CLUB NEWS

Book Drive

THE ROTARY

Book Drive to benefit 9 Little Free 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 <u>westv8804@gmail.com</u>

DONATION REQUEST

pproximately a year and a half ago, New London Rotary partnered with the Waterford Rotary Club (and other local non-profits) to build a wheelchair accessible ramp for the Rapollari family's daughter Maria. Thanks to our efforts and the generosity of Alex Marku (and the staff of A Beautiful Company), this ramp was built for the family.

Please click on the link below to read the article about the request for Maria by her mom Kayla Mullen (daughter of Jeff Mullen, New London businessman and New London community supporter). **The Rotary Club BOD is considering supporting this request but we also want to make each of our members aware of the ability to donate individually.**

Whatever the amount, your support is sure to make a difference in the life of this lovely family.

https://www.mightycause.com/story/Bd1yif

MARCH 28, 2024

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.

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, <u>anna@</u> <u>gourmet-galley.com</u>. We begin at 4pm and are done by 6:15pm. Your help is always appreciated.

Walk To End Homelessness

The New London Rotary is sponsoring the **WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS** on **April 28**. Our club is sponsoring a team of 5 walkers. Please contact Mary Lenzini to join the team and represent our club. The festivities start April 28 at noon on the Parade Plaza with the walk beginning at 1 PM.

The 17th Annual Walk to End Homelessness is not just a fundraising event but a powerful reminder that the battle against homelessness is ongoing. With the emergency shelter operating at maximum capacity, our support plays a vital role in addressing the guests' financial challenges and helping them find a way home. The New London Homeless Hospitality Center (NLHCC) isn't just an emergency shelter—it addresses homelessness from every angle by connecting people with services and federal programs, promoting job readiness, running a housing resource center, and even providing some permanent housing.

The Weekly Newsletter of THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741 Charted April 11, 1917 PO Box 654, New London, CT 06320

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Robert Friend District Governor-Elect, 2024-2025

Weekly Meeting 12:00 Noon at THE THAMES CLUB 290 State Street, New London

TOWN HALL

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

For those unable to attend in person, please join us for our weekly Rotary meeting via Zoom. Go to <u>ZOOM.COM</u> and click "JOIN A MEETING" and enter the info below.

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GREETER

Apr 4

Mar 28 Gigi Gonzalez-Cottrell

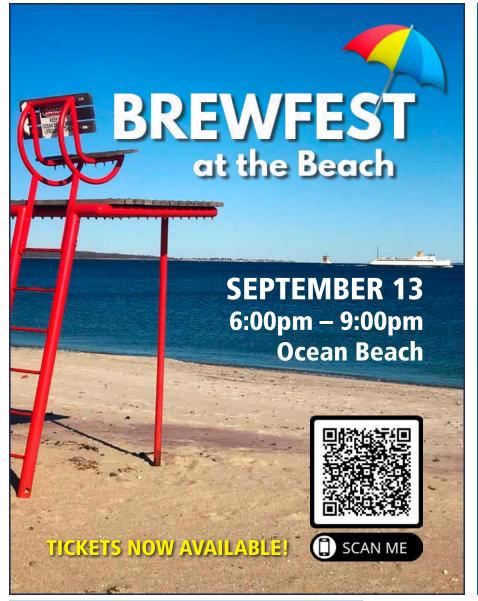
INVOCATION Mar 28 Gigi Gonzalez-Cottrell

SONG LEADER Mar 28 Brian Cole

BIRTHDAYS None

ANNIVERSARIES None

THE ROTARY ANCHOR



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 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 <u>myrotary.org/donate</u> 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.

Thank you for supporting the Rotary International Foundation.





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Join us for Rotary Night at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum

We invite the Rotary clubs in Southeastern CT and beyond to join us at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum for fellowship and fun! Spend the evening meeting with fellow Rotarians while also exploring the current exhibitions. On view will be:

- Beatrice Cuming: American
 Precisionist
- Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School Student Exhibition
- Louis Comfort Tiffany in New London
- American Perspectives

While you're here, get creative and stop by the First Thursday artmaking station! All attendees are welcome to make their own still life drawing.

<u>This event is family friendly!</u> We encourage your members to bring their partner, children, or friends!



