



THE ROTARY ANCHOR

The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

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CLUB NEWS

MAY 30, 2024

Summer Picnic

Put **August 15th** in your calendar and save the date for this summer's picnic at Ted and Ruth Rossi's home in Eastern Point Beach, Groton, CT.

The location has wonderful views and they have upgraded the outdoor space with a new patio and deck out over the water.

Ted is always looking to entice us and this year's menu will feature his chef's delicious chowder, antipasta, gourmet burgers and mixed grill. The Old World Pizza truck out of New Haven will also be on site.

In case of rain the event will be rescheduled to August 22nd.

RSVP's are needed for this event so let President Val know of your attendance and any guests. westv8804@gmail.com 860-918-0521

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.

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=15fdbbe4520ecc432f8d6a96694f74702>, 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.

Reverend Clark



Our very own New London Rotarian Florence Clarke will be at the historic Pequot Chapel, a non-sectarian chapel on Sunday June 16th, at 11:00am.

Come see the beauty of the chapel and hear Reverend Clarke - she is always inspirational!

Pequot Chapel
857 Montauk Avenue
New London, CT 06320

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Anna Lathrop
Club Bio

Weekly Meeting
12:00 Noon
at THE THAMES CLUB
290 State Street, New London

June 3 Yale-Harvard Regatta
*@ CG Consolidated Club
Lee Cole-Chu*

June 13 Natanel Vaninger
Hila Ziva
Young Israeli Emissaries

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 30 Victoria Mueller

INVOCATION
May 30 Victoria Mueller

SONG LEADER
May 30 Victoria Mueller

BIRTHDAYS
Jun 3 Todd Gipstein

ANNIVERSARIES
Jun 5 Tom & Anne Hogsten


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Upcoming Events for Rotary Club of New London

- 6/3 **Rotary Golf Tournament** at Great Neck - Noon shotgun
- 6/6 **Yale Harvard Regatta Luncheon** at Coast Guard Academy - Noon
- 6/27 **Installation** at Lyman Allyn
- 8/15 **Summer Picnic** at Ted and Ruth Rossi's home in Eastern Point Beach, Groton, CT

Rotary International Foundation

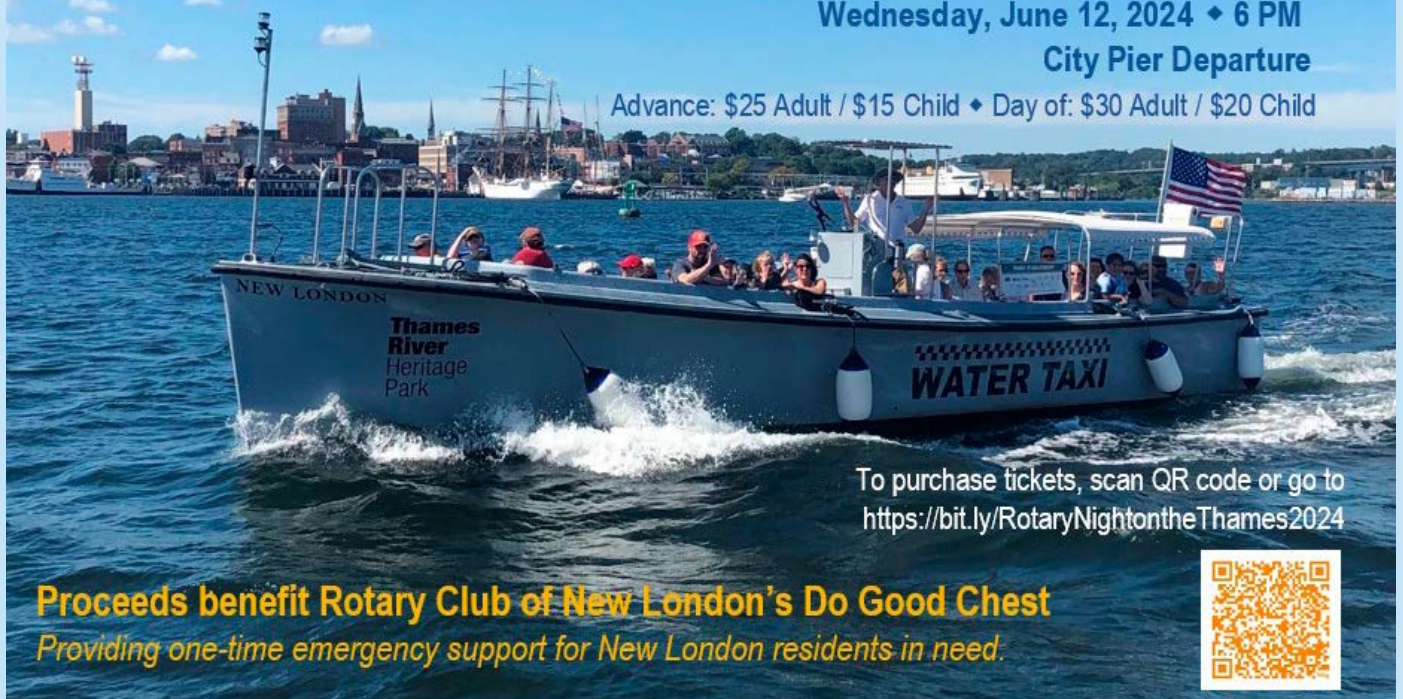
Giving to the Rotary International Foundation is a great way to make a difference in the lives of millions. Programs in the United States and around the world benefit from your generosity. It's easy to give through automatic withdrawals and there is no minimum—every donation matters! To donate to Rotary International, please go to myrotary.org/donate or scan the QR code below.



