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The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

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CLUB NEWS OCTOBER 24, 2024

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

Local families in need will again be treated to free Thanksgiving dinners thanks to Liberty Bank and New London Rotary.

Pam McNulty-Hennessey is again overseeing for New London Rotary the 21st annual drive. The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut also has contributed to the drive, as will shoppers at some local food markets. The Liberty Bank Foundation also will contribute 25 cents for every dollar donated, up to \$200,000.

New London Rotary's donations will benefit the New London Community Meal Center, Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center and Salvation Army, all located in the city.

The Liberty Bank Foundation is teaming with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County and 45 local Rotary

clubs on the drive. More than \$6,000 already has been raised through online donations. Since 2004, Liberty Bank Foundation in partnership with Rotary clubs throughout the state, has raised more than \$4 million to ensure families have a happy holiday.

Donations can be made via checks written and mailed to the New London Rotary Foundation or the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Online donations also are accepted via the Community Foundation of Middlesex County website. The drive ends on Nov. 18.

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.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

World Polio Day

Kris Magnussen

Weekly Meeting
12:00 Noon

at THE LIGHTHOUSE INN
6 West Guthrie Place, New London

Oct 31

United Way

(Tommy Toy Fund)

Nov 7 Veteran's Day Program

Nov 21

Ulysses Hammond

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 shawls 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 shawls 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 24 Tracee Reiser

INVOCATION

Oct 24 Tracee Reiser

SONG LEADER

Oct 24 Tracee Reiser

BIRTHDAYS

None

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 26 Alex & Monda Marku

Oct 29 Lee & Cole-Chu & Emily Williams

For more information about Club happenings, visit our Facebook page, facebook.com/NLRotary

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ALEWIFE COVE CONSERVANCY'S
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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.

*“To help yourself, help others.
Whatever good you do travels a
circle and returns to you many
times over – but remember, life
isn't about what you get, it's about
what you become.”*

– Dennis Gaskill

Rotary Around the World

South Africa

To draw attention to the need for vigilance and vaccinations, the Rotary Club of Newlands assembled Rotary members and others for a World Polio Day photo shoot with the landmark Table Mountain in the background. On the day of the shoot, however, a heavy mist enveloped the site. “We made the best of it, chatting and taking selfies, until eventually the sun came out,” says Past President Janey Ball. She used RI’s polio resources toolkit to create artwork for selfie frames and set up a Facebook event called Make Polio History to record the pictures and raise awareness. To encourage Rotary members, Ball suggested using the slogan “focus on the finish.” “The selfie frames have been in continuous use since the event, moving from one club to another,” she says.



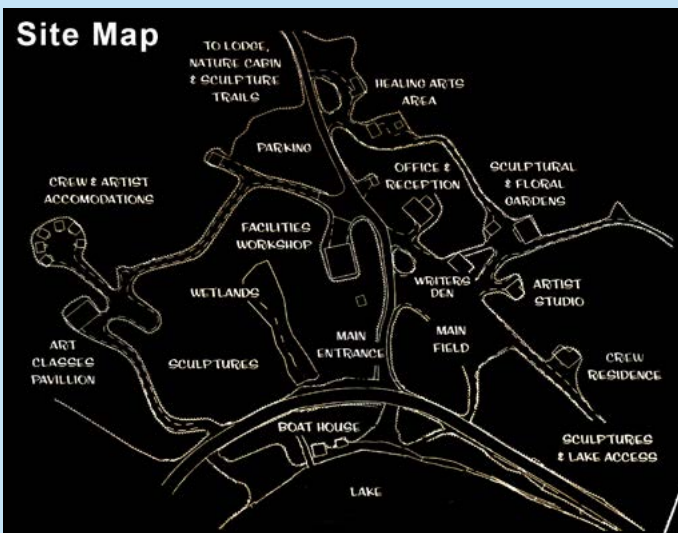
CLUB REPORT OCTOBER 17, 2024

Reported by Todd Gipstein

The Pattagansett Art Center



Our speaker was **Kristine Holohan** co-founder and executive director of the Pattagansett Art Center. She was accompanied by two associates, Brooke and Sarah. After an introduction by Ed Cramer, Kristine told us about the recently founded and evolving local center. Her co-founder is William Potvin. They are still building their team. Her talk was titled “A New Art Initiative.” The PAC is still developing its physical campus, its “base-camp”. Eventually, the 64 acre site will offer housing for 150. The three pillars of the Pattagansett Art Center are arts excellence, wellness and the environment.



MISSION: The Pattagansett Art Center (PAC) is as an artist-run, creative community-centered land project rooted in the practice of wellness and environmentally sustainable models created through the arts. PAC will focus on the professional advancement of women artists and advocacy for an equitable society through collaboration. She noted the professional inequities between male and female artists.

PAC plans to accomplish their mission through intentional collaboration with diverse groups of artists, makers, cultural practitioners, creatives and the greater community.

VISION: PAC will host a creative cultural space where communities can participate in, view, and support the arts. They will realize this model through sustainable practices centered in inclusion, personal growth and collective wellness. They will reach these goals through: workshops, courses, retreats, residencies, events, exhibitions, performances, contemporary and traditional art collections, and tours.

GOALS: Immersed in a natural woodland environment, the center will build and support communities in harmony with nature through engagement in innovative social practices. They will provide professional facilities, studios, skillshares, facilitation, as well as mentorship to artists and audiences.

VALUES: PAC will be inclusive, safe, diverse, curious, exploratory, environmentally sustainable, communicative, trusting, honest, respectful, compassionate, collaborative, accessible and kind.

To fulfill its mission, the PAC is building strong ongoing relationships with the community including Connecticut College, the Garde Arts Center, Spark Makerspace, Connecticut Conservation Districts, Fresh New London, and the Girl Scouts. Their programming will include: Workshops and education. Residencies. Retreats. Events. Exhibitions and performances. Training of volunteers, docents, interns and apprentices. Rentals. Tours. And retail.

The New London Rotary Club hopes the Pattagansett Art Center will become a vibrant resource in Southeastern Connecticut, creating an inclusive, inspiring, collaborative place for developing artists to pursue their visions and find outlets for their creative work.



Club Officers, 2024-2025

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| Immediate Past President | Valerie West |

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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

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| 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 Classification | Val West |
| Information | Andy Russell |
| Sunshine | Kris Magnussen |
| Diversity/Membership Dev. | Brian Cole Jerry Fischer |

Rotary Community Service
Gail MacDonald, *Director*

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| 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*

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

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| 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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