

CLUB NEWS DECEMBER 5, 2024

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dr. Sonja Kreibich

*Consul General of Germany
 to the New England States*

**Weekly Meeting
 12:00 Noon**

at THE LIGHTHOUSE INN
 6 West Guthrie Place, New London

Dec 12 Club Annual Meeting

**Dec 19 Gemma Moran
 Food Bank**

Dec 26 No Meeting

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GREETER
 Dec 5 Gary Decker

INVOCATION
 Dec 5 Gary Decker

SONG LEADER
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BIRTHDAYS
 Dec 3 Lee Cole-Chu

ANNIVERSARIES
 None

New London Rotary hosts the Military Affairs Council's Service Person of the Month ceremony



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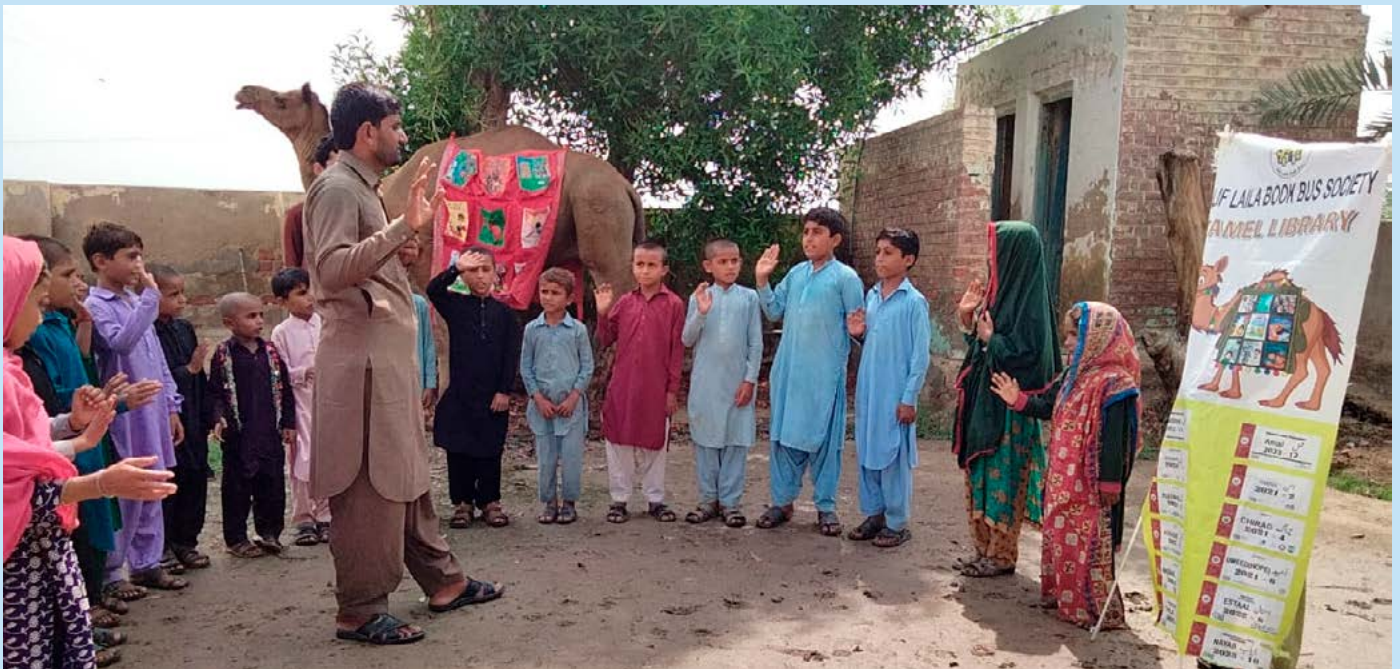
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*"Carry out a random act of kindness,
 with no expectation of reward,
 safe in the knowledge that one day someone
 might do the same for you"*
 — Princess Diana
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Ulysses Hammond receives Environmental Legacy Award from CT Conservation Voters



"Our Librarian is a Camel" Update



From Julia Kushigian Secor:

Hi all, News and photos from "Our Librarian is a Camel" project in Pakistan! They update the story Brian published last year on My Rotary Adventures.

