

Two Years **Jim Sylvester**, **Sam Christy** and **John Vincent**. Lt. Governor Designate **Toni Walker** retired the 2008-09 Officers and Board of Directors. The following members were recognized for Perfect Attendance: **Rich Cheatham** (2), **Bob Grills** (5), **Tom Moriarty** (5), **Valeda Grills** (9), **Ted Nelson** (11), **Marty Olsen** (21) and **Gordon Jackson** (38). **John Kashanski** (56), **Frank Penny** (40) and **Gordon Jackson** (38) were acknowledged for their years of service as members of the Legion of Honor. **Glenn Hamler** did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies.

SERVICEPERSON-OF-THE-MONTH



YN1 **Brian Lewis** was recognized as Serviceperson-of-the-Month at our club meeting on September 30th. This important program is co-sponsored by the Navy League and the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. Each month a different service organization hosts this program. **Denny Hicks**, Director of Strategic Planning for the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, made the presentation to Mr. Lewis. Joining the celebration was Lewis' wife, **Veronica**, along the

following officers and enlisted Coast Guard personnel from the Coast Guard Academy: **Lt. Tammy Michelli**, **Command Master Chief John Niece**, **Chief Yeoman Kathy Pliska**, **Fireman Nathaniel Gerson Vega**, **CWU Sam Pederson** and **YN3 Melissa Beeker**. **Lena Blanche**, Community Liaison from the Naval Sub Base, also attended. Mr. Lewis was recognized for his superior work at the academy as well as his volunteer work in the community, especially with children. On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of New London, President-elect **John Russell** presented Mr. Lewis with a \$100 US Savings Bond along with a club mug, program certificate and certificate recognizing a book being donated to the Otis Library Children's Department in his name.

KIWANIS FUNDING POLICY

The Board approved a new funding policy that was prepared by the Giving and Standards Committee at its last Board of Directors Meeting on September 8, 2009. This new policy has been mailed out to all members for their information. The primary focus of this new policy is to address requests outside of the Kiwanis Family. **Andrea Kaiser** chaired the committee and was joined by **Sherry Lombardi**, **Andrew Ely** and **Rich Cheatham**.

PAST PROGRAMS



Ned Hammond, City of New London Economic Development Coordinator, addressed the club on September 16th. Ned started with the city as Zoning Enforcement Officer in the early 1990's and moved into his current position in 1997. Ned is most informed on all things relating to development in New London. He spent most of presentation discussing Business Incentive Programs offered by the city through his direction. A list of those programs is as follows:

Business Rent Subsidy Program; Enterprise Zone Programs; City and Town Development Act; Revolving Loan Funds; Façade Improvement Programs; Foreign Trade Zone and to provide staff assistance to many city boards, agencies and commissions. He also responded to questions regarding Fort Trumbull, the Parade reconstruction project, State Pier and shipping and the new high rise condominium project, New London Harbor Towers.

Susan Tamulevich, Museum Director of the New London Custom House, addressed the club on September 23rd. The Custom House Museum, located at 150 Bank St., is now open year round and is the oldest continuing operating custom house in the United States. The museum was founded in 1983 by Lucille Showalter and *The Day*. The New London Maritime Society has a mission to preserve New London's U.S. Custom House and to promote and interpret the maritime history of the port of New London and the surrounding region through museum exhibitions and educational programs. Notes for this blurb provided by **John Vincent**.



Tim Grills, Nutrition Director for TVCCA, provided lunch for the club on September 30th. Lunch was exactly what the housebound and shut-ins in eastern Connecticut receive via *Meals on Wheels*. The program has over 1700 clients and the average age is 83+ years old. The nutritious meal served was hot and plentiful. Tim plans on returning after he makes some changes to the program for us to see and taste! Tim is Bob and Valeda Grills' son.

TEAM KIWANIS



On a glorious day Team Captain **Andrea Kaiser** led fellow club members **Sherry Lombardi**, **Rich Cheatham**, **John Russell** and **Marty Olsen** at the American Diabetes Association StepOut Walk held September 20th at Harkness State Park. Each member made the three-mile trek and enjoyed a morning of fellowship and camaraderie. The team has collected a total of \$590 to date. Donations and pledges are still being accepted.

GUESTS

Wyatt Leske, a prospective Charter member of the Mitchell College Circle K Club, joined the club at the September 23rd meeting.

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, October 13th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

Thank you to **Selina Moriarty** for sewing on plethora of new ribbons and patches to our brand new *Kiwanis Honors* banner.

Rich Cheatham and **Marty Olsen** recruited students at Mitchell College to start a new Circle K club on campus during the Founder's Day activities on September 23rd. Many students expressed interest and eleven signed up. A minimum of twenty will be needed to get the club chartered.

All photos in this issue submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

RICH CHEATHAM: CHAIR

October 7: **Shantice Grant**, Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern CT

October 14: **Susan Bailey**, Development Coordinator, Riverfront Children's Center

October 21: **Dr. Andrew Gibson, Ph.D.**, Parenting Angry Children and Teens (PACT)

October 28: **Elizabeth Garcia Gonzalez**, Executive Director, Centro de la Comunidad

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 5: **Mac Pope**

October 18: **Eric Christman**

October 20: **Marla Champagne**

October 25: **John Russell**

DRAWINGS

September 16: **Michael Bowe**

September 23: **Bill Everett** donated \$4 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*

September 30: **Robert Jones**

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