

CLUB NEWS

OCTOBER 17, 2024

John Bysko



Calling hours for John Bysko will be 3-6p on Saturday October 19th at the Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, 13 Beckwith Lane Old Lyme, CT 06371

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.

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.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

A New Art Initiative

Kristine Holohan

Weekly Meeting 12:00 Noon

at **THE LIGHTHOUSE INN**
6 West Guthrie Place, New London

Oct 24 World Polio Day
Kris Magnussen

Oct 31 United Way
(Tommy Toy Fund)

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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SHAWL RAFFLE



These are woolen shawl from the Tibetan, Mongolian and other ethnic minorities in China. Because Tibetans and Mongols are nomads, they live in cold areas at high altitudes. They need warm turbans to wrap around their heads or add warmth to their bodies during the cold season. Those patterns are just traditional decorations Long ago people embroidered them by hand, now they are machines.

The shawls are donated from Mark and Juner Patnode to raise money for our club. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 a piece. You can specify your raffle ticket for either the red or blue shawl. Tickets will be available at our weekly meetings and available beginning 9/26/24 from Tracee Reiser, 860-287-3642 or tlrei@conncoll.edu

The raffle will run through October.

GREETER

Oct 17 Todd Gipstein

INVOCATION

Oct 17 Todd Gipstein

SONG LEADER

Oct 17 Todd Gipstein

BIRTHDAYS

Oct 22 Gail B MacDonald

Oct 22 Victoria S Mueller

ANNIVERSARIES

None

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Rotary projects around the globe

Colombia



Sonia Uribe and her husband, Alberto Londoño, created a stuffed animal collection called El Zoo del Amor, or the Zoo of Love, to comfort seriously ill children and raise money for polio eradication. Sales of Anna the giraffe, Lucas the tiger, and other animals — each wearing a shirt with Rotary and End Polio Now logos — have raised about \$550,000 since their

introduction in 2018. In addition to giving the animals to sick children, Rotarians carry them on their travels and snap photos of them at iconic landmarks. “All these animals have traveled, being ambassadors of the Rotary brand,” says Uribe, a member of the Rotary Club of Nuevo Medellín and, like Londoño, a past governor of District 4271. Londoño is a member of the Rotary Club of Medellín Nutibara. The couple also manage the Fundación Monica Uribe Por Amor, which assists children with spina bifida.

United States



The Rotary Club of Scranton, Pennsylvania, is helping a new generation learn about polio. Students from Dunmore High School have created a documentary based on interviews conducted during a polio and health policy symposium that the club and District 7410 organized for

World Polio Day 2023. The film features interviews with International PolioPlus Committee Chair Michael McGovern, other Rotarians, and symposium attendees, and is scheduled for broadcast during the club’s World Polio Day events this month. “It is hard to get hands-on with history,” says Alan Roche, a Dunmore teacher who enlisted about 40 students to produce the video, which includes interviews with three local polio survivors, one of whom taught at the high school. The project was an eye-opener for the young people, he says. “It’s usually a page or two in the textbook, a blip in a slideshow,” Roche says. “It’s one thing to just learn about this and another to talk to someone who was affected by it and lives in your hometown.”

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

Rotary 
Club of New London

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

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

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

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

“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.”

— Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE

CLUB REPORT **OCTOBER 10, 2024**

Reported by Todd Gipstein

The Underground New England

Amy Hayashida from The Underground New England, spoke to us about human trafficking.

The Underground New England is a faith-based, non-profit organization that exists to eradicate human trafficking in Connecticut and New England through awareness, prevention, and intentional survivor support.

Sex trafficking is one of the most harrowing human rights abuses in the modern world, an industry built on exploitation, coercion, and violence. It preys on vulnerable individuals—often young women and children—trapping them in cycles of abuse and exploitation that are hard to break. Adult survivors are one of the most marginalized and impoverished communities, with multiple unique barriers to freedom.

Underground New England’s work includes: Eradicating human trafficking in Connecticut & New England. Connecting to community and rebuilding lives. Empowering survivors

Of those Underground New England helps: 43% Live below the poverty line. 60% Experienced financial abuse. 40% Have criminal records. 73% Want trusted help.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline has identified 508 known cases of human trafficking in Connecticut since 2007. Within these cases, there were 1,046 human trafficking survivors. These numbers reflect only the known cases of trafficking. There are more.

Impact Of Underground New England’s Adult Mentorship Program as of January 2024: 80% Exited “The Life”. 80% Achieved housing. 80% gained access to basic needs. 10% Have supportive community.

Underground New England is built on “pillars of impact.” These are:

AWARENESS: Underground New England holds training & panel-driven awareness events led by experts and survivor/ally partners.

PREVENTION: Underground New England provides prevention tools to engage and equip the community for action against sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

SURVIVOR SUPPORT: Underground New England meets the physical, emotional, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of its clients through one-on-one mentoring.

PARTNERSHIP: Underground New England engages



community partners for a unified approach to the eradication of human trafficking throughout New England.

This multi-faceted approach allows the organization to address both the immediate and long-term needs of trafficking survivors, helping them reclaim their autonomy and reintegrate into society with dignity.

“You’ve given me the confidence boost I always lacked – genuine sense of purpose and value.” – The Underground New England Client

The work of The Underground New England is challenging, emotional, and often heart-wrenching. However, for the volunteers and survivors it is also incredibly rewarding. Each success story—a survivor finding safety, a trafficker brought to justice, or a community rallying around this cause—is a step toward ending the horrific practice of human trafficking. As more people become aware of the scope of sex trafficking and the efforts of groups like The Underground New England, the fight against this grave injustice grows stronger. By breaking the silence, educating the public, and providing life-saving resources to survivors, The Underground New England is helping to build a future where sex trafficking no longer has a place in our society.

For more information and to join Underground New England in the fight to end human trafficking, please visit: <https://theundergroundne.org/>

Club Officers, 2024-2025

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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
Sunshine	Brian Cole
Diversity/Membership Dev.	Jerry Fischer

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Gail MacDonald, *Director*

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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	
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
Anchor Ad Sales	
Installation Committee	Victoria Mueller
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