

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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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

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: RICH CHEATHAM

Volunteer Readers Needed

Readers are needed at 9:30 AM on Wednesday mornings at the Waterford and Niantic locations and Thursday mornings at the Salem center of Ballestrini's Childcare Centers. The adult readers will read two books to 10-12 three to five year old preschool children. Contact Rich Cheatham at 860-271-6608 or richcheatham@hotmail.com to volunteer or sign-up at a club meeting. This project qualifies as an official Kiwanis International Young Children Priority One and Read Around the World program.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

JOHN RUSSELL: CHAIR

February 3: **Kent Ward**, Director, Heavy Hitters USA

February 10: **Marty Berliner**, City Manager, City of New London

February 17: **Laurel Holmes**, MSW Director, Office of Community Health, Outreach and Partnership, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital

February 24: **Peter J. Corcoran**, Special Agent, United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General

GUESTS

Kathleen Cichese, our Key Club Lt. Governor for Division 29-A, joined the club on January 20th. Kathleen gave an update on Key Club activities, including upcoming Key Leader events and the district convention in Springfield, MA in early April. She also discussed a Dance Marathon as a divisional project. **Andrew Ely**, Kiwanis Advisor to the Fitch HS Key Club, is working Kathleen. Also joining the luncheon on the 20th were **Andy** and **Loreen Lockwood**, who have expressed strong interest in joining the club. **Marty Olsen** introduced the club to **Dioyca Caraballo**. Dioyca is a self-employed bookkeeper and is a member along with Marty of the Nautilus-New London BNI Chapter.

Back from a month in Puerto Rico for winter break, **Wyatt Leske** from the Mitchell College Circle K joined the club for lunch on January 27th.



PAST PROGRAMS



On January 20th former New London City councilor **Peg Curtin** addressed the club regarding the New London High School Sports Complex. She was joined by project engineers **Luke McCoy** and **David Friar** from Friar Associates. McCoy gave an overview of the proposed improvements to the facilities, which have not been proper since the high school opened in 1970. The existing football field will be totally rehabilitated, including lighting and a synthetic surface. The playing surface will also be expanded to be able to incorporate regulation size soccer, field hockey and lacrosse. New built-in bleachers and press box will replace the existing on the Whalers side of the natural amphitheater. Also planned is a second full sized multi-purpose field adjacent to the primary field with a synthetic surface and lighting. Other improvements are walkways and that meet the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). Ms. Curtin initially proposed this project in 2006 while serving as Mayor. Preliminary estimates have been pared from \$9M to approximately \$5M. Current funding sources include \$3.5M from a city bond and \$1.2M from the state. Dime Bank has made a \$25,000 donation and will add \$75,000 to create a \$100,00 match if the city is able to raise \$100,000 privately. Photos submitted by **Rich Cheatham**. Upper photo from left to right: **David Friar**, **Luke McCoy**, **Peg Curtin**, **Sherry Lombardi** and **President John Russell**. Lower photo is Sports Complex plan.





Suzanne Maryeski, Executive Director of the New London Public Library, spoke to the club on January 27th. On the job for four months, Ms. Maryeski came to the New London library via the Madison and Farmington public libraries. She is from Waterford and has strong local ties. Suzanne brings experience and a high level of enthusiasm and passion to her job. She gave a summary of services provided by the library with a very limited budget that is funded primarily by the City of New

London. The library is a community service center and Suzanne is committed to promoting and enhancing our library's presence in the community. The photo, submitted by **Rich Cheatham**, features from left to right: **Suzanne Maryeski**, **Sherry Lombardi** and **John Russell**.

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, February 9th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

The Board of Directors recommends **Pam Stevens Moriarty** to fill the vacancy on the board created by the resignation of **Sam Christy**. An election will be held at the regular club meeting on February 3rd to fill the vacancy.

Online registration is now available on the district website: 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.

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 27: **Marty Olsen**

KEY LEADER: SPRING 2010

March 12-14
Camp Sunshine
Casco, MA

May 14-16
Camp Hayward
Sandwich, MA

DRAWINGS

January 20: **Ed Brailey** donated \$4 to the *Chris Vallas Emergency Relief Fund*

January 27: **Bruce Rinehart**

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Mitchell College Circle K

Waterford High School Key Club
East Lyme High School Key Club
New London HS Key Club



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