



THE ROTARY ANCHOR

The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741
Chartered April 11, 1917

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CLUB NEWS

MARCH 28, 2024

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Robert Friend

*District Governor-Elect,
2024-2025*

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.us) and click "JOIN A MEETING" and enter the info below.

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GREETER

Mar 28 Gigi Gonzalez-Cottrell

INVOCATION

Mar 28 Gigi Gonzalez-Cottrell

SONG LEADER

Mar 28 Brian Cole

BIRTHDAYS

None

ANNIVERSARIES

None

Book Drive

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 westv8804@gmail.com

DONATION REQUEST

Approximately 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>

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, anna@gourmet-galley.com. 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.

For more information about Club happenings, visit our Facebook page, facebook.com/NLRotary

BREWFE**FEST** at the Beach

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

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

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 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 myrotary.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.

Thank you for supporting the Rotary International Foundation.



CALLING ALL CLUB & DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAMS

THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY: A LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONVENT



SAT., APRIL 20, 2024
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

HOTEL MARCEL BY HILTON
500 Sargent Drive, New Haven 06511
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Rotary

District 7980



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.

This event is family friendly! 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

Richard (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, *Director*

Student Of The Year	Barry Neistat
High School Awards	Barry Neistat

Rotary Membership

Mel Foti, *Director*

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

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

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