I am going to email Basarat with the good news that recently our Club under the advice of the International Service Committee authorized \$1200 more this year for the project.

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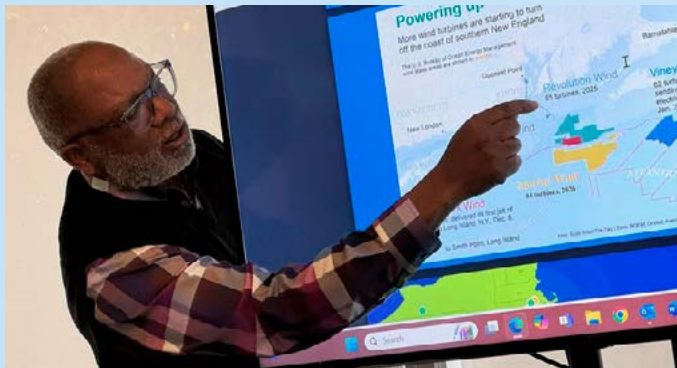
Reported by Todd Gipstein

Ulysses Hammond - The State Pier

Former club member and former Executive Director of Ct. Port Authority **Ulysses Hammond** reported on the status and potential for the State Pier. Ulysses came out of retirement to help manage the pier's fill-in and adaptation as a heavy load facility for the ongoing offshore wind farm projects. These projects are introducing a new industry to New England.

The CPA is quasi-public so it can partner with private industry. For New London, they partnered with Orsted & EverSource. The offshore wind projects were funded by 100 million from partners and 200 million from the state

Ulysses decided to take on the role of interim executive director out of concerns about the environment. About the health of the planet we are leaving to our kids, grand-kids and beyond. He wanted to be able to say he did his best for future generations. Another motivation was the revitalization of New London and the jobs the offshore wind project would create. The project is about economic development.



With the work of filing in the pier and outfitting it complete, it offers 3 times more load capacity than in the past and more than most places. It has 2 berths. One for bringing components in and one for taking them out. Those 2 berths accommodate very heavy loads and are unique in the country. They are needed because the components of the turbines are massive and very very heavy. The towers alone, once fully stacked, are 355 feet high. Each weighs 800 metric tons. The 3 turbine blades are 106 yards long. The enormous generator units — the nacelles — weigh 520 metric tons each.

At this point, barges take components for a single turbine unit out to the site one full unit at a time. In 2026, when the new, enormous Charybdis ship will begin service in New London, it will be able to both transport 4 turbines out at a time and work on assembling them. That will result in a quicker turnaround at the pier. It will be, as Ulysses said, "a game-changer."



Ulysses explained that there are 3 wind farms in the project. Southport, the first farm, is 35 east of Montauk Point, L.I. It is complete with 12 turbines. It will provide power to 70,000 homes on L.I. The second farm, being worked on now, is Revolution wind. It will have 65 turbines providing power to Ct. and R.I. The 3rd farm is Sunrise with 84 turbines powering 600,000 homes in NY. Altogether, over 1 million homes and businesses will get power from all 3. The energy generated by offshore wind goes into the energy grid.

Ulysses pointed out that these projects involve industries — some new — spread across the U.S. These industries include manufacturing the components, vessel construction, installation, substations and more. He told us that special helicopters had to be designed to drop workers on top of the nacelle unit. It takes hundreds of workers on land and sea to get the turbines staged, transported and installed. It also involves federal agencies, like Homeland Security, the military and local municipalities. It takes about 2.5 weeks to install and test each turbine. The huge structures are attached to a massive foundation that itself rests on a monopile that may go 100-200 feet into the seafloor.

Ulysses side-stepped any political talk, but did note that should wind power experience a lull due to federal personnel and priorities, Gateway Terminal will market New London's unique heavy load capable pier with its 2 berths to industries around the world. The wind projects created the opportunity to get funding and rebuild the pier and dramatically expand its capabilities, and not just for wind power.

Major energy companies are invested in wind power, and Ulysses sees a future where wind, solar and nuclear are integral providers of the country's power needs.

To find out what is happening and New London's role in it, Ulysses told us to Google "Offshore Wind" where we will find a link to a newsletter.

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Audit	
Awards	
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