

## CLUB NEWS JANUARY 23, 2025

## El Club Rotario de New London, CT

Beneficiando a la comunidad y al mundo a través de la acción, la integridad, el servicio y la fraternidad.

El Club Rotario de New London es la organización de servicio más antigua, activa y conocida de la comunidad. Somos una organización de servicio y liderazgo que trabaja para marcar la diferencia. Nuestros miembros incluyen líderes locales de negocios, organizaciones sin fines de lucro, profesionales, educadores y cívicos. Formamos amistades duraderas a través de nuestras experiencias compartidas en Rotary, que incluyen reuniones semanales con ponentes interesantes, reuniones y proyectos de comités, eventos sociales y proyectos de servicio grupales dentro de nuestra comunidad e internacionales.

### **Diversidad e Inclusión**

Tener un Club Rotario diverso e inclusivo significa que valoramos y damos la bienvenida a individuos de todas las edades, culturas, etnias y razas a nuestro Club. Invitamos a personas jóvenes, mujeres y minorías que apoyen los valores, ideales y misión de Rotary a unirse a nuestros miembros en el servicio a nuestra comunidad, y nos esforzamos por ofrecer a todos los miembros oportunidades iguales para servir como líderes dentro de nuestro Club.

Quedan invitados a juntarse con nosotros los jueves, 12:15 a 1:30, en el Lighthouse Inn, NL.

# The Rotary Club of New London

Benefiting the community and our world through action, integrity, service, and fellowship.

The Rotary Club of New London is the oldest, most active and well-known service organization in the community. We are a leadership organization working together to make a difference. Our members include local business, nonprofit, professional and civic leaders. We form lasting friendships through our shared Rotary experiences including weekly meetings with interesting speakers, committee meetings and projects, social events and group service projects within our community and internationally.

### **Diversity & Inclusion**

Having a diverse and inclusive Rotary Club means we value and welcome individuals of all ages, cultures, ethnicities, and races to our Club. We invite younger people, women, and minorities who support Rotary's values, ideals, and mission to join our members in service to our community, and we strive to give all members equal opportunities to serve as leaders within our Club.

You are invited to join us on Thursdays, 12:15 to 1:30, at the Lighthouse Inn, NL.

As a global organization, Rotarians speak many languages. From time-to-time, we will post announcements in the Anchor, website, and social media in English, Spanish, and other languages as a means of communication and recruitment for those who may want to learn more about Rotary.

# TODAY'S PROGRAM

Gary Decker
Club Bio

Weekly Meeting
12:00 Noon
at THE LIGHTHOUSE INN
6 West Guthrie Place, New London

Jan 30

**No Program** 

Reminder: Chinese New Year Evening DInner

Feb 6

Patrick Flaherty & Kathleen Cosgrove

Department of Labor

Feb 13 New London Trees

For those unable to attend in person, please join us for our weekly Rotary meeting via Zoom.
Go to ZOOM.COM and click "JOIN A MEETING" and enter the info below.

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### **GREETER**

Jan 23 Tracee Reiser

### **INVOCATION**

Jan 23 Tracee Reiser

### **SONG LEADER**

Jan 23 Tracee Reiser

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jan 29 Mildred E. Devine

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

None



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# **Upcoming Events for Rotary Club of New London**

### 1/30 Chinese New Year Dinner

"Breaking Bread and Building Bridges" with the Ledyard Rotary Club Oriental Bar + Grill, 867 Norwich-New London Turnpike Uncasville, CT 6:30 pm Cost is \$25.00 payable to the restaurant that evening. Thank you to Mark and Juner Patnode for organizing the upcoming peace committee event for the Rotary Club of New London and the Ledyard Rotary Club. Juner will be ordering a sampling of food for everyone in advance and discussing it as it relates to Chinese Culture. RSVP by 1/22 to Valerie at westv8804@gmail.com

