

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): Andrew Ely, Sherry Lombardi, Ted Nelson, Glenn Hamler
DIRECTORS (2 YEARS): Jim Sylvester, John Vincent, Pam Stevens Moriarty

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: Robert Grills

PAST DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR: Martin T. Olsen Jr.

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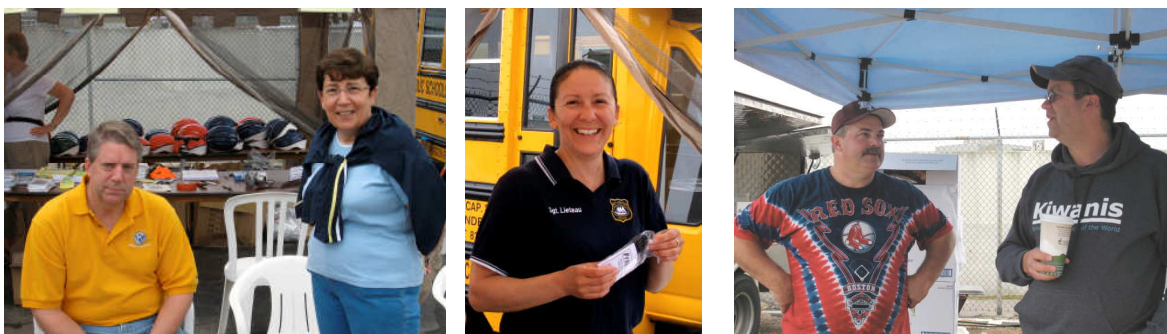
ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

AHOY: NEW MEMBER ABOARD!

The Board of Directors took the following actions at their meeting on June 8th:

- ◆ Approved the membership application of **Suzanne Maryeski**, sponsored by **Marty Olsen**
- ◆ Approved **\$500** to support the **2nd Annual Gerrish/Engdahl Memorial Golf Tournament** for the benefit of the **Kiwanis Foundation of New England**
- ◆ Approved **\$200** to purchase ten **New England Revolution** MLS flex tickets to benefit the **Kiwanis Foundation of New England** and to donate the tickets to a local youth group

BIKE RODEO AT WHALING CITY CYCLONE BIKE RACE
RUSSELL RECOGNIZED BY RACE ORGANIZERS



Approximately fifty children participated in the Bike Safety program on Sunday, June 13th at Fort Trumbull in conjunction with the Whaling City Cyclone Bicycle Race. The children received bike safety instruction from our own Trish Lieteau who is also a New London Police officer. Club members registered the young cyclists as well as fitted them with free bike helmets donated by the club. Refreshments, including hot dogs, chips and water were provided by TVCCA courtesy of Tim Grills. The following club members volunteered to make this a special event: **Bob Grills** (event coordinator), **Trish Lieteau**, **John Russell**, **Glenn Hamler**, **Rich Cheatham**, **Tom Moriarty**, **Pam Stevens**

Moriarty, Sherry Lombardi, Andy Lockwood and Loreen Lockwood. Also helping out were **Merrijo Logan** and **Andy Lockwood Jr.** Club President **John Russell** was recognized by the Whaling City Cyclone Bicycle Race organization with the *1st Annual Major Taylor Award* for his work with black and Hispanic youth in the community. The photos submitted by **Rich Cheatham** feature from left to right: **Glenn Hamler, Sherry Lombardi, Trish Lieteau, Tim Grills** and **Tom Moriarty.**

CALL TO 92ND ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

August 19-22, 2010, Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA

The club is allocated three delegates and three alternates. If you are interested in serving, let President John know, as the board will be taking this up next month. All club members are encouraged to attend and participate at the convention.

RIF WRAP-UP

SUBMITTED BY RICH CHEATHAM

Once again, our Winter / Spring 2010 Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program was a hit for about 50 children, aged 3 to 5, at the Ballestrini Daycare Centers located in Waterford, Niantic and Salem. Over 165 books were distributed to these young listeners. Ten club members, **Bob Grills, Pam Stevens Moriarty, Loreen Lockwood, Andrew Lockwood, Bill Everett, Marty Olsen, Rich Cheatham, Jim Sylvester, Ted Nelson** and our newest member **Suzanne Maryeski,** were our volunteer readers. A big thank you is due to these club members for their service. The club is very pleased to announce that beginning June 15, we will be partnering with the Veolia Water company. Every two weeks throughout the summer, two Veolia employees and one club member will be reading to the children at the Riverfront Children's Center, located in Groton. They will be reading to approximately 90 children aged 1 to 11 years old. This will be a new addition to our RIF program. Additionally, we are in discussions with the Salvation Army about starting a summer reading program at their New London location. Editor's note: A big Kiwanis thank you to Rich Cheatham, 2010 RIF coordinator, for a job well done!

