

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: Robert Grills **TREASURER:** Richard Cheatham
SECRETARY: Martin T. Olsen Jr. **IMM. PAST-PRES:** Thomas Moriarty
DIRECTORS (1 YEAR): Andrea Bell Kaiser, Gordon Jackson, 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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TESTIMONIAL FOR JOHN RUSSELL
WRITTEN BY BOB GRILLS, EVENT CHAIR



John Russell, photo by Rich Cheatham

Sunday night, March 22nd was a wonderful evening for all of the eighty attendees of a Testimonial Dinner for John Russell who has spent most of the last five years in helping the homeless in the New London area. The venue was the beautiful United States Coast Guard Alumni Center, which looks out over the Thames River. Before the speaking program started the attendees were entertained by the USCG Chorus singing a number of their selections. Their version of "Proud to be an American" was delivered to an extremely quiet and intently engrossed group of attendees that had moist eyes when the song was completed. The extremely talented group passed out CD's of their latest work as a gift to everyone in attendance. The highlight of the evening was the honor paid to our president-elect John Russell and all the good words expressed by six guest speakers which included: Kiwanian Bob Grills, Lt. Gov. of NED Division 23; Mary Lenzini, Executive Director of the Visiting Nurses Association of SE CT; Father Michel Belt, Rector of Saint James Episcopal Church; Will Morrissey, Chairman of the Board of the Covenant Shelter; Pastor Cathy Zall, Executive Director of the Homeless Hospitality

Center and Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church and Rob Simmons, former three term US Congressman of Connecticut's 2nd District and current candidate for US Senator of Connecticut. All of the speakers highlighted John's tireless efforts in raising more than \$250,000.00 for the homeless over the last four years. They also pointed out that much of the good work John does was because of the way he was raised. John was fortunate to have his 87-year-old father, Kiwanian Jack Russell, in attendance at the event and was warmly greeted by the applause of the group. Pastor Cathy Zall announced that John's latest endeavor is operating a thrift shop located on 35 Golden Street called Homeward Bound Treasures. Kiwanis Past President, **Glenn Hamler** was the Master of Ceremonies. The programmed was chaired by **Bob Grills** with a great deal of help from club Treasurer **Rich Cheatham**. Other Kiwanians helping on the fund raiser were **Marty Olsen** who handled the mail and daily communications, **Jim Sylvester** who obtained the Alumni Center, the talented USCG Choral group, the CD's and arranged to have 7 painting for the silent auction, **John Russell** who provided a mailing list and made sure all that should be informed of the testimonial were, **Marla Champagne** who operated the raffle, sold the tickets and donated many of the Red Sox items that were raffled. **Andrea Bell Kaiser** and **Valeda Grills** donated various baskets and items that were raffled. **Ted Nelson, Marty Olsen, and Bob & Valeda Grills** purchased ad's in the program book, 17 Kiwanians purchased tickets to attend this event. Approximately **\$4500** in profit was raised of which 25% will be given to John Russell to present to the homeless project of his choice. The program was a great success. Photos below submitted by **Bob Grills**.



John and Jack Russell



**Glenn Hamler, Marla Champagne
Rich Cheatham and Jim Sylvester**

DIVISION 29-A KEY CLUB CAUCUS

KATHLEEN CICCHESE
Lt. Governor for Division 29-A
2009-2010



Chelsea Chamberlain, 2008-2009 Division 29-A Lt. Governor from Fitch High School, presided at the Division Caucus on Sunday, March 15th, which was held at the New London Coast Guard Station. **Kathleen Cicchese** from Montville High School was elected to serve as Division 29-A Lt. Governor for 2009-2010. Kathleen, a junior, is currently serving as Vice-President of the newly chartered Key Club at Montville High School. An honor student, Kathleen enjoys volleyball, tennis, and sailing. She also volunteers with Special Olympics. As Lt. Governor, Kathleen will be a member of the District Board of the New England District of Key Clubs and represent the six Key Clubs at the high schools in Division 29-A: Fitch, New London, Waterford, East Lyme, Lyme-Old Lyme and Montville. She will be installed at the New England District of Key Club Convention in Springfield, MA the weekend of April 3-5. Five members of the Kiwanis Club of New London attended the caucus (see Interclubs). Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY AROUND THE CORNER

EVENT CHAIR: SHERRY LOMBARDI

Friday, May 22, 2009

Shennecossett Golf Club

Groton, CT

12:30 Shotgun Start

\$130 per Player

**Proceeds benefit Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Endowment
and John Kashanski Community Service Fund**



**Golfers, Sponsors, Volunteers, Prizes are needed. This major fundraiser needs total
commitment for the club to maximize success!**

