



THE ROTARY

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The Weekly Newsletter of  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741  
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## CLUB NEWS

JANUARY 25, 2024

### POST-HOLIDAY PARTY

**TONIGHT!** Victoria Mueller is once again hosting a **Post Holiday Party** at her home at **75 Cove View Rd, New London**. This is a pot luck event from **6pm to 8pm**. Victoria is always a wonderful host and this is a great opportunity to share fellowship outside our meetings. Spouses and families are welcome.

### Community Meal Center

Our club volunteers on the **2nd Thursday of each month** to serve at CMC. Please let Anna Lathrop know if you can help, [anna@gourmet-galley.com](mailto:anna@gourmet-galley.com). We begin at 4pm and are done by 6:15pm. Your help is always appreciated.

### Little Free Libraries

The Little Free Library project is a daily club initiative to locate books, secure, label and distribute them throughout the city. Please bring books to our meetings or let one of our stewards (Gail, Christine, Mel, Ray or Julia) know if you need someone to pick them up. Good sources of material are family, libraries, schools, friends, neighbors, places of worship and workplaces. Contact Julia Kushigian-Secor with questions [jakus@conncoll.edu](mailto:jakus@conncoll.edu).

### Correction

In last week's article regarding the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, a picture of Ed Cramer, President Val, and newly-installed member Gary Decker was inserted into the article incorrectly. My apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

### Rotary International Foundation

Giving to the Rotary International Foundation is a great way to make a difference in the lives of millions. Programs in the United States and around the world benefit from your generosity. It's easy to give through automatic withdrawals and there is no minimum—every donation matters!

To donate to Rotary International, please go to [Rotary.org/donate](https://Rotary.org/donate) or scan the QR code below.



If you have not yet registered, you will need to log in with password. Choose amount of donation and Fund you would like it to go to. Please be sure to include Club number 6741 and your Rotary membership number. If you do not have it, please contact Ed Cramer at [winetalk177@aol.com](mailto:winetalk177@aol.com).

**Thank you for supporting the Rotary International Foundation.**

### Waterford Rotary

Meetings First and Third **Tuesday** of the Month, beginning November 21, 2023 at Filomena's in Waterford.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Cynthia Ritchie**

*Superintendent,  
New London Public Schools*

### Weekly Meeting

**12:00 Noon**

**at THE THAMES CLUB**  
290 State Street, New London

For those unable to attend in person, please join us for our weekly Rotary meeting via Zoom. Go to [ZOOM.COM](https://Zoom.com) and click "JOIN A MEETING" and enter the info below.

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### GREETER

Jan 25 John Estelle

### INVOCATION

Jan 25 John Estelle

### SONG LEADER

Jan 25 John Estelle

### BIRTHDAYS

Jan 29 Mildred Devine

### ANNIVERSARIES

None

## Save those Rotary Magazines!



Over the next few months, please save your monthly Rotary magazines. In the spring, we will collect the magazines from members and put them out into the community.

## New London Rotary to be recognized for purchase of Rings

The Rotary Club of New London is invited to attend a New London High School Basketball double header and be recognized for our purchase of the girls basketball championship rings last season.

**When:** Tuesday, January 30th

**Where:** New London High School Conway Gymnasium  
490 Jefferson Avenue  
New London, CT 06320

**Time:** Girls basketball game tip off at 5:15pm

All members are invited to attend and be on the court for the presentation from the New London Athletic Department. If you want to be included you need to be at the gym by **6:30**. Let's have a good showing to represent our club and support the girls and boys basketball teams.

If you have questions, reach out to **Val West** at [westv8804@gmail.com](mailto:westv8804@gmail.com) or 860-918-0521



## Mediterranean Wine & Dinner



**Friday, February 02, 2024 at 6:30 PM**  
**6 West Guthrie Place, New London, CT 06320**  
**\$80 per person**

Discover the rich flavors of the Mediterranean at our 5 Course Wine Dinner and Educational Wine Seminar. Indulge in exquisite dishes paired perfectly with carefully selected Mediterranean wines. Join us for an unforgettable culinary experience.

