



# CLUB NEWS

MARCH 21, 2024

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Rich Lisatano, CEO  
LMH Update

### Book Drive

Book Drive to benefit  
8 Free Little Libraries in New London

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**  
**10am to 1pm**  
**Toby May Park**

Drive through book drop off available

We welcome books for all ages,  
baby-adult and encourage multilingual  
or Spanish language books!

### Volunteers Needed

Let President Val know if you can help  
at [westv8804@gmail.com](mailto:westv8804@gmail.com)

### 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.

### Waterford Rotary

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

### 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).

### Instagram

Thank you to new member Sophia  
Gipstein Scirico for creating and  
activating a brand new Instagram  
account. Please follow on your personal  
and business pages. Find the account at:

**RotaryClubofNewLondonCT**

Stay tuned for Instagram activity  
to promote our club and our service  
activities.

### Rotary International Foundation

Giving to the Rotary International  
Foundation is a great way to make a diff-  
erence 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 [myrotary.org/  
donate](https://myrotary.org/donate) or scan the QR code below.

If you have not yet registered, you will  
need to log in with password. Choose  
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like it to go  
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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.



**Weekly Meeting**  
**12:00 Noon**

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

**Apr 4 TOWN HALL**

**Apr 11 Doug Thompson**  
*Challenges of Establishing and meeting  
Carbon neutrality on a CT Campus*

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**  
Mar 21 Ed Cramer

**INVOCATION**  
Mar 21 Mary Lenzini

**SONG LEADER**  
Mar 21 Ed Cramer

**BIRTHDAYS**  
None

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Mar 25 Ted & Ruth Rossi

For more information about Club happenings, visit our Facebook page, [facebook.com/NLRotary](https://facebook.com/NLRotary)



**BREWFESt**  
at the Beach

**SEPTEMBER 13**  
**6:00pm – 9:00pm**  
**Ocean Beach**

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!**

 **SCAN ME**

## Happy Spring from President Val

It is going to be busy these next few months to close out the 2023-2024 Rotary year. Make note of these “Save the Dates” and stay tuned for further details on each event from President Val. Hope you can attend and/or volunteer most of these events.

- 4/6 Public Library of New London Gala** - a few seats are still available at the Rotary table
- 4/27 Book Drive @ Toby May Park** to benefit the Free Little Libraries - 10am to 1pm
- 5/2 Rotary Night at Lyman Allyn Museum** - 6pm to 8pm
- 5/15 Fundraiser Wine Dinner** at Lighthouse Inn to benefit Safe Futures - 6pm
- 5/16 Student of the Year Luncheon** at Ocean Beach - Noon
- 5/18 Rotary Day of Service** - time and activity TBD
- 6/3 Rotary Golf Tournament** at Great Neck
- 6/6 Yale Harvard Regatta Luncheon** at Coast Guard Academy Noon

## Rotary Around the World

### Canada

The Rotary Club of Olds, Alberta, is livening up its process for awarding grants to community groups. In November, representatives of about a dozen organizations pitched their proposals at a contest modeled on Dragons’ Den, a CBC television program (much like Shark Tank in the U.S.) in which venture capitalists judge entrepreneurs’ proposals for investment. The organizations were allotted five minutes to make their pitch, followed by five minutes of questioning by a panel of Rotarian “dragons,” or judges. Club President Randy Smith concedes that the awardees would have received their share of the roughly \$10,000 regardless of who won. But he says the spirited affair gave the groups, including Interactors and fire department cadets, an opportunity to hone their presentation skills and showcase their creativity.



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# 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**TO BENEFIT THE NEW LONDON COMMUNITY MEAL CENTER**

**Monday, June 3rd**  
**Great Neck Country Club**

**Registration: 10:30am – Noon    Lunch: 11:00 – 11:45    Shotgun: Noon**  
**Post-Golf: Dinner & Awards ~5pm    Live Auction / Drawings**

## **HELP OUR COMMUNITY – BE A SPONSOR!!**

### **GOLD SPONSOR: \$3500.00**

Benefits include 1 free foursome, a professionally placed full-page ad in the program booklet, prominent mentions in all advertising media, and 1 FREE tee sign.