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

April 1	Andrea Kaiser
April 8	Sam Christy
April 22	Ted Nelson
April 29	Andrew Ely
May 6	Rich Cheatham
May 13	_____
May 20	Marla Champagne
May 27	_____



Ballestrini's Childcare

Salem 4 Corners, Salem

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

April 2	Bob Grills
April 9	Bob Grills
April 23	Marla Champagne
April 30	_____
May 7	_____
May 14	_____
May 21	_____
May 28	_____

CONNECTICUT SUN 2009

BUY OR SELL A GAME: 10 TICKETS ONLY \$80

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Last Name	First Name
06/06/09	Saturday	Washington Mystics	4:00 PM	Cheatham	Rich
06/14/09	Sunday	Atlanta Dream	3:00 PM	Kaiser	Andrea
06/19/09	Friday	Chicago Sky	7:00 PM	Jackson	Gordon
06/21/09	Sunday	San Antonio Silver Stars	3:00 PM	Grills	Valeda
06/27/09	Saturday	Atlanta Dream	7:00 PM		
07/11/09	Saturday	Detroit Shock	7:00 PM		
07/14/09	Tuesday	Los Angeles Sparks	7:00 PM		
07/19/09	Sunday	Indiana Fever	3:00 PM		
07/22/09	Wednesday	Sacramento Monarchs	7:00 PM	Nelson	Ted
07/28/09	Tuesday	Phoenix Mercury	7:30 PM	Grills	Bob
08/09/09	Sunday	Washington Mystics	3:00 PM		
08/13/09	Thursday	Seattle Storm	7:00 PM	Silent Auction	Ball Exchange
08/19/09	Wednesday	New York Liberty	7:00 PM		
08/22/09	Saturday	Minnesota Lynx	7:00 PM		
08/25/09	Tuesday	Detroit Shock	7:00 PM		
09/04/09	Friday	New York Liberty	7:00 PM		
09/13/09	Sunday	Indiana Fever	3:00 PM		

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

APRIL PROGRAM MARTY OLSEN: CHAIR

April 1: **Erin Sebastianelli**, Mentor/Tutor Coordinator at Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School in New London

April 8: **Linda Chamrad**, Camp Dragonfly, a new camp for girls ages 11-15 with High Functioning Autism

April 15: **Chris Sienko**, General Manager, Connecticut Sun

April 22: **Pete Barry**, Basketball Coach, United States Coast Guard Academy

April 29: **Annual Meeting**: Election of Officers and Directors for 2009-2010, Induction of New Members and any other business for the good of the order

INTERCLUBS

17. March 15, 2009, Key Club Division 29-A Caucus, New London Coast Guard Station:



Standing left to right: **Rich Cheatham**, **Marty Olsen** and **Andrew Ely**; Seated left to right: **John Russell** and **Tom Moriarty**. Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, April 14th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

Gordon Jackson and **Robert Grills** were elected to fill the Board vacancies for the balance of the administrative year created by the resignations of Mac Pope, Director, and Connie Potter, Vice-President, respectively on March 25th.

PAST PROGRAMS



The club was addressed on March 18th by **Everett Munro**, Chair of the Celts and Currachs Committee, and **Tracy Bergenn**, Program Coordinator for New London Main St. Presented by New London Main St., this will be the fourth annual Celts and Currachs Festival and will be held August 22nd. This is the region's premiere festival celebrating Celtic culture and traditions. From left to right in the photo: Everett Munro, Tracy Bergenn and John Russell. Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.



Darrell Fox from Wachovia Securities spoke to the club on March 25th. Mr. Fox gave an overview, supplemented with a PowerPoint presentation, on Charitable Giving. Darrell gave examples on different methods of charitable giving along with the advantages and disadvantages. Two examples are Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts. He described the alternatives of each type of program along with tax and estate planning benefits. From left to right in the photo: Lt. Governor **Bob Grills**, **Darrell Fox** and **Ted Nelson**, Program Chair for April. Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

CALENDAR

- ❑ **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

PLAY BALL

Connecticut Defender tickets have mailed to all club members. Kiwanis Nite is Saturday, May 2nd. Come out early to see **President-elect John Russell** throw the first pitch! Gametime is 6:30 PM. This program is a major fundraiser, as well as a club marketing and service project. Members are asked to buy and/or sell their allotted ten tickets for \$80 and send their check in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. These tickets can be used at any home game during the 2009 season and can be exchanged at the box office. As part of our partnership this year, the club has secured a number of twenty-four seat skyboxes and has them for sale at \$200 each- a \$450 retail value. Volunteers will also be needed to distribute promotional materials at the gate on selected Friday Nite Firework Nites.

May 15			
May 29			
June 12			
July 3			
July 10			
July 24			
July 31			

DRAWINGS

March 18: **Chris Sinnett**
 March 25: **Michael Bowe**

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
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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.