

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

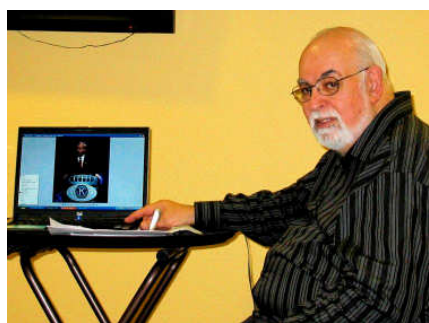
PRESIDENT: Captain Chris Sinnett, USCG **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** John Russell
VICE-PRESIDENT: Robert Grills **TREASURER:** Richard Cheatham
SECRETARY: Martin T. Olsen Jr. **IMM. PAST-PRES:** Thomas Moriarty
DIRECTORS (1 YEAR): Andrea Bell Kaiser, Gordon Jackson, Jim Sylvester
DIRECTORS (2 YEARS): LCDR Andrew 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
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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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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT



On July 1st, **Bob Grills**, Division 23 Lt. Governor, gave a very positive and upbeat report on the recently held Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville, TN. Bob was one of four members from our club to attend the convention and he served as a delegate-at-large. **Connie Potter** and **Carol Ballestrini** represented our club as delegates. Past Distinguished Lt. Governor **Valeda Grills** represented the Greater Southeastern CT club. Bob supplemented his report with an excellent slide show. Bob thanked Rusty and Carol Ballestrini for their hospitality, as they hosted our contingent in their Nashville condo; which they use in support of their daughter, Veronica's soaring country music career. Over 5500 Kiwanians and guests made their way to the country music capital of the world for the 94th Kiwanis International Convention, including two thousand seven hundred forty five club delegates and six hundred thirty nine delegates-at-large representing one thousand eight hundred ninety clubs. There were sixty-eight delegates and nine guests from New England. International election results for 2009-2010 were as follows: **Paul Palazzo**, President (Springfield, IL; Illinois-Eastern Iowa District); **Sylvester Neal**, President-elect (Auburn, Washington; Pacific Northwest District); **Alan Penn**, Vice President (Medina, Ohio; Ohio District); **Pam Fleming**, Trustee (Sheffield, AL; Alabama District); **Jerry Peuler**, Trustee (La Plata, MD; Capital District) and **Stewart Ross**, Trustee (North Mankato, MN; Minnesota-Dakotas District). The following amendment votes passed:

1. Amendment # 1: Club funds used to pay insurance premiums.
2. Amendment # 2: Freezing tiered dues levels in qualifying countries.
3. Amendment # 3: Common billing date of October 1 for all clubs.
4. Amendment # 4: Eliminate the magazine exemption for spouses.

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

July 13	Sam Christy	Rich Cheatham
July 20	Bob Grills	_____
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

GUESTS

The club had three guests from near and far on July 8th. A frequent guest, **Carol Artino** joined her friend **Pam Stevens Moriarty**. Past Lt. Governor **Bill Matteson** from the Kiwanis Club of Marble Valley, VT and his cousin, **Alan McKenzie** from Indianapolis, IN made their way into New London from their family vacation spot in Coventry, RI.

CONNECTICUT SUN 2009

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

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

Great for Family, Business, Charity

Only \$80 per Game

1. August 19, Wednesday, **New York Liberty**, 7:00 PM
2. August 25, Tuesday, **Detroit Shock**, 7:00 PM
3. September 13, Sunday, **Indiana Fever**, 3:00 PM

DISPLAY TABLE VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, July 28th: **Rich Cheatham & Jim Sylvester**

Thursday, August 13th: _____ & _____

SEE BECKHAM!!

Los Angeles Galaxy vs. New England Revolution

Saturday, August 8, 2009

Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA

6:00 PM

Tickets: \$20 each



See **David Beckham** on his only scheduled trip to New England this season. The Kiwanis Foundation of New England has reserved seats to this game for only \$20 each. Proceeds will benefit the *Hap Gerrish Registry* and *Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI)*. Contact Marty Olsen at (860) 437-0224 or martin_t_olsen@sbcglobal.net to buy your tickets now! The supply is limited!

ODDS & ENDS

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

Photo credit of **Bob Grills** doing International Convention Report: **Rich Cheatham**.

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

July 22: **Kate Stephenson**, Director of Development, Waterford Country School

July 29: **Sandra Couillard**, LCSW, Executive/Clinical Director, Child Adoption Resource Association, Inc., New London

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 PROGRAM



Mark Roberts, Chairman and Director Emeritus and **Therese “Tsetse” Lavallee**, President and Executive Director of the Tsetse Gallery addressed the club on July 8th. Formed in Providence in 1995, the gallery’s motto is “Building Community Through Art.” The gallery actively promotes art as an outlet for children to grow and express themselves. They opened a new gallery in New London at the Crocker House a year ago and they have a goal to take this program nationally. Currently each site has a budget of \$148,000

with the Malcolm and Elizabeth Chace Foundation generously providing much of the annual support. The enthusiasm our guests had for their program was infectious. The photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**, features from left to right: Mark Roberts, President-elect John Russell and Tsetse Lavallee.

DEFENDER VOLUNTEERS

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

July 24	Glenn Hamler	Ed Brailey	Bill Everett
July 31	Bob Grills	Ted Nelson	_____

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

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

DRAWINGS

July 1: **John Russell** donated \$8 to the *John Kashanski Community Service Fund*

July 8: **Steve Santangelo**

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS

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