### **BAR SPONSOR: \$750.00**

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### **LUNCH SPONSOR: \$750.00**

**ONLY 1 AVAILABLE**

### **SILVER SPONSOR: \$2500.00**

Benefits include 1 free foursome, a professionally placed half-page ad in the program booklet, prominent mentions in all advertising media, and 1 FREE tee sign.

### **DINNER SPONSOR: \$750.00**

**ONLY 1 AVAILABLE**

### **PRACTICE GREEN SPONSOR: \$750.00**

**ONLY 1 AVAILABLE**

### **BRONZE SPONSOR: \$1000.00**

Benefits include free golf for 2 players, a professionally placed quarter-page ad in the program booklet, prominent mentions in all advertising media, and 1 FREE tee sign.

Benefits for Bar, Lunch, Dinner, and Practice Green sponsors include large, professionally designed signage displayed prominently, a free listing in the program booklet, 1 free tee sign for each sponsor, and mentions in event advertising media.

### **CART SPONSOR: \$500.00- ONLY 1 AVAILABLE**

Benefits for the Cart Sponsor include professionally designed signs placed in each golf cart (approximately 50 carts), a free listing in the program booklet, and 1 free tee sign.

### **FRIEND OF ROTARY/CMC: \$250.00**

Benefits include a program book listing and 1 free tee sign.

### **TEE SPONSOR: \$110.00**

**PAYMENTS MADE TO:**

**NEW LONDON ROTARY FOUNDATION**

**BY MAIL: PO BOX 654 NEW LONDON, CT 06320**

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED AT THE EVENT**

**NEW LONDON ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Monday June 3, 2024**  
**Great Neck Country Club, Waterford**

**GOLFER REGISTRATION**

**1. Team Captain:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HDCP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Player:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HDCP** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email (required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Foursome cost is \$200 per person.**

**Make all checks payable to New London Rotary Foundation and mail with registration to:**  
**New London Rotary Foundation P.O. Box 654, New London, CT 06320**  
**Or email form to: [nlrotarygolf@gmail.com](mailto:nlrotarygolf@gmail.com)**

# INTER-CLUB MEETING

MARCH 13, 2024

By Todd Gipstein

New London Rotary joined several area clubs, including Groton, Niantic, Waterford and Mystic at a multi-club meeting at Flanders Fish Market in Niantic. It was a full house and wonderful opportunity to mingle with our fellow local Rotarians. Each club announced its "Un-sung Hero" award recipient. New London's was Gail MacDonald. After lunch we listened to a presentation by Safe Futures, who was to be the beneficiary of the event.

Safe Futures, established in 1976, serves much of Southeastern Connecticut. Its missions is to stop abuse, restore hope, and the save lives of those impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking.

Safe Futures strives to eliminate violence in our communities so that southeastern Connecticut becomes a place:

- Where violence and abuse are not tolerated;
- Where all victims and survivors are able to get the support and resources they need to create a new life for themselves; and
- Where all children and teens feel safe, and learn the skills to establish healthy friendships and dating relationships.

For the fiscal year 2022, Safe Futures served 10,000 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking in our area. It provided 114,986 total services with 29,812

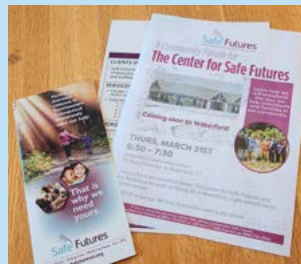
victim contacts and 10,657 calls. Their work included advocacy, criminal, civil, and law enforcement, counseling, support and safety planning.

In alliance with Camp HOPE America, Safe Futures offers a camping and group mentorship program for children in Southeastern, CT. who have been impacted by trauma. Its mission is to help these children find pathways to hope and healing.

Representative from Safe Futures shared plans for a new building, scheduled to be built this year. It will be conveniently located in Waterford, accessible by bus. It will be a centralized facility where victims come first and professionals come together. This single, safe location will provide victims faster, more comprehensive and integrated care. The 21,000 square foot building will house office and conference spaces for Safe Futures and more than 20 partners. It will house medical exam facilities, private interview rooms, reading and playrooms for children, training labs in computer learning, a virtual courtroom and court support services. It will also have facilities for helping with life skills, law enforcement and more.

We Rotarians are proud to support Safe Futures in its mission to help and provide hope in dealing with the tragic and sometimes deadly problems of abuse.

For more information please go to: [safefuturesct.org](https://safefuturesct.org)





## 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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