

**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 2009-2010**

**PRESIDENT:** John Russell                      **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Richard Cheatham  
**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Andrea Kaiser            **TREASURER:** William Everett  
**SECRETARY:** Martin T. Olsen Jr.           **IMM. PAST-PRES:** Thomas Moriarty  
**DIRECTORS (1 YEAR):** LCDR Andrew Ely, USCG, Sherry Lombardi, Ted Nelson,  
Glenn Hamler  
**DIRECTORS (2 YEARS):** Jim Sylvester, Sam Christy, John Vincent

**LEGION OF HONOR:** John Kashanski (56), Frank Penny (40), Gordon Jackson (38)  
and Bruce Patterson (25)

**PAST LT. GOVERNORS:** John Kashanski (1971-72), Frank Penny (1980-81), Gordon  
Jackson (1982-83), Martin T. Olsen Jr. (1996-97), Robert Grills (2008-2009)

**LIFE MEMBERS:** Martin T. Olsen Jr., John Vincent and Frank Penny

**HONORARY MEMBER:** Helen McCartin

**DIRECTOR KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF NE:** Martin T. Olsen Jr.

**PAST DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR:** Martin T. Olsen Jr.

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DECEMBER 23, 2009

Merry  
Christmas

**CHRISTMAS PARTY FILLED WITH FELLOWSHIP AND CHEER**  
**SALVATION ARMY YOUTH GUESTS WOWED BY SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS**



Eleven children from the Salvation Army Youth Program, ranging in age from 4-14, joined the club for its annual Christmas Party on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Officer's Club at the US Coast Guard Academy. **Bob Grills** played the keyboard during the meeting and revealed us with seasonal songs. **Santa** and **Mrs. Claus** appeared right on time with bells a ringing! The children, young and old alike, were in Santa's spell. Big smiles and sparkling eyes were to be found on every child. Each child received a gift(s) from club members who adopted them for the occasion along with donated gift bags and books donated by **Bob Grills**. Our young guests and their hosts are as follows: **Zachary** (John and Jack Russell), **Ryan** (Jim Sylvester), **Crystal** (Carol Ballestrini), **Dylan** (Gordon Jackson), **Hailey** (Bob Grills), **George** (Marty Olsen), **Makayla** (Rich Cheatham), **Ariana** (Sherry Lombardi), **Everett** (Sam Christy), **Chris** (Pam Stevens Moriarty), **Matthew** (Ted Nelson) and **Makai** (Loreen Lockwood). Thanks to **Jim Sylvester** for making the arrangements to use the "O" Club! Party photos submitted by **Rich Cheatham** are at the end of the newsletter.

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

An intimate number of club members and spouses enjoyed a delightful evening at the home of **Andrea** and **Michael Kaiser** on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The club thanks the Kaiser's for again opening their home for seasonal fellowship and cheer.

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
CRYSTAL MALL**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Charlie's</u>	<u>Food Court</u>	<u>Xmas Tree Shop</u>
9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Marty Olsen	Pam Stevens Moriarty	Rich Cheatham
11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Gordon Jackson	John/Jack Russell	Glenn Hamler
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Sam Christy	Bob Grills	Andrew Ely
3:00 PM-5:00 PM	Carol Ballestrini	Bob Grills	Rusty Ballestrini
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Marty Olsen	Ted Nelson	Rich Cheatham

**HAM & TURKEY SALE NETS \$1150**

**Bob Grills**, event chair, reported that the Annual Ham & Turkey sale was another success. A total of sixty-four units were sold for a net profit of \$1150. **Ted Nelson** led the sales effort with twenty units sold followed by stalwart **Paul Holden** with fourteen.

**PAST PROGRAMS**



**Carl Anderson**, Director of Fraternal Affairs for Masonicare, addressed the club on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Complimenting his talk with a PowerPoint presentation, Carl outlined the history as well as current services being rendered by Masonicare. The land area for the main base of Masonicare was purchased for \$332 in Wallingford, CT in 1873. By 1894 its value had increased to \$17,500. Masonicare as we know it now was opened in 1986 and has grown with many affiliates throughout Connecticut providing a continuum of services to aid the elderly and is open to all. Carl's insightful presentation opened the eyes of those assembled to be aware and be prepared for the future, especially in one's later years. For more information on Masonicare and its benefits, please call 1-800-982-3919. The photo of Carl Andersen submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

**GUESTS**

**Andrew** and **Loreen Lockwood** were guests of **President John Russell** for lunch on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They have each taken membership applications.

**Wyatt Leske** and **Amanda Brennick** from the **Mitchell College Circle K Club** joined us for lunch on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The two students gave us an overview of their experience at Trauma Day at Tufts Medical Center and their introduction to the **Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute**. They indicated a total of six students made the trip to Boston. They brought along with them Get Well cards they had made during club meetings to give to the children. Both students expounded on the positive and moving experience they had. A big Kiwanis thank you to **Rich Cheatham** for providing transportation.

Along with our youthful guests from the Salvation Army, the club was joined by many other guests on December 16<sup>th</sup>. **Lt. Miriam Rader** and **Pat Santora** escorted the Salvation Army youth. **Rusty Ballestrini** joined his wife, **Carol**, and **Donna Ricciardelli** joined her friend, **Pam Stevens Moriarty**. **Loreen Lockwood** joined the party as well and adopted one of our young guests!

**ODDS & ENDS**

Buy your holiday batteries from *Interstate* and support the club!! Visit the **Members Section** on the club website at <http://newlondonkiwanis.org> and find all your battery needs. The club makes **30%** of the retail price. Just use the code CTkiwanis when you check out.

**Golf Tournament:** volunteers to serve on golf committee sought. Please contact **Sherry Lombardi** at 860-437-0293 or [slombo@msn.com](mailto:slombo@msn.com).

Online registration is now available on the district website: [www.newenglandkiwanis.org](http://www.newenglandkiwanis.org)

for the **Mid-Winter Conference** that will be held the weekend of March 5-7, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza in Worcester MA. Please use the online registration, as it is a simple and quick way to register for the conference.

## DECEMBER PROGRAMS

### TED NELSON: CHAIR

December 23: **Bobby Hood**, Director of Family Resource Center, and **Rachel Smolenski**, Family Involvement Coordinator of Family Resource Center

December 30: **Rev. Greg Hamby**, Pastor of the Quaker Hill Baptist Church, will discuss his vision of the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and looks forward to sharing his experiences with us.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**New England Circle K District Convention:** Concord, NH, February 26-28, 2010

**Mid Winter Training Conference:** Crowne Plaza, Worcester, MA, March 5-7, 2010

**Kiwanis Cruise to Bermuda:** May 21-28, 2010

**Kiwanis International Convention:** Las Vegas, NV, June 23-26, 2010

**New England District Convention:** Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA, August 20-22, 2010

## DRAWINGS

December 9: **Tom Moriarty**

December 16: **Michael Bowe**

## THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS

Mitchell College Circle K

Waterford High School Key Club

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

## 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.

