



THE ROTARY ANCHOR



The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741

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PO Box 654, New London, CT 06320

CLUB NEWS DECEMBER 19, 2024

Members Elected to Rotary Board

At the New London Rotary Club's annual meeting Dec. 12, numerous members were elected to a three-year term on the club's board of directors.

They are: Siri Belgum, Gary Decker, Mary Lenzini, Alan Lyon, Gail MacDonald, Mark Spinnato and Valerie West. Nominating Committee Chairman Ed Cramer brought the names forward and they were unanimously approved by club members.

Epic Day of Service Scheduled

New London Rotary club President Carmelo Foti announced the 2025 Epic Day of Service is scheduled for Saturday, May 17. Foti asked members to consider possible service projects for the day. In 2024, club members weeded, mulched and planted gardens at the Homeless Hospitality Center. The 2023 service project provided Boys and Girls Club participants with first aid kits through the New London Salvation Army.

Rotary Aids Community Meal Center

Some \$5,000 recently was provided to the New London Community Meal Center by the New London Rotary Club. The money, part of the proceeds from the club's annual Brewfest at the Beach, allowed the meal center to upgrade its electrical and plumbing systems so a new dishwashing machine could be installed at the Montauk Avenue center.

The meal center provides nearly 70,000 free meals annually to those in need. Both lunch and dinner are served on weekdays and many weekend meals also are provided.

New London Rotary provides ongoing support to the meal center, both through monetary donations and by members volunteering to prepare, serve and clean up from the evening meal every second Thursday of the month.



In addition to our annual group Caroling and Chanukah songs, we will have a special guest soloist, a remarkable young man, Gabriel Frommer with a remarkable voice. He will entertain us, and join us in our group singing. Please be sure to attend this very special Thursday meeting, and bring along friends if you want to. The more voices, the merrier!

Gabriel Frommer is currently a first year vocal performance major at the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University. He studied voice with Natalia Syed in East Lyme, CT for ten years and also was a member of Con Brio Choral Society and the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus during his high school years. This past year, he joined the Con Brio Choral Society European Tour in Italy and France and also performed in the Opera Lucca and La Musica Lirica summer opera programs.

Holiday Book Drive

We are collecting donations for our annual holiday book drive. This year we will be sending 80 books to the BP Learned Mission. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Annie Stockton, VP

Gemma E. Moran United Way/
Labor Food Center

Weekly Meeting
12:00 Noon

at THE LIGHTHOUSE INN
6 West Guthrie Place, New London

Dec 26 No Meeting

Jan 2 No Meeting

Jan 9 TBD

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

Dec 19 Brian Cole

INVOCATION

Dec 19 Brian Cole

SONG LEADER

Dec 19 Jerry Fischer

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 19 Ed Stoltz

Dec 26 Pamela Akins

Dec 30 Andrew Gilday

ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 28 Ivan & Andrea Sadler

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, Tracee Reiser
2027	Gigi Gonzalez-Cottrell, Gail MacDonald, Kristin Magnussen

Club Committees

Rotary Youth Service	
Todd Gipstein, <i>Director</i>	
Student Of The Year	Christine Hammond/ Barry Neistat
High School Awards	Barry Neistat
Rotary Membership	
Mary Lenzini, <i>Director</i>	
Fellowship/RAH	Val West
Classification	Andy Russell
Information	Kris Magnussen
Sunshine	Brian Cole
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	Pam McNulty-Hennessey

Rotary International Service
Julia Kushigian Secor, *Director*

Peace Building	Val West
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Rotary Club Service
Lee Cole-Chu, *Director*

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
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RI Foundation	Ed Cramer

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