



THE ROTARY

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The Weekly Newsletter of  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741

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PO Box 654, New London, CT 06320

## CLUB NEWS

JULY 25, 2024

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### Child & Family Agency

*Lisa Otto, CEO &*

*Kate Careb, Senior Director  
of Advancement*

### Weekly Meeting

12:00 Noon

at THE THAMES CLUB

290 State Street, New London

### Aug 1

### UCP Programs

### Aug 15

### NL Maritime Society

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

Jul 25 Ed Cramer

### INVOCATION

Jul 25 Mary Lenzini

### SONG LEADER

Jul 25 Ed Cramer

### BIRTHDAYS

Jul 29 Bill Hennessey Sr.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jul 25 Andy & Pam Russell

Jul 30 Bill Hennessey Sr. & Pam McNulty-Hennessey

### 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

9/6 **Rotary Opus for Peace event:** *Soweto Music and Peace Festival @ Garde Arts Center 7pm*

9/13 **Brewfest at the Beach @** Ocean Beach Park 6pm-9pm

9/15 **Rotary Opus for Peace event:** *Julia Kushigian-Secor, speaker, "The Resilient Apocalypse and Peace" @ Public Library of New London 4pm*

9/21 **Rotary Opus for Peace event:** *International Peace Day Panel Discussion celebrating Marvin Espy's exhibit "Up from Asphalt. Voices from the Ground" @ Lyman Allyn Art Museum 4pm*

### Summer Picnic

Mark your calendar and save the date on **August 22nd** 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](mailto: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](mailto:anna@gourmet-galley.com). We begin at 4pm and are done by 6:15pm. Your help is always appreciated.

### Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation Annual Powwow

**Sunday, July 28**, the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation Pow Wow begins at **12:00 p.m.**, 167 Wrights Rd. (parking at end of road) North Stonington. We would like to take pictures of Rotarians and tribal members at the Little Free Library we donated and installed there and possibly of Rotarians dancing, if you are so moved. Refer any questions to Julia Kushigian-Secor.

# CLUB NEWS JULY 25, 2024

## 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](https://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](mailto:winetalk177@aol.com).



*“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”*

– Francis of Assisi

## Rotary Around the World

### Malaysia

After providing food and medicine to villagers in Nyamok during the pandemic, the Rotary Club of Metro Kuala Lumpur heightened its assistance to the impoverished community in Pahang state, a five-hour drive from the club base. Rotarians embarked on a project to construct three toilets as well as five kitchens and washing areas for food preparation for the Orang Asli ethnic group. The club lined up a District 3300 grant, other sponsors, and volunteers and then plotted the logistics, including the acquisition of plywood, bricks, cement, and tools, along with the three trucks used to deliver the materials along muddy roads into the remote village. After three days of construction with help from community members, the job was complete, club member Jennifer Lim says. Members installed more ceramic tiles in March to improve the appearance of the toilet facilities, Lim says.



*This story originally appeared in the June 2024 issue of Rotary magazine.*

**BREWFEST**  
at the Beach

**SEPTEMBER 13**  
6:00pm – 9:00pm

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!**



SCAN ME

# CLUB REPORT JULY 18, 2024

By Gail MacDonald

**T**he arts hold transformative powers, **Rotary District Governor Robert B. Friend** wrote in his introductory address to Rotarians in southern Connecticut at the beginning of his term July 1.

“Art transcends boundaries, languages, and cultures, allowing people to communicate and connect in ways that words alone cannot,” he wrote.

This was Friend’s introduction to the district’s initiative for the 2024-2025 Rotary year: “Opus for Peace - creating harmony, inspiring wellness, and embracing diversity through the fusion of the arts.”


In response to this initiative, the Rotary Club of New London has formed a special peace initiative committee that has begun exploring projects and service that will align with the district’s Opus for Peace.

While the district initiative is brand new, Rotary has a long history of promoting and working toward peace. Just before the events that became known as World War I began in 1914, the International Association of Rotary Clubs that is now Rotary International, adopted a statement that Rotary would “lend its influence to the maintenance of peace among the nations of the world.” After the war, delegates to the 1921 convention in Scotland amended the group’s constitution to include a goal “to aid in the advancement of international peace and goodwill through a fellowship of business and professional men of all nations united in the Rotary ideal of service.”

Later, with the world again at war, delegates to the 1940 Rotary convention adopted a statement, “where freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights do not exist, Rotary cannot live nor its ideal prevail.” The statement put the promotion of peace and understanding as integral to the Rotary mission.

One historic initiative aimed at promoting peace and international understanding was Rotary International’s decision to award scholarships for graduate study abroad. This first program of the Rotary Foundation was instituted in 1947.

Today, Rotarians have more opportunities to promote and ensure peace, understanding and harmony within their own communities. Said Friend in his introductory address: “By organizing concerts, art installations, and performances, we will create platforms for voices that often go unheard, celebrating diversity and fostering inclusion. These events will elevate our public image and demonstrate Rotary’s commitment to unity and understanding.”

**Rotary**   
Club of New London

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**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do...

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**Is it the TRUTH?**

**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

**Will it build GOODWILL  
and  
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**Will it be BENEFICIAL  
to all concerned?**





## Club Officers, 2024-2025

<b>President</b>	Carmelo Foti
<b>President-Elect</b>	Mary Lenzini
<b>Vice President</b>	Mark Spinnato
<b>Secretary</b>	Andy Russell
<b>Treasurer</b>	Alan Lyon
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	John Bysko
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Valerie West

## Board of Directors

<b>2025</b>	Lee Cole-Chu, Pam McNulty Hennessey, Todd Gipstein
<b>2026</b>	Andrew Gilday, Mirna Martinez, Mark Spinnato
<b>2027</b>	Gigi Gonzalez-Cottrell, Gail MacDonald, Kristin Magnussen

## Club Committees

### Rotary Youth Service

Todd Gipstein, *Director*

<b>Student Of The Year</b>	Barry Neistat
<b>High School Awards</b>	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*

<b>Audit Awards</b>	John Bysko
Paul Harris	
Carl Wies	
Tom Wetmore	
Phil Turner	
<b>Nominating Anchor</b>	Ed Cramer
<b>Music Program</b>	Todd Gipstein
<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	Chris Neilan
Golf	Mary Lenzini
Brewfest	Mel Foti
By-Laws	Kate Lee, Alex Marku
Picnic	Lee Cole-Chu
Anchor Ad Sales	Val West/Ted Rossi
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	Ed Cramer

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