



THE ROTARY

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The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

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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=YTXqZUG4lxUd8YH2dY2mKPwQy4g5wV1>

Meeting ID: 820 8194 0023

Passcode: 850028

The regular Zoom login will resume next week.

[432f8d6a96694f74702](https://www.gofundme.com/f/little-help-for-lynda?qid=15fdbe4520ecc), 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 sponsor
- 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 nlrotarygolf@gmail.com. Thank you!!

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>

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](https://www.zoom.com) and click "JOIN A MEETING" and enter the info below.

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PW=850028

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

For more information about Club happenings, visit our Facebook page, [facebook.com/NLRotary](https://www.facebook.com/NLRotary)

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-quickenning 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.





BREW FEST
at the Beach

SEPTEMBER 13
6:00pm – 9:00pm
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

SCAN ME



Club Officers, 2023-2024

President	Valerie West
President-Elect	Mel Foti
Vice President	Mary Lenzini
Secretary	Andy Russell
Treasurer	Alan Lyon
Sergeant-at-Arms	John Bysko
Immediate Past President	Brian Cole

Board of Directors

2024	John Bysko, Kate Lee, Mark Spinnato
2025	Lee Cole-Chu, Pam McNulty Hennessey, Todd Gipstein
2026	Andrew Gilday, Mirna Martinez, Tracee Reiser

Club Committees

Rotary Youth Service

Todd Gipstein, *Director*

Student Of The Year	Barry Neistat
High School Awards	Barry Neistat

Rotary Membership

Mel Foti, *Director*

Fellowship/RAH Classification	Reid Burdick
Information	Andy Russell
Sunshine	Kris Magnussen
Diversity/Membership Dev.	Millie Devine
	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*

Rotary Club Service

Lee Cole-Chu, *Director*

Audit Awards	John Bysko
Paul Harris	
Carl Wies	
Tom Wetmore	
Phil Turner	
Nominating Anchor	Ed Cramer
Music Program	Todd Gipstein
Fundraising Committee	Chris Neilan
Golf	Mary Lenzini
Brewfest	Mel Foti
By-Laws	Kate Lee, Alex Marku
Picnic	Keith Turner, Victoria Mueller
Anchor Ad Sales	Lee Cole-Chu
Installation Committee	Val West/Ted Rossi
Public Relations	Mark Spinnato
Website	Victoria Mueller
RI Foundation	Brian Cole
	Catherine Foley, Gail MacDonald
	Ed Cramer

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