

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 (40) 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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SUMMER READING IS FUNDAMENTAL
SALVATION ARMY
VOLUNTEER READERS ARE NEEDED 2:30-3:00 PM
CHILDREN AGES 5-12

June 29	Ted Nelson	_____
July 6	Bob Grills	Sam Christy
July 13	Sam Christy	_____
July 20	_____	_____
July 27	_____	_____

DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Online Registration for the 91st Annual New England District Convention is now available. The convention will be held August 13-16 in Warwick, Rhode Island. Visit the district web site <http://www.newenglandkiwanis.org> and click on the District Convention link to register.

Frank Dennett
District Secretary

INTERCLUBS

20. June 25-28, 2009, Kiwanis International Convention, Nashville, TN: **Carol Ballestrini, Valeda Grills, Bob Grills and Connie Potter**

GUESTS

Pam Moriarty was joined for lunch on June 24th by her friend **Donna Ricciardelli**. This was Donna's second visit to the club, including the Nautilus program.

CONNECTICUT SUN 2009

DON'T BE LEFT OUT IN THE COLD-GET IN THE SUN!

Only five games remain for sale: ten tickets in Section 102, Row K, Seats 8-17

Great for Family, Business, Charity

Only \$80 per Game

1. July 11, Saturday, **Detroit Shock**, 7:00 PM
2. July 25, Saturday, **WNBA All-Star Game**, 3:30 PM
3. August 19, Wednesday, **New York Liberty**, 7:00 PM
4. August 25, Tuesday, **Detroit Shock**, 7:00 PM
5. September 13, Sunday, **Indiana Fever**, 3:00 PM

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, July 14th, 4:30 PM, **New London Public Library**

President-elect John Russell successfully completed Club Leadership Education (CLE) training on June 13th at a session in Weston, CT conducted by Past Distinguished Governor Marty Olsen.

Marty Olsen and **Valeda Grills** were both elected to a three year term as Directors of the Kiwanis Foundation of New England (KFNE) at the Annual Meeting held June 20th at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. **Art Creighton** was re-elected to a one-year term at Foundation President. These terms commence on October 1, 2009.

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!

JULY PROGRAMS

JOHN RUSSELL: CHAIR

July 1: **Kiwanis International Convention Report**

July 8: **Mark Roberts**, Chairman of the Board, Tsetse Gallery, Build Community Through Art

July 15: **Bill Humphries**, Director, Whaling City Cyclone Bicycle Race

July 22: Representative from the Waterford Country School

July 29: tba

AUGUST PROGRAMS

ROBERT JONES: CHAIR

August 5: **Robert Jones** will discuss the relationship of the individual citizen to the US Constitution

August 12: **Vincent Arguimbau**, Libertarian candidate for the US Senate

August 19: **Rob Simmons**, Republican candidate for the US Senate

August 26: **Service-Person-of-the-Month** in conjunction with the Southeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and the Navy League

PAST PROGRAMS

The club was addressed by **Mark Somers, MD**, cardiologist at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, on June 17th. Dr. Somers offered a different and thought provoking take on issue(s) regarding healthcare and rising medical costs. The title of his presentation was **Health Insurance Crisis**. Needless to say, in Dr. Somers' view the culprit in the healthcare delivery system is the insurance industry. In the old days, you either got better or died. Today most medical conditions are chronic, such as diabetes, hypertension and HIV. These chronic conditions have exacerbated the need for continuous medication and care. In today's environment, the insurance companies have a virtual monopoly and dictate doctors fees and patient care using the Federal program for the elderly, Medicare,

as the model for their fee structure. Healthcare costs are rising rapidly, primarily due to malpractice insurance and ever-changing, and improving technology. People, with the aid of the judicial system, are expecting perfection from the medical field. To err is human and we are all on a journey to death. We all pay for the high costs of malpractice insurance in dollars as well as with those who decide not to enter medicine. These high costs also force doctors to do many unnecessary exams and tests, often with expensive equipment, to protect themselves from malpractice claims. The insurance industry fosters this madness. Dr. Somers lives in New London with his wife and has been at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital for nine years.



Sherry Lombardi, 2009 Golf Tournament Co-Chair, lead the club in a roundtable discussion on June 24th of our recent Golf Tournament. Sherry, aided by a power point presentation on her laptop computer, reviewed some of the key points from the tournament; the basic process, how the moneys were made and distributed, the roles played by the various parties (golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and club members), and a solicitation from club members for goals and suggestion for next

year's tournament. All members were pleased with the success of this year's event and have even higher hopes for the 2010 tournament. A Job Well Done to all of the Golf Tournament Committee members! Article and photo, Sherry Lombardi, submitted by Rich Cheatham

DEFENDER VOLUNTEERS

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

July 3	Marla Champagne	Ted Nelson	Robert Jones
July 10	Bob Grills	Marty Olsen	
July 24	Glenn Hamler	Ed Brailey	Bill Everett
July 31	Bob Grills	Ted Nelson	

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1: **Bruce Patterson**
 July 4: **Gloria Dover**
 July 10: **Patricia Lieteau**
 July 18: **Bruce Rinehart**
 July 18: **Lt. Andrew Ely**
 July 31: **Jim Sylvester**

CALENDAR

- ❑ **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

June 17: **Mac Pope**
 June 24: **William Everett**

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS

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