

**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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**SANTA A BIG HIT AT CHRISTMAS PARTY**



A dozen young guests from the Salvation Army Youth Program joined the club for our annual Christmas Party, which was held this year at the Officers Club at the US Coast Guard Academy. The festive affair was enhanced by **Bob Grills** playing seasonal tunes on the piano. The children were awed upon the arrival of **Santa Claus** (former member **Frank Galley**) and **Mrs. Claus**. The following club members adopted and donated gifts to our young guests: **Tom Moriarty, Rich Cheatham, Glenn Hamler, Ted Nelson, Gordon Jackson, Sherry Lombardi, Marty Olsen, Andrea Bell Kaiser, Steve Santangelo, Pam Stevens Moriarty, Chris Sinnett** and **Bob and Valeda Grills** with **Valeda** donating a book for each child. A big thank you to **President Chris** for securing the "O Club" which made for a wonderful holiday setting and top rate meal! Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

## BELL RINGERS NET \$1200

Club and Key Club members braved very cold temperatures and a snowstorm the day before to do our annual duty as Kiwanis Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Crystal Mall. Volunteers staffed the entrances at Charlie's Eating and Drinking Saloon, Christmas Tree Shop and the Food Court from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Lt. Herb Rader reported \$1200 was in the buckets for the day and he expressed tremendous gratitude to the Club and Key Club members for their efforts. Key Clubbers from all six of our **Key Clubs** participated: **New London, Montville, Waterford, Fitch, East Lyme and Lyme-Old Lyme High Schools**. The following club members rang the bell this year: **Rich Cheatham, Bob Grills, Marty Olsen, John Russell, Steve Santangelo, Andrea Bell Kaiser, Tom Moriarty, Ted Nelson, Gordon Jackson, Andrew Ely and Glenn Hamler**. Photos submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.



## HAM & TURKEY SALE NETS \$1100

On her first time as Project Chair for this seasonal fundraiser, **Connie Potter** did a great job and reported that the club has netted approximately \$1100 to be split 70-30 between the **John Kashanski Community Service Fund** and **Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Endowment** respectively. Sixty-three units were sold including thirty-six spiral hams, nine EZ Carve hams, fifteen gourmet smoked turkeys and three fresh turkeys. This year **Ted Nelson** was the leading salesman! Joining Ted this year were club members: **Helen McCartin, Rich Cheatham, Tom Moriarty, Gordon Jackson, Pam Stevens Moriarty, Paul Holden, Sherry Lombardi, Chris Sinnett, Marty Olsen, John Kashanski, Andrew Ely, Andrea Bell Kaiser, Glenn Hamler, John Russell and Bob and Valeda Grills**. A big thank you to **Connie** for a job well done and to **Lts. Herb and Miriam Rader** for allowing the club to utilize the Salvation Army for a drop-off and pick-up location.

## BIKE RODEO REVIEW

On December 16<sup>th</sup> over sixty-five preschoolers at the Connecticut College Childcare Program received bicycle and tricycle safety instruction and free bike helmets donated by the club along with a bike safety information kit for the parents from KPTI. **Trish Lieteau**, club member and New London Police Officer put the children through their paces. Lunch was provided by **Tim Grills** and **Catering to You**. Along with Trish, club members volunteering on this project were **Bob Grills, Chris Sinnett, Connie Potter, Sherry Lombardi** and **Pam Stevens Moriarty, John Russell and Marty Olsen**.

## JANUARY PROGRAMS

### CHRIS SINNETT: CHAIR

January 7: **Dr. Christopher Clouet**, New London's Superintendent of Schools, will discuss standardized tests (CMT's) in our school system and volunteer activities and opportunities that can help New London students improve.

January 14: **Captain Chris Sinnett**, President Kiwanis Club of New London, would like to discuss developing a plan for the club to provide volunteer services to help the New London school system.

January 21: **Paul Fillipetti**, CPA, will talk about the small non-profits, accounting and bookkeeping realities and the Internal Revenue Service.

January 28: **Jaye Wilson**, Principal at Winthrop School in New London, will discuss possible volunteer activities and opportunities that can help Winthrop students improve on the CMT's.

### READING IS FUNDAMENTAL 2009

The club will commence its ninth year reading to preschoolers at Ballestrini's Childcare Centers in January. Reading is Fundamental (RIF) is a national program that fosters literacy, the joy of reading, and ownership. We provide volunteer readers each week between the beginning of January through the end of May. Over the course of the program the club donates three books per child to take home. The program also qualifies for Kiwanis International *Read Around the World* and *Young Children Priority One*. Contact **John Russell** at 912-0417 or sign-up at a club meeting to volunteer to read to America's youth. Readers are needed at the Waterford and Salem facilities from 9:30-10:15 AM Wednesday and Thursday respectively.

