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The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

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CLUB NEWS

JULY 11, 2024

Upcoming Events for Rotary Club of New London

8/22 **Summer Picnic** at Ted and Ruth Rossi's home in Eastern Point Beach, Groton, CT

Summer Picnic Update

Due to Ted Rossi's work schedule, the new Summer Picnic date is now **August 22nd**. Mark 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.

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.

Invite a Friend to Rotary

We have all experienced the positive effect Rotary can have on individuals, our community, and the world. Why not share that with a friend? Invite someone you know to a Rotary meeting—it just might change their lives (and yours) for the better!

To Area 12 Rotary Club

Effective July 1, 2024 The Waterford Rotary Club will be sharing resources and combining efforts with the Niantic Rotary Club. We will be meeting weekly at the Flanders Fish Location with the Niantic Club on Wednesdays.

We will still be our own identity, with our own name, funds, and budget. We will continue to support the organizations that we do each year. Including the Dictionary Project and the Student of the Year Awards as we have always done.

This is in an effort to engage our members more together and share speakers etc. This will be a one year experiment for all concerned.

We are NOT dissolving our club. We are NOT merging our clubs, but we are just sharing our weekly meetings/ speakers with Niantic.

We hope you will join us in the future if you find yourself in the area on Wednesdays at 12:15pm.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Anne L Ogden / Cathy Gonyo
Co-Presidents
Waterford Rotary Club

TODAY'S PROGRAM

NO MEETING

Weekly Meeting

12:00 Noon

at THE THAMES CLUB
290 State Street, New London

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

July 11 N/A

INVOCATION

July 11 N/A

SONG LEADER

July 11 N/A

BIRTHDAYS

Jun 29 Mary Lenzini

July 1 John Bysko

July 7 Caleb Bailey

July 8 Sophia Gipstein Scirico

ANNIVERSARIES

None

CLUB REPORT INSTALLATION JUNE 27, 2024

By Gail MacDonald



The new president of the Rotary Club of New London started his term reflecting on his parents and the atmosphere they fostered in his home when he was growing up.

President Carmelo Foti recalled his parents devouring the news daily, instilling in him a deep interest in community, national and world events. As such, he clearly recalls John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural address and his words: "Ask not

what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

For Foti, that directive resulted in his long-time involvement in Rotary. "Rotary is what I was born to do," he said at the annual Installation event on June 27 at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum. He was installed as the 2024 - 2025 president.



Past president Valerie West, in reflecting on her year as president, said the group met the majority of the goals set at the beginning of the year. New members were added, the visibility of the club was raised, major donations were given to support local, national and international

causes and numerous events and programs gathered members together, she said.

New officers for the 2024 - 2025 year are: President Carmelo Foti, President-elect Mary Lenzini, Vice President Mark Spinnato, Secretary Andy Russell, Treasurer Alan Lyon, Sergeant-at-Arms John Bysko and Immediate Past President Valerie West. Board of directors members are Lee Cole-Chu, Pam McNulty Hennessey, Todd Gipstein, Andrew Gilday, Mirna Martinez, Mark Spinnato and new members Gigi Gonzalez-Cottrell, Gail MacDonald and Kristin Magnussen.

Award winners, all of which were presented at the installation, are as follows:

- **Paul Harris Distinguished Service Award** - Gail MacDonald
- **Carl Weis Award** - Victoria Mueller
- **Phil Turner Award** for community service - Nicole Thomas
- **Tom Wetmore Award** for international service - Julia Kushigian-Secor and Linda Wilkinson, founder of the Chikumbuso project

The Rotary Club also voted on a **new board for the New London Rotary Foundation** at its regular meeting on June 20. Members are: President Victoria Mueller, Brian Cole, Valerie West, Alex Marku, Andy Russell, Mel Foti, Mary Lenzini, Alan Lyon, John Bysko, Gigi Gonzalez-Cottrell and Anna Lathrop.



BREWFESt
at the Beach

SEPTEMBER 13
6:00pm – 9:00pm

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

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CLUB REPORT

INSTALLATION JUNE 27, 2024





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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