



# CLUB NEWS

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

## RAH

Please mark your calendars and join your fellow Rotarians for a **RAH celebrating Chinese New Year**. Jerry Fischer, Mark and Juner Patnode, and President Val have taken the lead to make this event happen.

When: **Monday February 12th, 6:30pm**

Where: Golden Palace, 2173 Norwich-New London Turnpike (Route 32)  
Uncasville, CT 06382

Cost: \$25/person

RSVP and any questions to President Val — [westv8804@gmail.com](mailto:westv8804@gmail.com) no later than **February 8th** at our regular meeting.

A full dinner will be served. The event is limited to 25 people, so make your reservation with President Val ASAP. The event will be published in the Anchor for the next two weeks.

## Inter-Club Meeting

Area 12 will hold an inter-club meeting at noontime on **March 13th** at Flanders Fish House in Niantic. Guest speakers from Safe Futures will address the attendees. Additionally, an Unsung Hero will be named from each club. President Val will provide details and deadlines for nominating the New London Unsung Hero over the next several weeks.

## 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.

## THANK YOU

The Drop-In Learning Center would like to express our sincere appreciation for your generous donation of Celebration of Three Kings Day with books donated. Thoughtful contributions such as yours make it possible to continue our mission with our children here at The Drop-In Learning Center.

Reona Dyess  
Executive Director

## Rotary International Foundation

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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).

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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Mayor Passero**  
*State of the City*

### Weekly Meeting

**12:00 Noon**

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

**Feb 15** **Liz Binger**  
*Conflict Resolution*

**Feb 22** **Emmet Cosgrove**  
*Mediation*

**Feb 29** **Victoria Mueller**  
*Club Foundation*

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

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### GREETER

Feb 8 Mary Lenzini

### INVOCATION

Feb 8 Mary Lenzini

### SONG LEADER

Feb 8 Mary Lenzini

### BIRTHDAYS

Feb 13 Mark Michaud

### ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 12 Lee Howard & Libby Friedman

Rotary District 7980 ~ Area 12

People of Action



## Area 12 Inter-Club Luncheon / Social



*Area 12 ~ Assistant District Governor ~ Michael Barnett  
Cordially invites you to our joint Inter-club luncheon*

### Area 12 Clubs

Groton

Niantic

New London

Mystic

Waterford

Our Guest Speakers will be Kathy Verano, Marie Kenny, Ken Edwards ~

Safe Futures started in 1976 as the Women's Center of Southeastern CT for Information, referral, rape crisis hotline for women. It has become so much more to this community.

It will become "The Center for Safe Futures" implementing the family justice center model of operation.

Join us to hear their plans for the new center to be built on Route 85 in Waterford and how it will impact the people of Southeastern CT.



**Buffet Lunch will be \$15.00**

RSVP to your club President

Wednesday  
March 13, 2024  
At 12:15 pm  
Flanders Fish  
22 Chesterfield Rd  
East Lyme, CT  
Parking is limited ~  
carpool is encouraged

Questions?

Call Michael 860.463.7634 or

Deb Fountain 860.303.0968

**All members are encouraged  
to attend. Please try to sit  
with those from other clubs!**

# HENNY: A Legacy of Hope



**February 29, 2024 | 7:30 pm**  
**Garde Arts Center**  
325 State Street, New London, CT

**a new documentary film produced by Jerry Fischer and created by Jerry and Todd Gipstein premieres on the giant screen**

**Henny: A Legacy of Hope** - profiles local Holocaust Survivor Henny Simon and her journey later in life to share her story to combat Holocaust deniers and antisemitism. The evening will be a celebration of her life with performances from internationally acclaimed pianist Emanuel Ax and the Eastern CT Symphony Orchestra and Chorus with European concert pianist Eva Virsik. The concert and Premiere is centered around participants and victims of WWII. The ECSO was founded by Victor Norman, a Jew who fled Nazi Europe and became the organist at Congregation Beth El. ECSO Conductor Toshi Shimada's father was detained in two Japanese internment camps and lost all his land. Toshi's wife Eva Virsik lost 16 relatives in Auschwitz. And we will honor Ben Cooper, a 102 year old WW II veteran and liberator of Dachau who was Henny's companion and love during the last years of her life. They often spoke together in schools.

Purchase tickets at [www.gardearts.org](http://www.gardearts.org).

Our club will have a Rotary informational table at this event.  
If you would like to help with the set up or manning the table let Val know at [westv8804@gmail.com](mailto:westv8804@gmail.com)



## 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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