

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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ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors took the following actions at their meeting on July 14th:

- ◆ Elected **John Russell**, **Rich Cheatham** and **Andrea Bell Kaiser** to be delegates, and **Tom Moriarty** as an alternate, to the New England District of Kiwanis Convention the weekend of August 13-16, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI.
- ◆ Approved to honor **Bob** and **Valeda Grills** for their lifetime of community service at the club's annual Awards and Honor Banquet. **Jim Sylvester** has volunteered to chair the event.
- ◆ Approved pursuing a **Circle K Club** at **Mitchell College** and the one-time start-up fee of **\$600**
- ◆ Appropriated **\$500** for one **Kiwanis Foundation of New England** raffle ticket
- ◆ Appropriated **\$100** for a Tee Sponsorship to the *Inaugural Hap Gerrish/Art Engdahl Memorial Golf Tournament* sponsored by the **Kiwanis Foundation of New England**
- ◆ Appropriated **\$240** to **New London Community Boating** for two scholarships for underprivileged children to receive sail boat lessons at Green Harbor Beach
- ◆ Appropriated **\$200** to the **Tsetse Gallery** in New London for children's programs
- ◆ Appropriated **\$1000** to the **Turning Homeless in Hopeful Dance** for the benefit of local agencies assisting the homeless
- ◆ Appropriated **\$400** from the *Chris Vallas Emergency Fund* to support the **Landa Family Relief Fund** that was set up in response to **Kyle Landa** saving his wheelchair bound father's life for a second time- this time pulling him out of their burning home, which was destroyed in the blaze.
- ◆ Approved using up to two **Skyboxes** in August for a **Connecticut Defenders** game at **Dodd Stadium** in Norwich for a club social function. Each box has a capacity of twenty-four so seating is limited.

CLUB PICNIC AT DODD STADIUM SKYBOX

Friday, September 4th

Gates Open at 5:35 PM with Gametime at 6:35 PM

Defenders host Reading Phillies

Fireworks to Follow the Game

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Wings and Soft Drinks

Adults: \$20, Children 12 and under: \$10

JOIN AND SUPPORT TEAM KIWANIS

StepOut Walk to Fight Diabetes

American Diabetes Association

Our Team Captain is Andrea Kaiser

Sunday, September 20, 2009

Harkness Memorial State Park

9:00 AM Check-in; 10:00 AM Start; 3 Mile Distance

Register Online at diabetes.org/stepout or call 1-888-diabetes

SUMMER READING IS FUNDAMENTAL AT SALVATION ARMY

We want to thank **Tom Moriarty** for coordinating our first reading program at the Salvation Army. Thirty thirty-five youngsters between the ages of 5-12 were read to each Monday during the month of July. Club volunteers were **Sam Christy**, three times, **Tom Moriarty**, **Bob Grills**, **Rich Cheatham** and **Marty Olsen**.

GUESTS

Mary Ellen Leone was a guest of Bob Grills on July 15th. Mary Ellen was maid-of-honor for Valeda at her wedding to Bob. Recently Mary Ellen joined the Grills' on the Kiwanis Cruise to Bermuda with Governor Dick. She also joined Bob Grills and Jack Russell on a trip to the Kiwanis Club of Cheshire. She's been enjoying her Kiwanis experience so much so took a membership application.

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

2009-2010 Budget Committee: John Russell, John Vincent and Rich Cheatham. If any others are interested in serving on this committee, please contact President-elect John.

Thanks to the following 2009 Connecticut Defender volunteers: **Bob Grills**, **Rich Cheatham**, **Jack Russell**, **John Russell**, **Marty Olsen**, **Pam Moriarty**, **Sherry Lombardi**, **Ted Nelson**, **Robert Jones**, **Glenn Hamler**, **Ed Brailey** and **Bill Everett**. As part of our partnership program with the Defenders, club volunteers distributed programs and promotional materials at selected Friday Night Firework games.

AUGUST PROGRAMS

ROBERT JONES: CHAIR

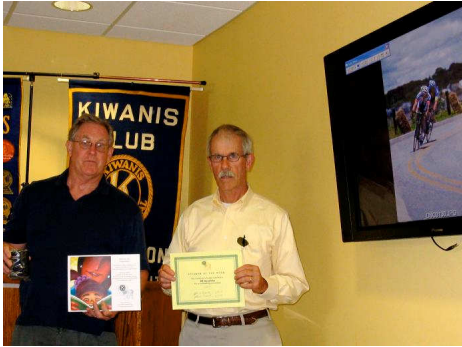
August 5: **Robert Jones** will discuss the relationship of the individual citizen to the US Constitution

August 12: **Dan Reale**, Libertarian candidate for the Congress

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



Bill Humphreys, Director of the Whaling City Cyclone Bicycle Race, addressed the club on July 15th. Humphreys, a serious cyclist since 1971, currently lives in Lyme on Rogers Lake. He kicked off the Whaling City Cyclone Bicycle Race last year in the Fort Trumbull area of New London. Two hundred thirty-five cyclists participated in the event last year from beginning racers to professionals. This past year the event took place on June 14th and the Kiwanis Club of New London

participated as a \$250 sponsor, which Humphreys thanked us for. Over three hundred thirty-five cyclists raced this year, a forty percent increase, and Bill wants to continue to build on success. Along with financial support, Bill has asked the Kiwanis Club of New London to take on a Bike Safety Rodeo for children at next year's event. The photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham**, features from left to right **President-elect John Russell** presenting certificates to **Bill Humphreys**.



The club was addressed on July 22nd by **Kate Stephenson**, Director of Development at the Waterford Country School. Kate thanked the club for our ongoing support. She outlined the many programs offered by the school. A former Key Clubber at New London High School, Kate is very familiar with Kiwanis and our charitable work. She distributed various materials, which expanded on her remarks. **Rich Cheatham** submitted the photo of Kate speaking to club.

Sandra Couillard, LCSW, Executive/Clinical Director, for the recently renamed Connecticut Adoption & Family Services spoke to the club on July 29th. The mission of the agency is, "to create, strengthen, and support families through the permanent placement of children in safe and loving homes." She discussed the challenges facing the agency, but offered hope and gave a synopsis of two positive success stories. Ms. Couillard responded to many challenging questions regarding adoption- for the child as well as the parents-to-be. Children with special placement needs, including from state foster care, minority children and privately placed newborns are their priority.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1: **Carol Ballestrini**

August 4: **Richard Cheatham**

August 16: **Bill Everett**

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 15: **Gloria Dover**

July 22: **John Vincent** donated \$6 to the *Waterford Country School*

July 29: **Chris Sinnott**