

CLUB NEWS

MAY 9, 2024

ZOOM

Mel Foti is hosting this week's Zoom meeting. The updated login info is below:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82081940023? pwd=YTXqZUG4lxUd8YH2dY2mKPwQy 4g5wV.1

> Meeting ID: 820 8194 0023 Passcode: 850028

> The regular Zoom login will resume next week.

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!

DONATION REQUEST

George Fisher, owner of Fisher Florist, has been a member of our club for many years. Over the last few years, his business and personal duties have prevented him from attending our meetings. However, we frequently are provided FREE flowers for our weekly meetings and other events.

Recently, George's wife (Lynda) suffered a fall which required surgery and physical therapy. She is now back home but so are the medical bills. A GoFundMe page has been set up, https://www.gofundme.com/f/ little-help-for-lynda?qid=15fdbe4520ecc

432f8d6a96694f74702, to which you may donate. We are also discussing ways to allow our members to donate to Lynda and George through Rotary.

Thank you for any assistance you may provide to the Fishers.

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.

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
- 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 <u>nlrotarygolf@gmail.com</u>. Thank you!!

TODAY'S **PROGRAM**

Cheryl Molina Start Fresh

Weekly Meeting 12:00 Noon at THE THAMES CLUB

290 State Street, New London

May 16 Barry Neistat & Chris Hammond

Student of the Year @ The Pilot House, Ocean Beach

For those unable to attend in person, please join us for our weekly Rotary meeting via Zoom. Go to **ZOOM.COM** and click "JOIN A MEETING" and enter the info below.

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GREETER

May 9 Ed Cramer

INVOCATION

May 9 Mel Foti

SONG LEADER

May 9 Ed Stoltz

BIRTHDAYS

May 12 Joshua Gray

May 12 Linda Mariani

May 14 Rick Gipstein

ANNIVERSARIES

May 15 Tracee Reiser & Robert Hayford



CLUB REPORT MAY 2, 2024

By Todd Gipstein

The excitement was palpable as the horses were called to the gate for the first annual running of the New London Rotary Derby. With the Kentucky Derby scheduled just a few days later, Mary Lenzini thought our club deserved its own race event. Club members at the lunch at the Thames Club all had fine horses entered in the race. Though very small, plastic, and immobile, the horses nonetheless promised excitement as they ran for the roses. A roll of the dice determined how far the thoroughbreds would run. The track was soon cluttered with the little guys as the race unfolded. In the end, Brian Cole won with a score of 30, Gary Decker came in second with 29 (his other horse finished

last with an almost unachievable score of 7- with 6 dice!), and Andy Russell took third. All in all, it was a pulse-quickening spectacle.

The same night, New London hosted other area clubs at the Lyman Allyn Art museum's monthly "First Thursday" event. Rotarians could mingle, view the exhibits on display, and work on a project in the art studio.

Thursday showed the variety of events Rotarians can participate in, from our usual service and fund-raising to entertaining social events that foster camaraderie.































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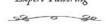






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