



THE ROTARY ANCHOR

The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741

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CLUB NEWS NOVEMBER 14, 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.

New Member Proposals

The following individuals have been proposed for membership in the noted classifications. Any member wishing to object to the membership of these individuals must notify the club president in writing within 7 days.

Robert Duleau, Managing Partner of the Lighthouse Inn. Born in Poland during the Cold War, Robert moved to the US in 1994 and Connecticut in 2004. He is a former educator and has degrees in the History of Western Civilization and the History of European Literature. **Classification-Innkeeper**

Kristi Holohan is a Finnish-American artist, organizer, and cultural strategist. Her work in visual Arts focuses on nature, community, healing, resource-sharing, and advocacy for an equitable society. Holohan's collaborative work is practiced through a lens of oppression/liberation framework with radical mindful inclusion and Restorative Practices. Holohan's dedication to engagement and social practice is locally and nationally recognized for its significance in intensive community incorporation, cultural relevance, inclusivity, and accessibility. Kristi Holohan has been shown in galleries, museums, and municipal collections. Holohan is the co-founder of Pattagansett Art Center. **Classification-Art Center-Environmental**

Reminder: Rotary Foundation Luncheon

**Saturday, November 16 2024
11am - 2pm
Madison, CT**

See page 2 for details.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

NO PROGRAM

**Weekly Meeting
12:00 Noon**

at THE LIGHTHOUSE INN
6 West Guthrie Place, New London

Nov 21 Ulysses Hammond
State Pier

Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving
No Program

Dec 5 German Consul

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
Nov 14 Jerry Fischer

INVOCATION
Nov 14 Jerry Fischer

SONG LEADER
Nov 14 Jerry Fischer

BIRTHDAYS
None

ANNIVERSARIES
None

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Kindly Join Us for a Brunch

Celebrating

The Rotary Foundation and You

Saturday, 16 November 2024
11am | 2pm

\$65 per person | Cash Bar

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RSVP by November 11, 2024

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Rotary International Foundation

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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.



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“Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you do not, then you are wasting your time on Earth.”

– Roberto Clemente

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Rotary projects around the globe

Kenya

Recognizing the importance of sleep to child development, the Rotary Club of Nairobi delivered bed kits for 8,000 school children in 2024, a milestone in a long-running project. Over the past 16 years, the club has partnered with Toronto-based charity Sleeping Children Around the World to supply bed kits to a total of 80,000 children at a cost of about \$4 million, says club member Mumbi King. Each kit includes a mat or mattress, bedding, and mosquito netting, along with school supplies and clothing. The kits have an outsize influence on children’s lives, since better sleep improves health and school performance, King says. Twenty Nairobi Rotarians mobilized for the five-day delivery mission in February, serving the town of Naro Moru at the base of Mount Kenya and other villages, including in the Maasai Mara region. “The heat couldn’t keep the team from visiting the villages and interacting with the families,” says King.

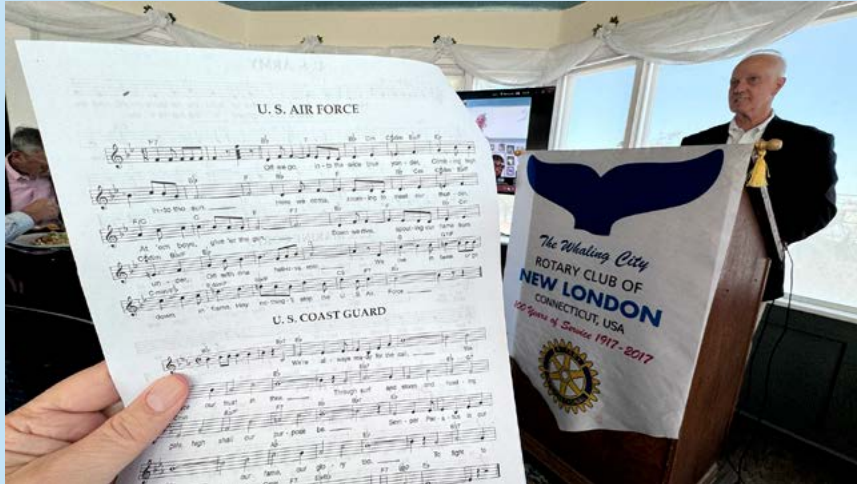


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CLUB REPORT NOVEMBER 7, 2024

Reported by Todd Gipstein

Veteran's Day & Rep. Anthony Nolan



Anthony told us he learned how to agree to disagree with others who had different ideas and opinions. He learned how to stand up for what is right. He learned to respect leaders and members of the team he was on. He may not share their points of view; he may not like them. But his life might depend on them and theirs on him. So getting along and understanding how to work with others, how to find common ground came to inform his work in the Navy, and later his work on the police force and in government. He understood how we can be united when we share a mission.

After a spirited singing of the anthems of the various branches of the armed forces, **Representative Anthony Nolan** spoke to us about service as someone who has served in the military, the police force, and the state legislature.

Anthony worked on the New London police force for twenty-three years. He was a four-time member of the New London city council and served a term as its president. He is a deacon at the Shiloh Baptist church. Youth advocacy is a major interest and focus of his volunteer work. He has received many awards for his public service. He is now serving his third term as a state representative.



Representative Nolan said that service means we must put aside personal needs to focus on a bigger mission. He said that discipline, effective time management, and problem-solving are important in his job as a state representative. Likewise, meeting challenges under pressure. He tries to embrace opportunities to grow even when they are outside his comfort zone. He said he is still growing.

In keeping with our celebration of Veteran's Day, Nolan focused his talk on his time in the Navy. He joined the Navy in the 1990s, and said it was a turning point in his life. He did not tell friends and family of his intent to join. He saw it as a way to escape some of the turmoil that surrounded him at that time. Some of the bad influences. He did not want to become another statistic. Join the Navy, he said, was the best thing he ever did. Basic training was life-changing. It was a time to confront and conquer physical and mental challenges, including homesickness. Being away really made him appreciate family and friends. In the Navy, he learned to be more than about himself. He learned about service, sacrifice, dedication, honor, respect, integrity, trust and courage. All would be lifelong values that would inform his careers in public service. He served eight and a half years in the Navy.



At Rotary, we talk about service above self. Representative Nolan's life has certainly fulfilled that goal. In the military, on the police force, in his volunteer work and as part of state government, Anthony Nolan has served others for the greater good.

Club Officers, 2024-2025

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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 Classification	Val West
Information	Andy Russell
Sunshine	Kris Magnussen
Diversity/Membership Dev.	Brian Cole Jerry Fischer
Rotary Community Service	
Gail MacDonald, <i>Director</i>	
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, <i>Director</i>	
Peace Building	Val West
Rotary Club Service	
Lee Cole-Chu, <i>Director</i>	
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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