Rotary Night on the Thames


Wednesday, June 12, 2024 ♦ 6 PM
City Pier Departure

Advance: \$25 Adult / \$15 Child ♦ Day of: \$30 Adult / \$20 Child



To purchase tickets, scan QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/RotaryNightontheThames2024>

Proceeds benefit Rotary Club of New London's Do Good Chest
Providing one-time emergency support for New London residents in need.



BREWFFEST

at the Beach

SEPTEMBER 13
6:00pm – 9:00pm

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!



CLUB REPORT MAY 23, 2024

By Gail MacDonald

There's no typical day at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London Rotarian Sophia Gipstein Scirico, who is learning and engagement coordinator for the museum, told New London club members at their regular luncheon meeting May 23.

Any given day might find her working on the museum's social media accounts, helping with event planning, participating in a gallery talk, helping with a visiting school group or any number of other duties. Because the museum has a relatively small staff, Gipstein Scirico said each staff member has opportunities to work on a wide variety of tasks.

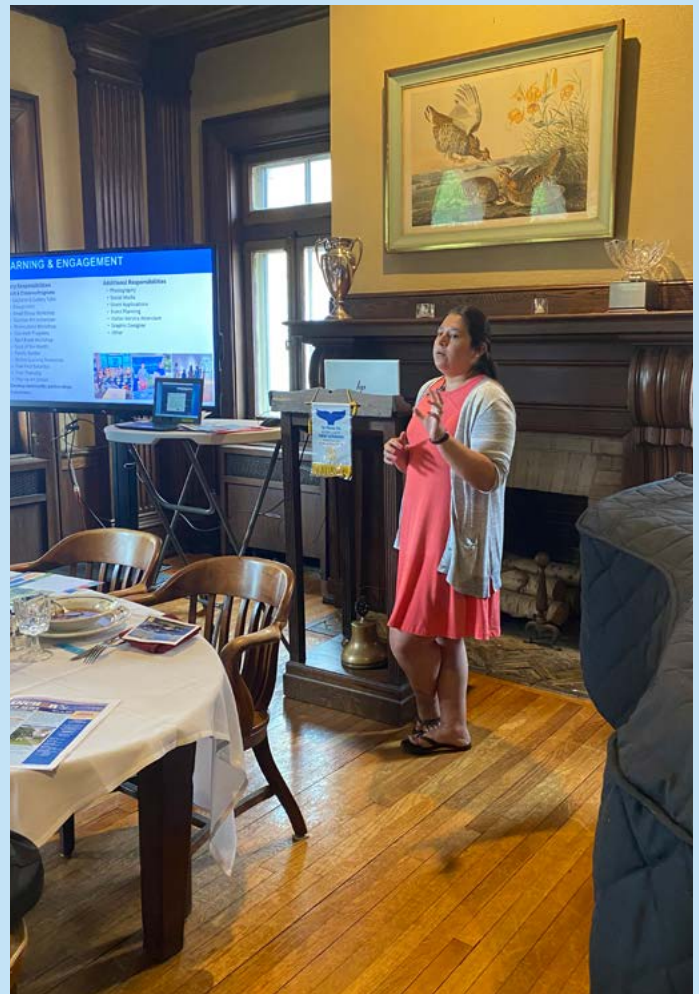
When the Lyman Allyn Art Museum opened in 1932 near the south end of the Connecticut College campus, the museum had just 13 objects. Today, however, there are more than 17,000 objects in its collection and it hosts a variety of temporary exhibitions along with three permanent exhibits: one focused on American art, one on Louis Comfort Tiffany's influence in New London and one featuring historic toys and playthings.

"Things are always changing," she said of the museum.

In the 2022-2023 year, the museum served 3,200 children and 3,400 adults. In the 2023-2024 year, the museum has so far served 3,800 children and 2,600 adults. Included in these numbers were eleven organizations that visited the museum for the first time.

Gipstein Scirico said the museum covers the full cost of buses used to transport children from the New London Public Schools to the museum and half the cost of buses from other schools in New London County. In addition, 10 scholarships are earmarked to allow New London residents to attend one week of summer art immersion at the museum. That money is made available through New London Community Block Grants, she said.

To make the museum more enjoyable for all to navigate, it has developed some guides in languages other than English and also has compiled bags full of sensory items aimed at assisting children on the autism spectrum.



"We're trying to eliminate as many barriers as possible," she said.

One major change being planned at the museum is converting its expanse of lawn into a 12-acre urban park complete with sculptures. The park, for which the museum is currently fundraising, will also feature themed gardens, an open-air amphitheater and an ecologically active pond. Development of the park will help complete the vision of Harriet Upson Allyn, who provided the money to establish the museum in honor of her father Lyman Allyn. Lyman Allyn was a whaling captain during the 19th century, the heyday of that industry in New London. He also was a director of a banking company, a railroad and an insurance company.



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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

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Mel Foti, *Director*

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	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*

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Tom Wetmore	
Phil Turner	
Nominating Anchor	Ed Cramer
Music Program	Todd Gipstein
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By-Laws	Kate Lee, Alex Marku
Picnic	Keith Turner, Victoria Mueller
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