

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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KING SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Stephen Dwyer, New London High School, and **Jessica Torgersen**, Fitch High School, are the 2009 recipients of the Kiwanis Club of New London N B King Scholarships. Each student will receive a \$3000 scholarship grant. These fine young students rose to the top of over sixty applicants, which is the largest pool of applicants ever. **Glenn Hamler**, chair of the Scholarship Committee, was joined by **Jim Sylvester**, **Sherry Lombardi**, **Rich Cheatham** and **Valeda Grills**. (continued next page: see Scholarships)



Stephen Dwyer



Jessica Torgersen

GOLF TOURNAMENT SETS RECORD: NETS OVER \$11,000

WRITTEN BY EVENT CHAIR: SHERRY LOMBARDI

The club's Annual Golf Tournament held Friday, May 22nd, at Shennecossett Municipal Golf Club in Groton was, once again, a big success. A field of seventeen teams went out with a shotgun start at 12:30 PM. It was a great day! The weather was wonderful; our sponsors were acknowledged through signage, programs and participation; the golfers had fun; the food was good; and the volunteers worked hard to make it all happen. The event netted over \$11,000, which is a new record for our tournament! (see golf next page)

GOLF (CONTINUED)

A committee co-chaired by **Sherry Lombardi** and **Ted Nelson** oversaw the tournament. Joining Sherry and Ted on the event committee were **Rich Cheatham, Valeda Grills, Tom Moriarty, Marty Olsen, Steve Santangelo** and **Pam Stevens-Moriarty**. The other club members who contributed to the success of the tournament were **Bob Grills, Carol and Rusty Ballestrini, Andrea Bell Kaiser, Ed Brailey, Marla Champagne, Eric Christman, Sam Christy, Andrew Ely, Glenn Hamler, Paul Holden, Gordon Jackson, Robert Jones, John Kashanski, Rob Krawic, Helen McCartin, Bruce Patterson, Mac Pope, Connie Potter** (yes, she came from Ohio to work at the tournament), **John Russell, Frank Penny, Chris Sinnett, Jim Sylvester, and John Vincent**. The club also wants to thank and recognize our major sponsors: **Robert and Valeda Grills; Senkow Builders; TJ Nelson Home Improvements; Easy Street; Fallon Insurance; Cross Sound Ferry; Levin, Powers, Brennan & Shea LLC; Catering to You; and Michael & Bridgit Buscetto, Jr.** There were forty-three Tee & Green sponsors, twelve Patrons and thirty-six items that were raffled and/or auctioned off. A special note of thanks must be extended to the following guest volunteers who were absolutely necessary in making this tournament function: **Carol Artino, Mary Christina, Jolene Sullivan and Amanda Diskin**. Photos submitted by **Rich Cheatham**. Editor's Note: A big Kiwanis Thank You to **Sherry Lombardi**, Event Coordinator, for a job well done!!



Three Generations of Grills: Jacob, Bob & Tim



Assistant Pro Jeff Doerr and Ted Nelson

SCHOLARSHIPS (CONTINUED)

While in high school, Stephen was a member of the Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program, Envirothon (Environmental Science Club), Interact, Student Council, Film Club, Soccer Team and the National Honor Society. In his spare time, Stephen worked at Chuck E. Cheese, Shop Rite and Abercrombie & Fitch. He was joined at the award program by his grandmother, Olga Concepcion and his mother's boyfriend, Luis Lozada. In the fall, Stephen will pursue his passion of film at the New York University Film School. Jessica has been a four-year member of the Fitch High School Key Club, and served as President her junior and senior years. She attended Key Leader during her sophomore year and also attended two New England District Key Club Conventions in Springfield, MA. Jessica has also been very active in and out of school during her high school years beyond Key Club. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Environmental Club, Math Team, Varsity Lacrosse, Co-Catechist at a local school, been a Teacher's Assistant the Catherine Kolnaski Elementary School and worked as an Assistant with Groton Parks and Recreation. She was joined at the program with her father, David Torgersen, and her stepmother, Sue Torgersen. Jessica will be continuing her education at Boston University and is planning on studying International Management. The applicants are evaluated on academic achievement, need, community service and extracurricular activities. The scholarship award is named in the memory of longtime club member **N. Blake King** who served as New England Governor in 1966.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2: **Nick Vallas**
June 5: **Robert Grills**



June 5: **Pam Stevens Moriarty**
June 28: **Rachel Mirochnick**

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL 2009



WRITTEN BY PROJECT COORDINATOR: JOHN RUSSELL

Thank you to all our 2009 RIF Readers The New London Kiwanis 2009 RIF program was a hit with 30 kids aged 3 to 5 who do say the darndest things. Once again we read to kids at Ballestrini's Daycare Centers in Waterford and Salem. Readers gave away 120 books purchased by our club to our young listeners. The program was well staffed with eleven club members. **Bob and Valeda Grills, Marla Champagne, Sam Christy, Rich Cheatham, Sherry Lombardi, Andrea Bell Kaiser, Jim Sylvester, Ted Nelson, Andrew Ely and Mac Pope** were this years volunteer readers and all are richer for the experience. Thank you for your service. The club will also be reading to kids this summer at the Salvation Army in New London. Sign up sheets will be ready soon.



