

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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THANKS CHRIS!



Club President Chris Sinnett will be setting sail shortly on *Eagle* for training. Before *Eagle* returns he will be reassigned to a new duty. The club wants to thank Chris for his efforts as President and a job well done! Best wishes on your new assignment! President-elect John Russell is ready to assume command of the club! The photo is of Captain Chris aboard *Eagle*.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MARTY OLSEN: CHAIR, BOB GRILLS AND TED NELSON

The Nominating Committee brought forth the following candidates for Officers and Directors for 2009-2010 on April 15th:

President: **John Russell**; President-elect: **Rich Cheatham**; Vice President: **Andrea Bell Kaiser**; Treasurer: **William Everett**; Immediate Past President: **Tom Moriarty**; Directors One Year: **LCDR Andrew Ely, USCG, Sherry Lombardi, Ted Nelson, Glenn Hamler**; Directors Two Years: **Sam Christy, Jim Sylvester, John Vincent**

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April 22, 2009 regular meeting. The election of Officers and Directors for 2009-2010 will take place April 29, 2009 at the Annual Meeting. The 2009-2010 Board of Directors will elect the Secretary.



ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors took the following action at their meeting April 14th:

- ◆ Appropriated **\$200** to the **Celts and Currachs Festival**
- ◆ Appropriated **\$250** to **Camp Dragonfly** for highly autistic teenage girls
- ◆ Appropriated **\$650** to help offset expenses for newly installed **Key Club Lt. Governor Kathleen Cicchese** to **Key Leader** and **Key Club International Convention** in Dallas, TX
- ◆ Appropriated **\$100** to the **Harry Martinez Golf Tournament** that benefits the **Connecticut Children's Hospital**
- ◆ Approved a **Summer Reading is Fundamental** program at the **Salvation Army**
- ◆ Elected **Connie Potter** to be an **Alternate Delegate** to the **Kiwanis International Convention**
- ◆ President-elect John appointed **Andrea Kaiser, Sherry Lombardi, Andrew Ely** and **Rich Cheatham** to a committee to review and establish giving standards

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!



NEW ENGLAND KEY CLUB DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT SUBMITTED BY RICH CHEATHAM



The late Robert F. Kennedy once said *“Each time a person acts to improve the lot of others, they sends forth a tiny ripple of hope.”* Hope, while not the official theme of the 60th annual New England District Key Club Educational Conference, held in Springfield, MA, the first weekend of April, it could have been. This was my second time attending this conference (formally called a convention) and it

was fun, informative, and inspirational. I continue to be amazed by the energy, excitement, and motivation exhibited by these young folks. Over one thousand strong, they came from many backgrounds, in all shapes and sizes. They came from high schools all over the New England District, from the far corners of Maine and New Hampshire to

the shores of Rhode Island and Bermuda, and included 13 members from two of our own Key Clubs, Fitch Senior High School and Montville High School. The attending Key Clubbers came together under one banner: service to others. They let no barrier stop them in their unrelenting efforts to improve the lot of others, whether it was to help the less fortunate, the sick, the homeless, the elderly, or the youngest of the young. The number of service hours they have performed is staggering. I know of one Key Club, from a high school of about 400 students that performed over 320 projects this year! You quickly realize that Key Clubbers do many things in the name of service. They collect, they sing, they befriend, they sell, they dance (boy do they dance), they plunge into icy water, they honor, they run, they clean, they walk, they laugh, they read, they cry, they care, they excite, and they inspire. They send forth many ripples of hope. They don't just talk about giving primacy to the human and spiritual, they do it! All to build a better community for the rest of us. Not only do they give their time, they raise incredible amounts of money to help others. Fitch High School raised over \$200 at the service fair selling handmade bracelets, representative of many forms of cancer, with the proceeds to be donated to fight cancer. At this conference alone, Key Clubbers donated over \$28,648 to assist KPTI, Camp Sunshine, and Friends of Peace. The winner of the oratory contest, a sophomore, whose name I cannot remember was absolutely incredible. She sent forth a huge ripple of hope. The ballroom went totally silence as she recited her work from memory. Her message was of compassion, hope, and selflessness- a message that brought tears to many an eye. When a room, overflowing with over 1,000 teenagers, goes silent, you take notice. All members of the Kiwanis family should be proud of this next generation of Kiwanians. I know I am! Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

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 22 Ted Nelson
 April 29 Andrew Ely
 May 6 Rich Cheatham
 May 13 Jim Sylvester
 May 20 Marla Champagne
 May 27 Andrea Kaiser



Ballestrini's Childcare

Salem 4 Corners, Salem

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 AM

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

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 | Olsen | Marty |
| 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 | Sinnett | Chris |
| 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 | | |

GUESTS

Anna Cheng was a guest of **Marty Olsen** on April 8th. Marty met Anna recently at a Business Networking International (BNI) meeting and invited her to the club. Anna has submitted a membership application.