**Ballestrini's Childcare**  
**90 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford**  
**Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM**

January 7	Rich Cheatham	_____
January 14	_____	_____
January 21	_____	_____
January 28	Ted Nelson	_____



**Ballestrini's Childcare**  
**Salem 4 Corners, Salem**  
**Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 AM**

January 8	Valeda Grills	_____
January 15	_____	_____
January 22	Valeda Grills	_____
January 29	_____	_____

### UPCOMING SPRING KEY LEADER EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND

March 6-8: Camp Sunshine, Casco, ME  
 May 15-17, Camp Hayward, Sandwich, MA

**Mission Statement:** To inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership.



#### Keys to Excellence:

- **Personal Integrity**—Doing the right thing.
- **Personal Growth**—Developing in mind, body, and spirit.
- **Respect**—Showing consideration for self, others, and property.
- **Building Community**—Developing relationships to achieve positive goals.
- **Pursuit of Excellence**—Expecting and achieving the best.

Events are designed for students who are in 9th through 12th grade. These events are open to all students, including those currently in a Kiwanis student group like Key Club, or students who have not yet been a part of a Kiwanis family program. In addition, there is no limit on the number of participants coming from the same school.

## INTERCLUBS

9. 12/13/08, Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute Open House: **Connie Potter, Rich Cheatham, Bob Grills, Valeda Grills and Marty Olsen**

## GUESTS

Joining **Lt. Miriam Rader** from the Salvation for the Christmas Party on December 17<sup>th</sup> were **Pat Santora** and the following children: **Zachary, Ryan, Crystal, Dylan, Tatiana, Mylasa, Everett, Arianna, CJ, Uriah, George and Hailey**. **Bob Grills** was joined at the party by his son, **Tim**, and his friend, **Milt Scaturro**.

**Marty Olsen** was joined by his daughter, **Veronica**, for lunch on Christmas Eve.

## PAST PROGRAMS



**Sandra Brindamour**, Executive Director for Alliance for Living, addressed the club on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Their Mission Statement is, "Alliance for Living is dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals and their families who are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and reside throughout New London County. We accomplish our mission by providing comprehensive non-medical support services, education, and prevention services, and advocacy on behalf of our members." Ms. Brindamour's sobering talk did offer a beacon of light on Christmas Eve. Alliance for Living has been operating since 1998 and currently is serving two hundred fifty-eight members and has offices in Norwich and New London. A sampling of core programs and services are Case Management, Prevention Case Management, Support Groups, Essential of Life, Community Meals, Life Skills Workshops, Scattered-Site Housing, Fitness and Wellness and Quality of Life Gatherings. Sandra was clear the need for their service is there, but overcoming stereotypes and preconceived notions is very difficult and often troubling. Photo from left to right: **Glenn Hamler, John Russell and Sandra Brindamour**; submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

The regular meeting on December 31<sup>st</sup> was cancelled due to the snowstorm. Our own **Glenn Hamler**, Vice President for Investments at Stifel Nicolaus, the scheduled speaker, will be rescheduled to offer his insights into the economy, markets and the business environment for 2009.

## ODDS AND ENDS

**Board of Directors:** Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

Including our hostess, a dozen club members, spouses and children enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship and camaraderie at the second annual Christmas Party at the home of **Andrea and Michael Kaiser**. The club thanks the Kaiser's for graciously opening their home to what is becoming a delightful, social activity for the club!

**Reading is Fundamental** will be kicking off at the Ballestrini Childcare Centers in Waterford (1/7) and Salem (1/8) in early January. Contact **John Russell** to sign-up and read to the preschoolers.

The **New London High School Key Club** collected gifts for needy children in the community and attended the Christmas Party at the Elks Club to help give out presents and celebrate.

**Tim Grills** and *Catering to You* provided lunch for the club at Mitchell College on December 24<sup>th</sup> during the school break.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 18: **Connie Potter**

January 20: **Mary Jane Rickard**

## CALENDAR

- ❑ **Circle K District Convention:** Concord, NH, February 27- March 1, 2009
- ❑ **Mid Winter Training Conference:** Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA, March 6-8, 2009
- ❑ **Key Club District Convention:** Springfield, MA, April 3-5, 2009
- ❑ **Kiwanis International Convention:** Nashville, TN, June 25-28, 2009
- ❑ **Key Club International Convention:** Dallas, TX, July 1-4, 2009
- ❑ **Circle K International Convention:** Birmingham, AL, August 5-9, 2009
- ❑ **New England Convention:** Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI, August 14-16, 2009

## DRAWINGS

December 17: **Ted Nelson** donated \$6 to the *Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Endowment*

December 24: **Paul Holden**

December 31: none

## 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

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

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



## OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

- ❑ **To give primacy** to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life
- ❑ **To encourage** the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
- ❑ **To promote** the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards
- ❑ **To develop**, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship
- ❑ **To provide** through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities
- ❑ **To cooperate** in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

## ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



**Pam Stevens Moriarty and her guest**



**Gordon Jackson and his guest**



**Your Humble Servant**