

**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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**ACTIONS OF THE BOARD**  
**AHOY: NEW MEMBER ABOARD!**

- ◆ Approved the membership application of **Ed Brailey**, sponsored by **Glenn Hamler**
- ◆ Appropriated **\$500** towards the purchase of rings for the **New London High School State Championship Football Team**
- ◆ Appropriated **\$35** to join the **Circle of Friends** at **Waterford Country School**
- ◆ Appropriated **\$250** to support the **Big Brother-Big Sisters of Southeastern Connecticut** program for children of incarcerated parents
- ◆ Appropriated **\$500** to support a request by the **Boy's and Girl's Club of Southeastern Connecticut** to help offset a budget shortfall for children's programs
- ◆ Appropriated **\$100** to the **Lawrence & Memorial Hospital Development Fund**
- ◆ Approved a New Price for Lunch at our weekly meeting: **\$12.00**

**WHAT IS KIWANIS?**

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

**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.



**READING IS FUNDAMENTAL 2009**  
**CONTACT JOHN RUSSELL AT 912-0417 TO VOLUNTEER**  
**Ballestrini's Childcare**  
**90 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford**  
**Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 AM**

January 21	_____	_____
January 28	Ted Nelson	_____
February 4	Sherry Lombardi	_____
February 11	Sherry Lombardi	Andrea Kaiser
February 25	Andrea Kaiser	_____



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

January 22	Valeda Grills	_____
January 29	_____	_____
February 5	_____	_____
February 12	_____	_____
February 26	Valeda Grills	_____

**JANUARY PROGRAMS**  
**CHRIS SINNETT: CHAIR**

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.

**INTERCLUBS**



**10. 1/14/09, Wallingford Kiwanis: Bob Grills, Valeda Grills, Rich Cheatham and Sam Christy.** Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**. L to R: Wallingford President **Tim, Rich Cheatham, Sam Christy, Valeda Grills, and Bob Grills**

**GUESTS**

**Joy Phillips** of the **Connecticut Sun** joined the club for lunch on January 14<sup>th</sup> as a guest of **Marty Olsen**.

**PAST PROGRAMS**



**Dr. Christopher Clouet**, New London's Superintendent of Schools, was our opening speaker for the New Year on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Clouet gave an overview of current and future conditions for the New London school system. He highlighted areas with significant improvement, such as an 85% graduation rate and eleven AP courses at New London High School. In approximately five years the New London school district will be completely a choice district

at the elementary level. The new Jennings School is a dual language school and open to New London students seeking that discipline. Nathan Hale and Winthrop Schools are being remodeled and expanded and will become an arts and science magnet schools respectively. Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School has seven hundred fifty students and the goal there is to provide smaller groups and class sizes within the school. Already up and running is the Science and Technology Magnet High School, which is attached to New London High School. Clouet emphasized the growing regional nature of education and how New London's neighbors are voluntarily sending their children to the city to be educated. Along with the positive theme, Dr. Clouet also mentioned that 75% of the children from New London are at or below the poverty level and the inherent problems that go along with that demographic. He promoted a mentoring program at the middle school that he said is showing great promise and asked for volunteers. He complimented the Key Club at the high school and pointed to the Navy ROTC program as an avenue for positive direction and growth. The photo, submitted by **Rich Cheatham**, is of **Dr. Chris Clouet**.



President **Chris** addressed the club on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The topic of his presentation was *Eagle's* 2008 West Coast Trip, which took over five and a half months, including passage through the Panama Canal going and coming. *Eagle* makes a west coast voyage once every 7-10 years as part of cadet training. Prior to the trip, *Eagle* spent four months in dry dock at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore for maintenance and preparation for the long excursion. Chris supplemented his talk with a superior PowerPoint presentation, which featured sharp color pictures as well as maps outlining the trip. The trip commenced from New London to Panama through the Panama Canal onward to Mazatlan, Mexico. From Mazatlan, *Eagle* journeyed north back to the States and the Port of San Diego. America's Tall Ship continued along the California coast to Los Angeles and San Francisco before hitting Astoria, OR and it's final destination of Victoria, British Columbia before returning home. Responding to a question, Chris informed the group that the trip through the Panama Canal takes ten and a half to fourteen and half-hours each way. The presentation was fun, informative and made you proud to be an American! Thanks, Chris! Photo of **President Chris** during his presentation by **Rich Cheatham**.

## **FEBRUARY PROGRAMS**

### **ANDREA BELL KAISER: CHAIR**

February 4: TBA

February 11: TBA

February 18: **Chris Sienko**, General Manager, Connecticut Sun

February 25: **Keith Fontaine**, Vice President of Communications, Backus Hospital

## **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**

January 7: **Bob Grills** donated \$6 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*

January 14: **Andrea Bell Kaiser**

## **THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS**

**Waterford High School Key Club**

**Fitch High School Key Club**

**East Lyme High School Key Club**

**Lyme-Old Lyme HS Key Club**

**New London High School Key Club**

**Montville High School Key Club**

