



THE ROTARY

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The Weekly Newsletter of  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741

Chartered April 11, 1917

PO Box 654, New London, CT 06320

## CLUB NEWS NOVEMBER 21, 2024

### ***The Rotary Foundation transforms Rotarian gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.***

Under the leadership of Rotary Foundation Chair Ed Cramer, our club donated \$12,261 in the 2023-2024 Rotary year. We had 55 different donors and 20 were first time donors. The Rotary Club of New London was added to The Rotary District 7980 Sustainers Circle based on this year's results. These generous contributions to the Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs that improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

The following Rotary Club of New London members' names were randomly chosen from the created donation teams to receive 1000 points and be Paul Harris Fellows.

Congratulations to :

- Andy Russell
- Jerry Fischer
- Valerie West
- Mary Lenzini
- Sophia Gipstein Scirico
- Pam McNulty-Hennessey
- Keith Turner
- Leon Lehrer
- Gary Decker
- Siri Belgum
- Eric Garafolo

Submitted by,

Valerie West  
Immediate Past President

### Shawl Raffle Update



\$500 was raised for the club with the raffle of the Tibetan shawls.

Thank you again to Mark and Juner Patnode for thinking of the club and providing the beautiful shawls to raise funds.

### 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](https://myrotary.org/donate) or scan the QR code below.



### 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.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Ulysses Hammond  
State Pier

Weekly Meeting  
12:00 Noon

at THE LIGHTHOUSE INN  
6 West Guthrie Place, New London

Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving  
*No Program*

Dec 5 German Consul

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  
Nov 21 Mary Lenzini

INVOCATION  
Nov 14 Valerie West

SONG LEADER  
Nov 14 Mary Lenzini

BIRTHDAYS  
None

ANNIVERSARIES  
Nov 25 Julia Kushigian-Secor & Charlie Secor  
Nov 27 Barry Neistat & Susan Devlin

**Club Officers, 2024-2025**

President	Carmelo Foti
President-Elect	Mary Lenzini
Vice President	Mark Spinnato
Secretary	Andy Russell
Treasurer	Alan Lyon
Sergeant-at-Arms	John Estelle
Immediate Past President	Valerie West

**Board Of Directors**

2025	Lee Cole-Chu, Pam McNulty Hennessey, Todd Gipstein
2026	Andrew Gilday, Mirna Martinez, Mark Spinnato
2027	Gigi Gonzalez-Cottrell, Gail MacDonald, Kristin Magnussen

**Club Committees**

<b>Rotary Youth Service</b>	
Todd Gipstein, <i>Director</i>	
Student Of The Year	Christine Hammond/ Barry Neistat
High School Awards	Barry Neistat
<b>Rotary Membership</b>	
Mary Lenzini, <i>Director</i>	
Fellowship/RAH	Val West
Classification	Andy Russell
Information	Kris Magnussen
Sunshine	Brian Cole
Diversity/Membership Dev.	Jerry Fischer
<b>Rotary Community Service</b>	
Gail MacDonald, <i>Director</i>	
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
<b>Rotary International Service</b>	
Julia Kushigian Secor, <i>Director</i>	
Peace Building	Val West
<b>Rotary Club Service</b>	
Lee Cole-Chu, <i>Director</i>	
Audit	
Awards	
Paul Harris	Val West
Carl Wies	Anna Lathrop
Tom Wetmore	Julia Kushigian Secor
Phil Turner	Mary Lenzini
Nominating	Ed Cramer
Anchor	Gail MacDonald/Todd Gipstein
Music	Chris Neilan
Program	Mark Spinnato
Fundraising Committee	Mary Lenzini
Golf	Kate Lee/Alex Marku
Brewfest	Keith Turner/Victoria Mueller
By-Laws	Lee Cole-Chu
Picnic	Val West/Ted Rossi
Anchor Ad Sales	
Installation Committee	Victoria Mueller
Public Relations	Gail MacDonald/ Sophia Gipstein Scirrico
Website	Gail MacDonald/ Sophia Gipstein Scirrico
RI Foundation	Ed Cramer

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