

**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, 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., Robert Grills

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

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*Valeda's Pre-K Readers*

**AN EVENING TO HONOR**  
**BOB & VALEDA GRILLS**  
**FOR A LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**Friday, February 5, 2010**  
**US Coast Guard Alumni Center on the Academy Campus**  
**6:00 PM Social Hour followed by 7:00 PM Dinner Celebration**  
**\$50 per person**  
**Proceeds to Benefit**  
**Valeda's Pre-K Readers Scholarship Program**  
**John Kashanski Community Service Fund**  
**Kiwanis Club of New London NB King Scholarship Endowment**  
**Please support the program book**  
**Event Coordinator: Jim Sylvester**

## ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors took the following actions at their meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>:

- ◆ Approved the following funding requests
  - **Waterford Public Library: \$150**
  - **Lawrence & Memorial Hospital Development Fund: \$100**
  - **Riverfront Children's Center: \$500 towards tuition**
  - **Camp Sunshine: \$250**
  - **New England Circle K: \$100 towards upcoming district convention**
  - **\$400 to buy books and support our RIF program at Ballestrini Childcare Centers**
  - **Lt. Governor's Discretionary Fund: \$150**

## READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

### PROGRAM COORDINATOR: RICH CHEATHAM

The club will be kicking off it's tenth consecutive year of Reading is Fundamental at the Ballestrini's Childcare Centers in Waterford, Salem and the newly open center in Niantic. Volunteer readers will be needed at each of the three centers to read to preschool children ages 3-5. Over the course of the program, beginning the week of January 20<sup>th</sup> and concluding the end of May, each child will receive at least three books donated by the club to take home. This program promotes literacy, the joy of reading and ownership as each child is able to bring books home.

## PAST PROGRAMS



**Cindy Barry**, Community Relations Supervisor for the Ledge Light Health District, addressed the club on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Cindy has been with Ledge Light for ten years. The Ledge Light Health District provides professionally managed comprehensive public health services designed to improve the quality of life and health and safety of our service population. The District service area consists of the Town of East Lyme, Town and City of Groton, the Town of Ledyard, the City of New London and the Town Waterford, with a service population of over 120,000. Ms. Barry, supplemented with a PowerPoint presentation, honed in on the ACHIEVE New London program that is an acronym for **A**ction **C**ommunities for **H**ealth, **I**nnovation and **E**n**V**ironmental **C**hange. ACHIEVE New London is a partnership between residents, health care providers, schools, community organizations, elected officials and businesses who are committed to the vision that the city of New London be a community that protects all citizens against preventable diseases and supports good health. In an effort to gather data to meet the goals of ACHIEVE New London, Ledge Light is circulating a survey to New London residents only. The photo, submitted by **Rich Cheatham**, features from left to right: **President John Russell**, **Cindy Barry** and **Program Chair Sherry Lombardi**.



**Tony Mollica**, Director for New London Community and Campus Coalition (NLCCC) addressed the club on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Established in 2003, NLCCC has its office in the Martin Center on Broad St. in New London. The program is funded by federal grants and recently was awarded an extension through 2014. NLCCC is collaborative effort to engage all constituencies in the New London community to combat underage drinking and stem the tide of substance abuse amongst our youth. Tony gave an overview of the programs and resources available though NLCCC to meet its goals and objectives. **Monica Potts** who has been on the job a month joined Tony. Visit [www.newlondonclicks.org](http://www.newlondonclicks.org) for everything you need to know about New London. The photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham** features **Tony Mollica**, standing, and **Monica Potts**, sitting.

## ODDS & ENDS

Congratulations to **Bob Grills** who was recently elected to serve as Chair of the newly appointed New London Charter Revision Commission.

**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.

## JANUARY PROGRAMS SHERRY LOMBARDI: CHAIR

January 20: **Peg Curtin**, New London High School Sports Complex

January 27: **Suzanne Maryeski**, Executive Director, New London Public Library

## 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

**Key Club New England District Convention:** Springfield, MA, April 9-11, 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

## DIVISION 23 COUNCIL MEETING

The Newington Kiwanis Club hosted 18 Kiwanians from six Division 23 clubs on January 11th for the second Division Council meeting. Club members **Tom Moriarty**, **Jack Russell** and **Rich Cheatham** attended. Representatives from the various clubs updated the group on their club's activities. We will be hosting the next Division Council meeting on Tuesday, April 13th at 6 PM in the private dining room at Mitchell College. Submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.

## DRAWINGS

January 6: **Ted Nelson** donated \$4 towards the *2010 Golf Tournament*

January 13: **Trish Lieteau**

## THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS

Mitchell College Circle K

Waterford High School Key Club

East Lyme High School Key Club

New London HS Key Club



Fitch High School Key Club

Lyme-Old Lyme HS Key Club

Montville High School Key Club

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



Share the experience of Kiwanis and invite a friend, neighbor and/or business associate to a club meeting or event!