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The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

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CLUB NEWS JANUARY 23, 2025

El Club Rotario de New London, CT

Beneficiando a la comunidad y al mundo a través de la acción, la integridad, el servicio y la fraternidad.

El Club Rotario de New London es la organización de servicio más antigua, activa y conocida de la comunidad. Somos una organización de servicio y liderazgo que trabaja para marcar la diferencia. Nuestros miembros incluyen líderes locales de negocios, organizaciones sin fines de lucro, profesionales, educadores y cívicos. Formamos amistades duraderas a través de nuestras experiencias compartidas en Rotary, que incluyen reuniones semanales con ponentes interesantes, reuniones y proyectos de comités, eventos sociales y proyectos de servicio grupales dentro de nuestra comunidad e internacionales.

Diversidad e Inclusión

Tener un Club Rotario diverso e inclusivo significa que valoramos y damos la bienvenida a individuos de todas las edades, culturas, etnias y razas a nuestro Club. Invitamos a personas jóvenes, mujeres y minorías que apoyen los valores, ideales y misión de Rotary a unirse a nuestros miembros en el servicio a nuestra comunidad, y nos esforzamos por ofrecer a todos los miembros oportunidades iguales para servir como líderes dentro de nuestro Club.

Quedan invitados a juntarse con nosotros los jueves, 12:15 a 1:30, en el Lighthouse Inn, NL.

As a global organization, Rotarians speak many languages. From time-to-time, we will post announcements in the Anchor, website, and social media in English, Spanish, and other languages as a means of communication and recruitment for those who may want to learn more about Rotary.

The Rotary Club of New London

Benefiting the community and our world through action, integrity, service, and fellowship.

The Rotary Club of New London is the oldest, most active and well-known service organization in the community. We are a leadership organization working together to make a difference. Our members include local business, nonprofit, professional and civic leaders. We form lasting friendships through our shared Rotary experiences including weekly meetings with interesting speakers, committee meetings and projects, social events and group service projects within our community and internationally.

Diversity & Inclusion

Having a diverse and inclusive Rotary Club means we value and welcome individuals of all ages, cultures, ethnicities, and races to our Club. We invite younger people, women, and minorities who support Rotary's values, ideals, and mission to join our members in service to our community, and we strive to give all members equal opportunities to serve as leaders within our Club.

You are invited to join us on Thursdays, 12:15 to 1:30, at the Lighthouse Inn, NL.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Gary Decker

Club Bio

Weekly Meeting
12:00 Noon

at THE LIGHTHOUSE INN
6 West Guthrie Place, New London

Jan 30 **No Program**
Reminder: Chinese New Year Evening Dinner

Feb 6 **Patrick Flaherty & Kathleen Cosgrove**
Department of Labor

Feb 13 **New London Trees**

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

Jan 23 Tracee Reiser

INVOCATION

Jan 23 Tracee Reiser

SONG LEADER

Jan 23 Tracee Reiser

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 29 Mildred E. Devine

ANNIVERSARIES

None

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Upcoming Events for Rotary Club of New London

1/30 Chinese New Year Dinner

“*Breaking Bread and Building Bridges*” with the Ledyard Rotary Club Oriental Bar + Grill, 867 Norwich-New London Turnpike Uncasville, CT 6:30 pm Cost is \$25.00 payable to the restaurant that evening. Thank you to Mark and Juner Patnode for organizing the upcoming peace committee event for the Rotary Club of New London and the Ledyard Rotary Club. Juner will be ordering a sampling of food for everyone in advance and discussing it as it relates to Chinese Culture. RSVP by 1/22 to Valerie at westv8804@gmail.com

2/26 Haitian Dinner + Cultural Awareness event

to benefit the Haitian Health Foundation
Favorites Bistro Bar, 171 Bank Street New London, CT

3/4 Germany, US & CT: Partners for Peace Luncheon

with guest speaker Dr. Kreibich
The Lighthouse Inn, 6 Guthrie Place, New London, CT @ Noon

4/25 Peace in Nature Event on Arbor Day

5/3 Opus for Peace at the Hygenic, a Juried art show opening event

Hygenic Art, 79 Bank Street, New London, CT 6pm to 9pm

5/17 New London Rotary Club Epic Day of Service

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.

Little Free Libraries

The Little Free Library project is a daily club initiative to locate books, secure, label and distribute them throughout the city. Please bring books to our meetings or let one of our stewards (Gail, Christine, Mel, Ray or Julia) know if you need someone to pick them up. Good sources of material are family, libraries, schools, friends, neighbors, places of worship and workplaces. Contact Julia Kushigian-Secor with questions jakus@conncoll.edu.

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.



Rotary Assembly, Meeting, Training, Conference, Convention Dates & Links

(Register on dacdb for many events):

March 4, 2025: 12:00-1:30 p.m., New London Rotary Club Peace Event, Lighthouse Inn

Follow this link to purchase your ticket (\$23.18 total), which includes a delicious buffet lunch! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-event-germany-us-ct-partners-for-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=>

May 30, 31 June 1: Magical Mystery Tour Rotary District Conference Southbridge, MA

<https://www.dacdb.com/Calendar/Event.cfm?EventID=77792474&CalClubID=6741&R=0.20222391992683875>

June 21-25 2025: Rotary International Convention, Calgary

<https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>

Peace Calendar: <https://opus-for-peace-community.rotary7980.org/events>

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In January the Rotary Club of New London participated in the Public Library of New London “Adopt a Book” fundraiser. 50 books were adopted by the club that fit with the Rotary’s theme - Opus for Peace.

Rotary Projects Around the Globe

Canada

Since 2020 the Rotary Club of Toronto has supported the Toronto Wildlife Centre, which rehabilitates 300 species of sick and injured animals. The club has donated more than \$18,000 to construct enclosures for bats, mourning doves, woodpeckers, water birds, squirrels, and groundhogs. Hammers and drills in hand, club members Kurt Kroesen, Stuart Muirhead, and Michele Guy joined other volunteers and employees in October to assemble a structure for red squirrels. Nathalie Karvonen, the organization’s founder and executive director, lauds the Rotarians for their devotion. “Their generosity is giving hundreds of wild patients each year a safe space in which to prepare for a healthy life back in the wild,” she says.



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Club Officers, 2024-2025

President	Carmelo Foti
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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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