NED with some of the growth issues that they are facing. On Sunday, Spiritual Aims Leader **Elizabeth Cary**, presented an uplifting presentation with the help of **Gordon Page** from Rockland. The main speaker for the Sunday morning program was **Henry D. Lunn** a consultant in Education and Career Planning. His guidance for children and families was uplifting and informative. All in all the weekend was one of the best in recent memory and Gov. Dick England was extremely happy with the results.

**THANKSGIVING FAMILY DINNER**

Over **one hundred** people enjoyed a complete Thanksgiving feast with all the fixings on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army that was prepared by **Billy Hadley**. The following club members volunteered and/or donated pies: **Glenn Hamler, Chris Sinnett, Bob Grills, Valeda Grills, Pam Stevens Moriarty, Sherry Lombardi, Eric Christman, Gordon Jackson, Mac Pope, Tom Moriarty, John Russell, Rich Cheatham, Jim Sylvester, Lt. Miriam Rader and Marty Olsen**. Each of our Key Clubs at **Fitch, Montville, New London, Waterford, East Lyme and Lyme-Old Lyme High Schools** sent 4-5 members to volunteer. The students did an outstanding job at a variety of tasks. **Erin McGuire**, Faculty Advisor at New London High School, along with **Amanda Marchese** and **Ian Cheney**, Faculty Advisors at Waterford High School, pitched in, too. President Chris was joined by his wife, **Kathy**, and their daughters, **Sarah** and **Allison**. This annual service project was again very successful and the Key Club participation was extraordinary as noted by Lieutenants Herb and Miriam Rader.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ANDREA'S**

**Andrea Bell Kaiser** and her husband, **Michael**, will again open their home for a Christmas Party on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. The Kaiser's live at 171 Harland Rd. in Norwich. Last year's gathering was a smashing success!

## DECEMBER PROGRAMS

### GLENN HAMLER: CHAIR

December 3:

December 10:

December 17: **Christmas Party** with children from the **Salvation Army Youth Program** to be held at the Officer's club at the Coast Guard Academy. **Santa Claus** is expected to make an appearance.

December 24:

December 31:

### GUESTS

**Pam Stevens Moriarty**, Member-in-Waiting and guest of **Sherry Lombardi**, joined the club for lunch on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

On the day before Thanksgiving **Ted Nelson's** daughter, **Faith** visited the club. **Gayle Moriarty**, President of the Montville High School Key Club, joined her dad, **Tom**. Making the trip from Salve Regina University via her hometown of New Milford was **Ann Coppola** who is the Lt. Governor of the Mystic Division of New England Circle K.

### PAST PROGRAMS

**Mel Foti**, a local banker, addressed the club on November 19<sup>th</sup>. A New York City native, Mel came into the area three and a half years ago to lead the start-up of the Bank of Southeastern Connecticut on Masonic St. in New London. An ownership change at that bank caused Mel to seek employment elsewhere and he has landed on his feet with another banking start-up in Madison, CT. Mel discussed the current banking crisis and utilized statistical analysis to buttress his arguments. Foti has adopted his new home area by becoming active in the community is currently is President of the New London Rotary club and serves on the Board of Directors of the Covenant Shelter in New London.



**Steve Santangelo**, Executive Director of the Covenant Shelter in New London and Kiwanis member, spoke to the club on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The Covenant Shelter, located on Jay St., is able to house thirty-five homeless people- men, women and children- per day, three hundred sixty-five days a year, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Steve focused his talk on the Children's Mentoring Program at the Shelter, which is run by two Connecticut College students. The Shelter is able to handle a maximum of thirteen children at a time, currently nine. The mentoring program provides the children, anywhere between the ages of infant through seventeen, help with basic skills, cultural enhancement, homework assistance, computer skills and much more to help these children assimilate more easily and quickly into school and society when their family leaves the shelter. President-elect **John Russell** presents a club mug to Steve. Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

### ODDS AND ENDS

**Board of Directors:** Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

### DRAWINGS

November 19: **Ted Nelson**

November 26: **Ted Nelson** donated \$4 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*

### WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

### THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS

New London High School Key Club  
East Lyme High School Key Club  
Waterford High School Key Club

Fitch High School Key Club  
Lyme-Old Lyme HS Key Club  
Montville High School Key Club

