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The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741
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CLUB NEWS

APRIL 25, 2024

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Victoria Mueller
New London Rotary
Foundation

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

May 2 Kentucky Derby

May 9 Cheryl Molina
Start Fresh

May 16 Barry Neistat &
Chris Hammond
Student of the year

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
Apr 25 Mary Lenzini

INVOCATION
Apr 25 Mary Lenzini

SONG LEADER
Apr 25 Mary Lenzini

BIRTHDAYS
Apr 25 Alex Marku
Apr 25 Michael Stryker
Apr 29 Mark Patnode

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

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.

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>

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

Rotary Day of Service: Spring Cleanup at Homeless Shelter

This year's Rotary Day of Service will help the New London Homeless Hospitality Center spruce up and clean up for spring. Rotarians are asked to bring gardening gloves, rakes and other garden tools to the shelter, 325 Huntington St., at **10 a.m., Saturday, May 18**. Rotary volunteers, with the assistance of a master gardener connected to the shelter, will do some planting, raking and other light yard work. Rotary also will supply the shelter clients with a light breakfast of juice and muffins. Please plan to join us!

Community Meal Center



President Val is very happy to report that 27 tables and 108 brand new chairs were delivered to The Community Meal Center on Monday 4/22. This large purchase was made with the proceeds from the 2023 Rotary Golf Tournament. Thank you to Alex Marku and Kate Lee for leading the successful fundraising event.

Special thanks to Barry Neistat for his help in finding the products and overseeing the purchase and delivery.

Lastly, a big shout out to new Rotarian Gary Decker and his wife Lynn for answering the call for help on Sunday and collecting and disposing of the old table tops.

Our club should be proud that we can be so impactful to the Community Meal Center as they provide such a vital service to our community.

Stay tuned for a special open house event in the near future to celebrate the new furniture.

Upcoming Events for Rotary Club of New London

- 4/27 **Book Drive** @ Toby May Park to benefit the Little Free Libraries - 10am to 1pm
- 4/28 **Walk to End Homelessness** @ the Parade Plaza festivities at Noon, walk at 1pm
- 5/2 **Rotary Night at Lyman Allyn Museum** - 5pm to 8pm
- 5/15 **Fundraiser** - 5 course 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** - Light yard work and gardening at Homeless Hospitality locations 10am-1pm
- 6/3 **Rotary Golf Tournament** at Great Neck - Noon shotgun
- 6/6 **Yale Harvard Regatta Luncheon** at Coast Guard Academy - Noon

FORE!!

In golf, the term FORE usually means “watch out, you’re about to be hit with a golf ball!!”. Fore also means “attention” and the golf committee is asking for yours. WE NEED SPONSORS to make our tournament a success and help those in the community who benefit from the actions of Rotarians. Please consider:

- Becoming a sponsor—ANY LEVEL IS APPRECIATED
- Ask a business or colleague to be a sponsor
- Donate an item to the goodie bag

It takes a Rotary Golf Village to make this event a success so please do your part. For questions or to make a donation, contact Alex Marku or Kate Lee at nlrotarygolf@gmail.com. Thank you!!

“We relish news of our heroes, forgetting that we are extraordinary to somebody too.”

– Helen Hayes

TOWN HALL REPORT APRIL 18, 2024

By Julia Kushigian-Secor

Ed Cramer, Rotarian par excellence, presented to the Club on the Rotary International Foundation. He announced several opportunities for Rotarians to donate to the NLRC ongoing projects: One fun way is a wine dinner to be held at the Lighthouse Inn on May 16. Reservations may be made directly through the Lighthouse Inn and proceeds from the event will benefit Safe Futures, a community-based program we are supporting this year. Ed also commented that in true Rotarian tradition, when someone has a valid need for something, everyone steps up to help. Ed reports that almost all members have joined a team for giving, and that gives testimony to what the Club stands for today. Ed provided information about how to donate directly on the RI website (let Ed know if you choose that route) or make a check out to Rotary Foundation with the Club # 6741 on the memo line. If donating directly to RI, the membership, Club and District numbers should be included in order for the club to receive credit. Ed has all the information needed if you are missing some pieces. Finally, in answer to a question, Ed said it was possible to have monthly credit card donations to the Foundation deducted on the RI website.

Jerry Fischer gave a presentation with props (Seder plates and matzah) to instruct on the meaning of Passover and how it is celebrated worldwide. Jerry listed all of the important Jewish holidays and the foods associated with them Rosh Hashanah (apples and honey), Hanukkah (potato pancakes or jelly donuts cooked in oil), purim (hamantaschen or cookies with filling) and unleavened bread or matzah in Hebrew. The tradition begins with the biblical story of the Jews leaving Egypt quickly because of the plague who did not have time to let the bread rise before packing it to leave. It was baked in the desert without rising. The Passover Seder is the biblical last supper that Jesus celebrates with his disciples. The rituals are that there are 4 cups of wine and the Jews will be set free by drinking one glass with each statement. Jerry showed two examples of Seder plates (one a colorful plate glazed by one of his children, the

other a traditional brass plate) that list in Hebrew what ingredients are prepared: bitter herbs, hardboiled egg, nuts mixed with wine, etc. Jerry explained that the real agricultural and spiritual reason for Passover, the Feast of Freedom. The idea is to get rid of leavening agents by cleaning the house and storage areas of all leavening agents. Barley was harvested first and wheat 50 days after Passover. Jerry and his guest Scott explained the difference between Ashkenazi (European) and Sephardic (Middle Eastern) Jews. Answering a question about the celebration of Passover even in the worst moments of history for the Jews, Jerry answered that probably the best celebration of Passover was in Warsaw, Poland during the Holocaust because Passover is a celebration of freedom. Passover then is the most observed holiday for the religious, interfaith and secular communities because of its celebration of freedom.

District Assembly



International chair Julia Kushigian-Secor, President Val West, Vice President Mary Lenzi, Community Service Chair Gail MacDonald and President Elect Mel Foti joined the 130 Rotarians on 4/20/24 attending the Southern CT Rotary District Training Assembly at the Hotel Marcel in New Haven.

BREWFEST
at the Beach

SEPTEMBER 13
6:00pm – 9:00pm

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!



SCAN ME

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!



FIRST THURSDAY

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



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4TH 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.

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.

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.

BAR SPONSOR: \$750.00

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LUNCH SPONSOR: \$750.00

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DINNER SPONSOR: \$750.00

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PRACTICE GREEN SPONSOR: \$750.00

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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:

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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** _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Email (required):** _____

3. Player: _____ **HDCP** _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Email (required):** _____

4. Player: _____ **HDCP** _____

Address: _____

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



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	Ed Cramer
Anchor	Todd Gipstein
Music	Chris Neilan
Program	Mary Lenzini
Fundraising Committee	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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