PAST PROGRAMS



Bob Grills and **Rich Cheatham** each provided a pictorial slide show and commentary June 2nd on their recent **Kiwanis Cruise to Bermuda** from May 21-28. Joining Bob and Rich from our club were Carol Ballestrini and her husband, Rusty, Mary-Ellen Leone and Charles Cunningham and John Driscoll. The Norwegian Caribbean Line *Norwegian Spirit* set sail from Boston en route to the Dockyards in Bermuda. A total of fifty-six Kiwanians and guests from throughout New England took the

cruise. Three clubs- Hamilton, Sandy's and St. George's- are located on the islands and have close to ninety members. The hosts kept the New England contingent occupied with service, social activities and official meetings and presentations. A special presentation of \$350 was made by the Kiwanis Club of St. George's in memory of Valeda Grills in support of the Valeda Grills Pre K Reading Scholarship Endowment.



Those in attendance on June 9th had a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics, including the Kiwanis Foundation of New England (KFNE) and its recent annual meeting and the upcoming Bike Rodeo and need for volunteers being held in conjunction with the Whaling City Cyclone Bicycle Race. KFNE elected Al Paul from Rutland, VT as president. The foundation is gearing up for the Second Annual Gerrish/Engdahl Memorial Golf Tournament and the

Tenth Annual partnership with the New England Revolution MLS Soccer franchise. The club is excited about the linkage with the Whaling City Cyclone Bicycle Race. Our bike rodeo program is a natural fit. The photo submitted by **Rich Cheatham,** features Bike Safety Rodeo Coordinator **Bob Grills.**



Rob Pero, Mayor of the City of New London, addressed the club on June 16th. Mayor Pero is beginning his eighth term on the City Council and first in the majority party after fourteen years in the minority. Rob is a lifelong New London resident from a family with strong ties to community service. He's a lifelong Red Sox fan and member of the New London Lions Club. Pero opened his remarks by expressing positive vibes with the city's partners. He is especially pleased with cooperation that took

place with the recent rededication of the Parade. The city's three institutions of higher learning and many historical sites and societies have also been working more closely together to foster a common thread and encourage tourism through a historical context. The mayor indicated that this summer there will be a steady level of activity centered on the Parade and Waterfront Park, which is tied to the city's centrally located transportation center. Additional Shoreline East trains are anticipated along with a new ferry service from New York City that should increase traffic in the city along with the existing trains, ferries and busses. Two cruise ships are scheduled to make New London a port of call this September. More people are living in the central business district and an arts community is developing around it. A rent subsidy program initiated by Councilor Mike Buscetto last term has taken hold and many new small businesses have taken advantage of this opportunity in the downtown area. Many major public works initiatives are in mid stream, including road resurfacing, new curbs, sidewalk, playscapes, and sports complex at New London High School. The mayor proudly mentioned that the city is looking at tax decrease this year. He also discussed the proposed change in the form of government the Charter Revision commission is debating for consideration, hopefully for a vote this fall. Mayor Pero concluded his presentation by taking a number of questions, including such hot topics as Riverside Park and the ongoing discussions with the Board of Education. **Rich Cheatham** submitted the photo of **Mayor Rob Pero**.

JUNE PROGRAMS

ROBERT GRILLS: CHAIR

June 23: **Golf Tournament Roundtable**

June 30: **Marty Berliner** (tentative)

GUESTS

Tim Grills joined his dad, **Bob**, and **Andrew Lockwood Jr.** joined his parents, **Andrew** and **Loreen**, for lunch on June 2nd.

Andrew Lockwood Jr. joined his parents, **Andy** and **Loreen**, for lunch on June 16th.

CONNECTICUT SUN 2010

ONLY FOUR GAMES REMAIN!

Club members are asked to buy or sell a Connecticut Sun game for 2010. Each game consists of ten tickets each for \$80 per game. They are great for family, business or to donate to a local youth group or charity. Contact Marty Olsen for your tickets.

July 17, Saturday, Atlanta Dream, 7:00 PM

July 24, Saturday, LA Sparks, 7:00 PM

August 15, Sunday, Indiana Fever, 5:00 PM

August 17, Tuesday, Tulsa Shock, 7:30 PM

ODDS & ENDS

John Russell, **Gordon Jackson** and **Marty Olsen** attended the annual joint service club Yale-Harvard Regatta Luncheon hosted by the New London Rotary on May 27th.

DRAWINGS

June 2: **Rachel Mirochnick**

June 9: **Richard Lathrop**

June 16: **Andrew Ely**

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William C. Everett