### Course 1

Mediterranean Nacho - Crisp pita chips, hummus, olive tapenade, feta cheese  
paired with Wines of Illyria Stone Cuvee

### Course 2

Strawberry Bruschetta - Prosciutto goat cheese, honey, crostini  
paired with Wines of Illyria Tamjanika

### Course 3

Caponata - Roasted eggplant with celery, onions, tomato over polenta  
paired with Wines of Illyria Plavac Mali

### Course 4

Rack of Lamb - Edamame cous cous, mint chimichurri  
paired with Wines of Illyria Blatina

### Course 5

Chocolate mousse - paired with Wines of Illyria Vranac

### For more information and reservations

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Muhammad Ali



# CLUB REPORT

## JANUARY 18, 2023

The following presentations were made on 1/18/2024 to club members for their dedication and generosity to Rotary.

**Alex Marku** - Major Donor Rotary Foundation (could not attend)

**Chris Neilan** - PHF + 4 pin (could not attend)

**Ed Cramer** - PHF +4 pin

**Jerry Fischer** - PHF + 3 pin

**Lee Cole Chu** - PHF + 2 pin

**Tracee Reiser** - Polio Plus Society

**Rick Gipstein** - Polio Plus Society (could not attend)

**Julia Kushigian-Secor** - Polio Plus Society



*Lee Cole-Chu accepts his Paul Harris Fellow +2*



*Jerry Fischer accepts his Paul Harris Fellow +3*



*Emma Bocciairelli receives a club flag for being our guest pianist.*



*Tracee Reiser accepts her Polio Plus Society award*



*Julia Kushigian-Secor accepts her Polio Plus Society award*



*Ed Cramer accepts his Paul Harris Fellow +4*



*Michael Barnett, ADG, offers words of encouragement.*

## Club Officers, 2023-2024

<b>President</b>	Valerie West
<b>President-Elect</b>	Mel Foti
<b>Vice President</b>	Mary Lenzini
<b>Secretary</b>	Andy Russell
<b>Treasurer</b>	Alan Lyon
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	John Bysko
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Brian Cole

## Board Of Directors

2024	John Bysko, Kate Lee, Mark Spinnato
2025	Lee Cole-Chu, Pam McNulty Hennessey, Todd Gipstein
2026	Andrew Gilday, Mirna Martinez, Tracee Reiser

## Club Committees

### Rotary Youth Service

Todd Gipstein, *Director*

<b>Student Of The Year</b>	Barry Neistat
<b>High School Awards</b>	Barry Neistat

### Rotary Membership

Mel Foti, *Director*

Fellowship/RAH	Reid Burdick
Classification	Andy Russell
Information	Kris Magnussen
Sunshine	Millie Devine
Diversity/Membership Dev.	Jerry Fischer

### Rotary Community Service

Gail MacDonald, *Director*

Camp Rotary	Tracee Reiser
Centennial Playground	Rick Gipstein
Holiday Book Drive	Anna Lathrop
Community Meal	Anna Lathrop
Service Person/ Veteran's Day Program	Mary Lenzini
Little Free Libraries	Julia Kushigian Secor
Yale Harvard Regatta	Lee Cole-Chu
Thanksgiving Turkey Fund	Pam McNulty-Hennessey

### Rotary International Service

Julia Kushigian Secor, *Director*

### Rotary Club Service

Lee Cole-Chu, *Director*

<b>Audit</b>	John Bysko
<b>Awards</b>	
Paul Harris	
Carl Wies	
Tom Wetmore	
Phil Turner	
<b>Nominating</b>	Ed Cramer
<b>Anchor</b>	Todd Gipstein
<b>Music</b>	Chris Neilan
<b>Program</b>	Mary Lenzini
<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	Mel Foti
Golf	Kate Lee, Alex Marku
Brewfest	Keith Turner, Victoria Mueller
By-Laws	Lee Cole-Chu
Picnic	Val West/Ted Rossi
Anchor Ad Sales	Mark Spinnato
Installation Committee	Victoria Mueller
Public Relations	Brian Cole
Website	Catherine Foley, Gail MacDonald
RI Foundation	Ed Cramer

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