



THE ROTARY

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The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741

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CLUB NEWS

AUGUST 1, 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
- 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

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!

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 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.

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. what you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make from this moment on."

TODAY'S PROGRAM

District Governor Visit
DG Robert Friend

Weekly Meeting
12:00 Noon

at THE THAMES CLUB
290 State Street, New London

Aug 15 NL Maritime Society

Aug 29 Waterford/East Lyme
Animal Control
Robert Yuchniuk

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

Aug 1 Pam Akins

INVOCATION

Aug 1 Pam Akins

SONG LEADER

Aug 1 Pam Akins

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 1 Sarah Rogovin

ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 2 Jerry & Chris Fischer
Aug 4 Chris & Mary Neilan
Aug 7 Mirna Martinez & Jesse Good

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 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.



3rd Annual Chikumbuso Run/Walk

On **August 24** Chikumbuso will be holding its 3rd Annual Run/Walk the village in honor of Colburn Graves and to support the work of Chikumbuso.

I know that you are already great supporters of our work, however, it would mean a lot to us to have Rotary members participate in this day. It is a lovely run/walk down a dirt road returning the same way. Wear your rotary t-shirts and do some advertising!

The proceeds from the event were earmarked for college students but we have changed direction and will be using the monies to support those facing hunger due to the drought and ensuing national food crisis. Many, many, many people are hungry in our neighborhood and are losing their homes because without work they are unable to pay rent.

Go to <https://chikumbuso.liveimpact.org/li/7546/sevent/evt/home/215411/69> and sign up on line or use this direct QR code.



International Service Director, Julia Kushigian Secor, attended the recent Eastern Pequot Pow Wow in North Stonington, CT. New London Rotary has worked with the Eastern Pequots to establish an Indigenous Little Free Library which has been well received.

We would love to have a great turn out of Rotarians this year! Please consider our special day!

Sincerely,

Linda Wilkinson



BREWFE**S**T

at the Beach

SEPTEMBER 13

6:00pm – 9:00pm

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!



SCAN ME

CLUB REPORT JULY 18, 2024

By Todd Gipstein



Our speakers today were **Lisa Otto**, CEO, and **Kate Careb**, Senior Director of Advancement of the Child and Family Agency of the Child and Family Agency of Southeastern CT. CFA provides services to a third of Connecticut including New London, Windham, and Middlesex Counties. Since 1972, the CFA has been at the forefront of social service development in the area. It has worked to enrich the lives of local families and provide accessible, high-quality programming. The CFA is dedicated to ensuring that all in our community – especially those most in need – have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives, shape their futures, and give them a tangible measure of hope.

The CFA's mission is to provide mental health, medical, and supportive services in accessible ways to meet the evolving needs of our local communities. Its vision is to ensure community health and well-being through innovative leadership and sustainable partnerships. The CFA's values embrace excellence, compassion, respect, integrity, inclusion, transparency and adaptability.

The Child and Family Agency annually serves more than 10,000 children, families, and adults through its mental health, medical, and supportive services. CFA's consultants work with school administration, teachers, support staff, and caregivers pursuing its primary goals of classroom support, student support, and family outreach.

The past few years have seen tremendous growth and remarkable progress for the CFA. With its waiting rooms bursting with clients, the CFA is trying to keep up with demand and deliver quality services while tackling a severe workforce shortage and fiscal challenges.

The services the CFA offers to Southeastern CT. are diverse. They include Mental Health, Medical, Support for children and families, and clinics. The CFA has facilities to help treat

people but also goes into the community to provide help. For example, it provides high-quality mental health and medical services through its School-Based Health Center program.

Its Outpatient Clinic provides mental health services to children adults and whole families, addressing issues of depression, conflict, anxiety and trauma. The CFA also has an Urgent Crisis Center providing walk-in mental and behavioral crisis care for youth ages 4-18. Beyond its outpatient clinics, the CFA also provides in-home services.

There are other programs: Healthy Futures, helps expecting parents and families. Early Care & Education and Child Welfare Programming provides treatment and support to families negatively impacted by child abuse and neglect and/or Intimate Partner Violence. A new program is the Early Childhood Mental Health Consulting Program to support children Pre-K to 2nd grade in their school or home environments.

The diverse range of programs and services the CFA offers reflects its commitment to help our local communities. It also reflects the scope of the need for these services as children, adults and whole families struggle with a range of emotional, physical, and behavioral challenges.

One doctor on the CFA's video quoted Ghandi: "The best way to find yourself is in the service of others." Clearly, those working for the CFA, like Rotarians, understand the need and value of service above self.



Lisa Otto, Val West, Kate Careb

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

Club Committees

Rotary Youth Service	
Todd Gipstein, <i>Director</i>	
Student Of The Year	Christine Hammond/ Barry Neistat
High School Awards	Barry Neistat
Rotary Membership	
Mary Lenzini, <i>Director</i>	
Fellowship/RAH	Val West
Classification	Andy Russell
Information	Kris Magnussen
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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*

Peace Building	Val West
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Rotary Club Service
Lee Cole-Chu, *Director*

Audit	John Bysko
Awards	
Paul Harris	Val West
Carl Wies	Anna Lathrop
Tom Wetmore	Julia Kushigian Secor
Phil Turner	Mary Lenzini
Nominating	Ed Cramer
Anchor	Gail MacDonald/Todd Gipstein
Music	Chris Neilan
Program	Mark Spinnato
Fundraising Committee	Mary Lenzini
Golf	Kate Lee/Alex Marku
Brewfest	Keith Turner/Victoria Mueller
By-Laws	Lee Cole-Chu
Picnic	Val West/Ted Rossi
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