

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

The Board of Directors took the following actions at their meeting February 10th:

- ◆ Approved the renewal of our sponsorship of the Kiwis minor league baseball team along with the \$300 sponsorship fee with the New London Little League
- ◆ Approved \$825 towards eleven Key Clubbers, nine from Fitch and two from Montville, attending the upcoming New England District Convention in Springfield
- ◆ Approved renewal of our partnership with the Connecticut Sun WNBA franchise
- ◆ Approved renewal of our partnership with the Connecticut Defenders with a change from a billboard to access to 13 Skyboxes during the season

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

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 25 Andrea Kaiser
March 4 Jim Sylvester
March 11 Rich Cheatham
March 18 Sherry Lombardi
Pam Stevens

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

February 26 Valeda Grills
March 5 _____
March 12 Valeda Grills
March 19 _____



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.



PAST PROGRAMS



Sandra Wheeler, owner of *For Peace of Mind*, and a professional organizer, spoke to the club on February 4th. A self-described neat freak, Sandra fell into this business by act of personality. She's a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) and NAPO-CT. The primary topic of her talk was paper management. Statistics have shown that people spend three weeks a year handling paper. Hence- getting a grip on paper management could free up a significant amount of time. How to accomplish this is not that difficult. Reduce your incoming paperwork, such as mail, bills, magazine, and catalogues and use electronic means to do those tasks. Set a time limit on handling your paper and stick to it: just Do it! Toss it! Shred it! Delegate it! Schedule it! From left to right in photo: Andrea Bell Kaiser, President-elect John Russell presenting club mug to Sandra Wheeler. Photo submitted by Rich Cheatham.



The club was addressed by **Bob Farwell** on February 11th. Bob is the Executive Director of the Otis Library in Norwich. After a twenty-year career in museum administration, Farwell returned to his boyhood home in Mystic. He started his second career at the Otis Library in 2003 as the Reference Librarian and was promoted to Executive Director in 2006. Upon his arrival at the library, Otis was in the early stages of a massive building program that increased the total footage of the library to 4000 square feet, almost doubling it in size. Bob stressed that the library's mission has changed over time and that it is more of a community center with a safe environment for all that utilizes its space. Andrea Bell Kaiser and Bob Farwell are in the photo that was submitted by Rich Cheatham.

GUESTS



Jay Maintanis, a business student at Mitchell College, joined the club for lunch on February 4th. A former student of Marty Olsen, Jay presented a new entrepreneurial project to the club and is seeking individuals and businesses to work with students interested in pursuing a business career. The program is called the Mitchell College Center for Entrepreneurship (MCCE). Jay has been asked to drop in from time to time to keep the club apprised of the progress of the program. The photo is of Jay making his presentation and submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS ANDREA BELL KAISER: CHAIR

February 18: TBA

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

ODDS & ENDS

Honor Banquet: to recognize the efforts of our own **John Russell** and his work with the area's homeless. Sunday, March 22, 2009, US Coast Guard Academy Alumni Center, Social Hour 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM, Program 8:00 PM. \$50 per person.

Kiwanis Club of New London Annual Golf Tournament: Friday, May 22nd, 12:30 PM Shot Gun Start, Shennecossett Golf Course, Groton, CT

Golf Tournament Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 17th, 4:30 PM, Ted Nelson's Office on Meridian St. All interested members are encouraged to participate.

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

February 4: **Andrew Ely**
February 11: **Andrew Ely**

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.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT OF KIWANIS

MID WINTER CONFERENCE

MARCH 6-8, 2009

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MANSFIELD, MA



Your Humble Servant