INTERCLUBS



18. March 31, 2009, Division 23 Caucus held in Westbrook and hosted by Guilford/Shoreline, in photo left to right: **Bob Grills, Marla Champagne, Rich Cheatham Jack Russell, and John Russell;** photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**

19. April 3-5, 2009, Key Club District Convention, Springfield, MA: **Tom Moriarty, Bob Grills, Rich Cheatham, Marty Olsen and Andrew Ely**

APRIL PROGRAMS

MARTY OLSEN: CHAIR

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

ODDS & ENDS

Division 23 Caucus: elected **Toni Walker** from Guilford/Shoreline to be Lt. Governor for 2009-2010

PAST PROGRAMS



Erin Sebastianelli, Mentor/Tutor Coordinator at Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School (BDJMS) in New London, addressed the club on April 1st. A graduate of Fitch High School in Groton and Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire, Erin has local roots and loves her job teaching. She got initiated into mentoring while at college and has made this a true calling. There are seven hundred fifty nine students at BDJMS and thirty-five have mentors. Erin indicated

at this time that thirty adult volunteers are providing those services. Currently most of the mentors are cadets the Coast Guard Academy, Connecticut College students, UConn students and Pfizer employees. The commitment is forty-five minutes per week while school is in session. She made an appeal to club members to become mentors and/or tutors, as there is a real need. Photo of **Erin Sebastianelli** submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.



On April 8th, **President Chris** is in the photo making his last official act as president of the club while presenting **Linda Chamrad** an official club mug in appreciation of her presentation on Camp Dragonfly. In response to her own daughter's needs, Linda made an impassioned plea and is trying to initiate a new camp for girls ages 11-15 with High Functioning Autism. This unique overnight camp, which will be based at Camp Harkness in Waterford, will serve 4-12 girls this summer. Mrs. Chamrad was invited to the club in response to a recent request she made recently for financial assistance. Photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.



The club was addressed on Tax Day, April 15th, by **Chris Sienko**, General Manager of the Connecticut Sun. Chris was joined by Sales Representative, **Katie Berube**. The Sun are in their seventh season in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and play their games at the 8500 seat Mohegan Sun Arena. Last year they averaged 7800 in attendance for their home games. The league is now in its thirteenth season. Currently there are thirteen teams in the league featuring the best women basketball players in the world. Chris has been with the team since its arrival at

Mohegan. The league has a hard salary cap of \$825,000 to cover eleven roster spots. Since coming to Mohegan from Orlando, the Sun has qualified for the playoffs each year and has played for the league championship twice. This year the team will host the WNBA All Star Game for the second time. Our club has partnered with the Sun the past three years, including this season and has tickets available for each home game. Past President Tom presents Chris Sienko club mug. 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

DEFENDER VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS NEED TO REPORT TO THE MAIN GATE BY 5:15PM

| | | | |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| May 15 | Bob Grills | Ted Nelson | John/Jack Russell |
| May 29 | Rich Cheatham | _____ | _____ |
| June 12 | Bob Grills | Pam Moriarty | Sherry Lombardi |
| July 3 | Marla Champagne | _____ | _____ |
| July 10 | Bob Grills | _____ | _____ |
| July 24 | Glenn Hamler | _____ | _____ |
| July 31 | Bob Grills | _____ | _____ |

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

DRAWINGS

April 1: **Rachel Mirochnick**

April 8: **Pam Stevens Moriarty** donated \$8 to the *Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Endowment*

April 15: **Chris Sinnett**

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS

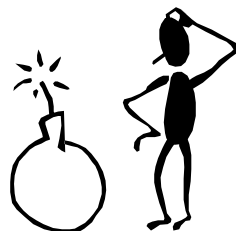
Waterford High School Key Club
East Lyme High School Key Club
New London High School Key Club

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.



Your Humble Servant