Date: May 2, 2024 Time: 5 - 8 pm Location: Lyman Allyn Art Museum 625 Williams St. New London, CT Cost: Free for active Rotarians \$5 non-members

*Rotarians must give their club ID number at check in

Learn more about the Lyman Allyn at www.lymanallyn.org

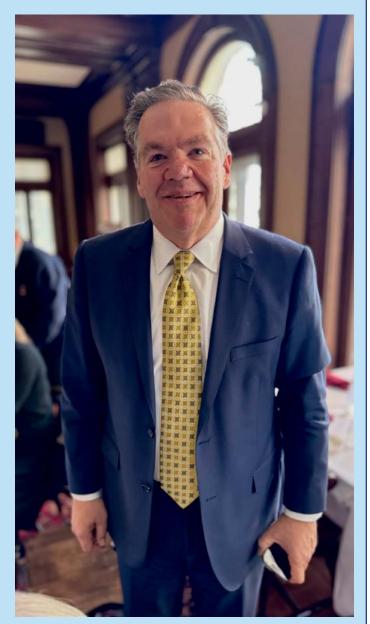


CLUB REPORT MARCH 21, 2024

By Julia Kushigian-Secor

ichard (Rich) Lisitano, President of Lawrence and Memorial Healthcare and Executive Vice President, Yale New Haven Health, spoke to the Club on March 21, 2024 about his family life, his career path and the contributions YNHH is making to the communities it serves. Rich is responsible for the Greater New London area with over 200.000 individuals. He was granted a degree in Pharmacy from UCONN and an MS from Ohio State. Mary pointed out that Rich is the first CEO of L&M to be a clinical pharmacist. He is a CT native, who lives in Guilford with his wife, whom he met while studying at UCONN and with whom he shares 3 sons. Rich is passionate about the work YNHH does including its vision to enhance the lives of people with high quality care, its mission to commit the system to innovation, teaching, research and service to the community, and its values to be patient-centered, respectful, compassionate and show integrity to between 16,000 and 17,000 patients annually in the hospitals and 370,000 outpatients in their ever-growing numbers of centers distributed around southeastern CT and Westerly. The points of pride Rich shared reflected many growth points: investment in Emergency care in New London, Heart & Vascular care, the Neurology & Spine program, Oncology cancer care in Waterford & Westerly, the Surgery program with the Yale School of Medicine to prepare traumacologists, Urology, Men's health, and robotic surgery.

Granted a tax benefit status, YNHH does community health needs assessments and then demonstrates how they advance careers in healthcare (interns, nurses), promote health and wellness (screening and health fairs) and build stronger communities through their own donations. The programs built as a result of their community needs assessments include Bilingual diabetes education programs, Breathe Well asthma education, Community, Health and Worker support, and patient navigation support. They count Fresh N.L. and the Homeless Hospitality Center as their community partners to help work around issues of social disparity. Their program "We ask because we care" gets at the root of medical problems by asking questions about race, ethnicity, and gender, for example, to understand how issues of housing, financial strain and food insecurity (18% in NL) impact health in different ways across the spectrum.



Rich closed with a reference to UNITE US, which matches patient needs with community resources by examining social determinants of health. Rich's chart reinforced the figures presented by Superintendent Ritchie to the NLRC earlier this year and reminded us of the importance of working across fields, professions and institutions to serve the New London community.



Club Officers, 2023-2024

President	Valerie West
President-Elect	Mel Foti
Vice President	Mary Lenzini
Secretary	Andy Russell
Treasurer	Alan Lyon
Sergeant-at-Arms	John Bysko
Immediate Past President	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, <i>Director</i>	
Student Of The YearBarry NHigh School AwardsBarry N		

Rotary Membership

Mei Foli, 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	l Pam Menulty-	
	Hennessey	

Rotary International Service Julia Kushigian Secor, Director

Rotary Club Service Lee Cole-Chu. Director

Lee Cole-Cilu, Director		
Audit	John Bysko	
Awards		
Paul Harris		
Carl Wies		
Tom Wetmore		
Phil Turner		
Nominating	Ed Cramer	
Anchor	Todd Gipstein	
Music	Chris Neilan	
Program	Mary Lenzini	
Fundraising Com	nittee 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 Comm	nittee Victoria Mueller	
Public Relations	Brian Cole	
Website Ca	atherine Foley, Gail MacDonald	
RI Foundation	Ed Cramer	

