

**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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**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**

February 4	Sherry Lombardi	_____
February 11	Sherry Lombardi	_____
February 25	Andrea Kaiser	_____
March 4	Jim Sylvester	_____



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

February 5	Mac Pope	_____
February 12	_____	_____
February 26	Valeda Grills	_____
March 5	_____	_____

## UPCOMING KEY LEADER EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND

March 6-8: Camp Sunshine, Casco, ME

May 15-17, Camp Hayward, Sandwich, MA

September 18-20, Camp Huckins, Freedom, NH

October 23-25, Lakeside Camp, Pittsfield, MA

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



### INTERCLUBS

11. 1/17/09, Kiwanis Foundation of New England Board of Directors Meeting, Danvers, MA: (1 to r in left photo ) **Rich Cheatham, Connie Potter, Valeda Grills and Marty Olsen.** Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**

12. 1/20/09, Guilford/Shoreline: (1 to r in center below), **Marty Olsen, Valeda Grills, Rich Cheatham and Chris Sinnett.** Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**

13. 1/21/09, New London High School Key Club: (club members 1 to r in right photo) **Mac Pope, Bob Grills, Marty Olsen, Chris Sinnett, John Russell and Rich Cheatham.** Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**



14. 1/24/09, Key Club Division 29-A Leadership Meeting aboard USCG *Barque Eagle*: **Chris Sinnett, Rich Cheatham, Bob Grills and Marty Olsen.** Below left: our Key Club Leaders from Division 29-A. Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham.**



15. 1/27/09, Greater Southeastern Connecticut: **Chris Sinnett, Gordon Jackson, Bob Grills, Rich Cheatham and Marty Olsen.** Photo above right. Submitted by **Rich Cheatham.**

### PAST PROGRAMS



On January 21<sup>st</sup> the club was addressed by **Paul Fillipetti.** A CPA, Paul recently helped the club out with a taxing matter with the IRS that was ruled in our favor. The primary area that Paul honed in was changes for 2009, such as the requirement for retirement distributions will be suspended. He also indicated that energy tax credits were back and that the income limit for FICA was raised to \$106,800. Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham.**



**Ingrid Feder Sidibeh, MD** addressed the club on January 28<sup>th</sup> regarding *Healing Hands of Gambia, Inc.* The club board received a request for assistance recently from Dr. Feder on behalf of Healing Hands of Gambia. The board asked her to come to the club and make a presentation. She has been a General Practitioner at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital since 2006 and married to a Gambian man whom she met shortly after 9/11. Gambia, the smallest country in Africa in area and

about the size of Delaware, is inhabited by 1.7 million people. The primary problems facing this tiny country are poverty and disease. Feder buttressed her remarks with a PowerPoint presentation that reinforced her request with alarming statistics and powerful photographs. Ultimately, Dr. Feder asked for help in funding a \$22,000 shipment of medical supplies to support medical clinics she and her husband desperately need to aid needy people. The board will discuss this proposal at their next meeting in February. The photo is of **Dr. Feder** and submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

### **GUESTS**

**Andrea Ballestrini** was a guest at our regular meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> with her mother, **Carol**.

**Roger Haynes**, Key Club Faculty Advisor at Lyme-Old Lyme high School, joined the club for lunch on January 28<sup>th</sup> that was a snow day for his school district.

### **FEBRUARY PROGRAMS**

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

February 4: **Sandra Wheeler**, National Professional Organizer

February 11: **Bob Farwell**, Executive Director, Otis Library, Norwich

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

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

### **ODDS & ENDS**

**Board of Directors:** Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

During the months of December and January, the club “passed the bucket” at each weekly meeting and raised \$97.62 for the benefit of the Kiwanis International Foundation Children’s Fund.

**Golf Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM, TJ Nelson’s Office, Meridian St., New London. Members interested in helping out are encouraged to attend.

### **WHAT IS KIWANIS?**

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

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

February 11: **Valeda Grills**

February 27: **Marty Olsen**

### **DRAWINGS**

January 21: **Sherry Lombardi**

January 28: **Rachel Mirochnick**

### **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**