GOLF FANS

The *Kiwanis Club of West Hartford* is offering Discount Tickets for the Traveler's PGA Championship at the TPC at River Highlands in Cromwell. Contact **Claudia Bowles** for more information at (860) 313-0101. But hurry, this offer is only available until Tuesday, June 9.

- ◆ One General Admission, Any Day pass is ONLY \$20 and is valid Monday, June 22-Sunday, June 28. Admission at the gate is \$32 – which is a \$12 saving!

YALE-HARVARD REGATTA LUNCHEON JOINT SERVICE CLUB GATHERING



The Annual Yale-Harvard Regatta Luncheon will be hosted by the New London Rotary club on Thursday, June 11th, at the Radisson Hotel commencing at noon. The luncheon is \$15. This annual event is an opportunity for members of the New London Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs to interact and meet the coaches and captains of the two squads. The Regatta is the oldest intercollegiate athletic competition in the country.

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	Jones	Robert
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	Jones	Robert
09/13/09	Sunday	Indiana Fever	3:00 PM		

KIWANIS CRUISE TO BERMUDA 2009

WRITTEN BY BOB GRILLS

The New England District of Kiwanis sailed out of Boston on May 8, 2009 for the 5th time in 5 years to help Gov. Dick England make the District's annual Governor's visit to Bermuda. This year's ship was Norwegian Cruise Line's "Sprit", the largest of all the ships we have sailed on to date. The program was excellent and led for the third year by PLG Bob Tandy and his wife Debby from MA. There were 60 cruisers in our party, 50 Kiwanians and their wives and friends and for the first time 10 Masons joined the group. The waters were relatively calm with only a few rolls and bumps on the first day at sea. The cruise included two cocktail parties, first to get acquainted and at the end of the cruise to plan for next year and talk over the fun they had on this year's event. Lt. Governor Bailey of Bermuda set up the official visit of the Governor and his staff to meet with the officials of the Bermuda government. The highlight of the week was the large dinner banquet held Tuesday night that was held at the Fish Bone Restaurant at the DockYards. Great local music, a special fish soup that was made even tastier with sherry and hot peppers and local rum which you added to suit your taste. The main eating surprise was official Texas barbecue, which was very good. During the speaking program the president of the St Georges Club paid a special tribute to the New London Kiwanis Club for their generous contribution made to the St George's Club on the event of their twentieth anniversary. Attending the cruise from New London was **Bob** and **Valeda Grills** and a prospective new member **Mary Ellen Leone**. Overall- a very good time was had by everyone. Bob Tandy is already taking orders for next year's cruise on May 21 – May 28, 2010. Be sure to mark your calendar now. Photos submitted by Bob Grills.



Bob Grills, Mary Chick, Valeda Grills and
Mary Ellen Leone



David Burgess and Scarlett Pottinger
Governor's Dinner

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, June 9th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

Kiwanis Foundation of New England: Annual Meeting, Saturday, June 20th, 10:00 AM, Wolf Auditorium, Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA



NEED BATTERIES: buy **Interstate Batteries** and support our club. The club receives 30% on all retail purchases through this program. Visit our club website in the Members area at <http://www.newlondonkiwanis.org> for more details!

JUNE PROGRAMS

SHERRY LOMBARDI: CHAIR

June 3: **Ed DeLaura** and **Mike Tuccio**, Friends of Fort Trumbull

June 10: **Kathleen Cicchese**, Montville High School and Key Club Lt. Governor for Division 29-A, and **Marvin Jones** and **Isaiah Dixon**, New London High School, will discuss their experiences at Key Leader the weekend of May 15-17

June 17: **Mark Somers**, MD, Cardiologist at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital

June 24: **Roundtable Discussion on Golf Tournament 2009 and 2010**

PAST PROGRAMS



Sara Munro, owner of Studio 33 on Bank St. in downtown New London, addressed the club on May 20th. Studio 33, a custom frame shop, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Sara bought the business three years ago after going to work for John Martin in 1983. The Bank St. location is new after spending two fifteen-year stints in upper State St. locations- initially next to the Garde Arts Center and then the former Whaler Restaurant. The current location is next to the

Custom House on Bank St. Sara has expanded the services of the business to include art shows and restoration. She offers top shelf work; advice and counsel that can help bring art work to life. Utilizing UV or museum grade glass can help keep family treasures in tact for years without fading. She also uses acid free/conservation grade materials for backing and matting, which also maintains the highest quality of the finished product. In the photo, submitted by **Rich Cheatham**, Immediate Past President Tom presents Ms. Munro a club mug and certificate of appreciation.

DEFENDER VOLUNTEERS

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

June 12	Bob Grills	Pam Moriarty	Sherry Lombardi
July 3	Marla Champagne	Ted Nelson	Robert Jones
July 10	Bob Grills	_____	_____
July 24	Glenn Hamler	Ed Brailey	_____
July 31	Bob Grills	Ted Nelson	_____

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

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

DRAWINGS

May 20: **Connie Potter**

May 27: **Glenn Hamler** donated \$4 to the *Kiwanis Club of New London*
NB King Scholarship Endowment

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS

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