### 2/26 Haitian Dinner + Cultural Awareness event

to benefit the Haitian Health Foundation Favorites Bistro Bar, 171 Bank Street New London, CT

### 3/4 Germany, US & CT: Partners for Peace Luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Kreibich The Lighthouse Inn, 6 Guthrie Place, New London, CT @ Noon

- 4/25 Peace in Nature Event on Arbor Day
- **Opus for Peace** at the Hygenic, a Juried art show opening event Hygienic Art, 79 Bank Street, New London, CT 6pm to 9pm
- 5/17 New London Rotary Club Epic Day of Service

### Rotary Assembly, Meeting, Training, Conference, Convention Dates & Links (Register on

dacdb for many events):

March 4, 2025: 12:00-1:30 p.m., New London Rotary Club Peace Event, Lighthouse Inn

Follow this link to purchase your ticket (\$23.18 total), which includes a delicious buffet lunch! <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-event-germany-us-ct-partners-for-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-term="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nl-rotary-peace-dr-kreibich-tickets-1129859443009?aff=eivtefrnd&utm-term=aff=eivtefrnd&utm-term=aff=eivtefrnd&utm-t

May 30, 31 June 1: Magical Mystery Tour Rotary District Conference Southbridge, MA

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June 21-25 2025: Rotary International Convention, Calgary https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/

Peace Calendar: https://opus-for-peace-community.rotary7980.org/events

### **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, <a href="mailto:anna@gourmet-galley.com">anna@gourmet-galley.com</a>. We begin at 4pm and are done by 6:15pm. Your help is always appreciated.

### **Little Free Libraries**

The Little Free Library project is a daily club initiative to locate books, secure, label and distribute them throughout the city. Please bring books to our meetings or let one of our stewards (Gail, Christine, Mel, Ray or Julia) know if you need someone to pick them up. Good sources of material are family, libraries, schools, friends, neighbors, places of worship and workplaces. Contact Julia Kushigian-Secor with questions jakus@conncoll.edu.

### 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.

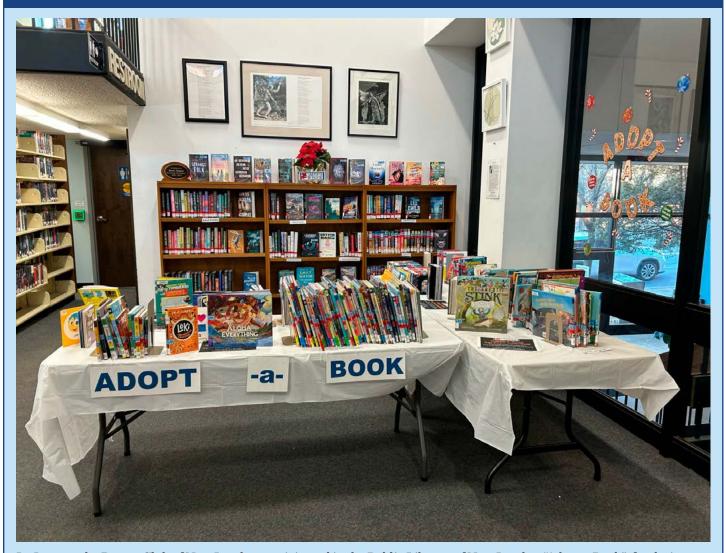
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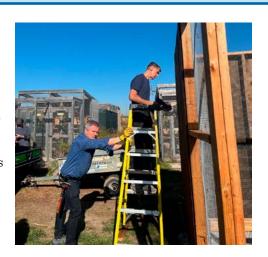


In January the Rotary Club of New London participated in the Public Library of New London "Adopt a Book" fundraiser. 50 books were adopted by the club that fit with the Rotary's theme - Opus for Peace.

## Rotary Projects Around the Globe

### **Canada**

Since 2020 the Rotary Club of Toronto has supported the Toronto Wildlife Centre, which rehabilitates 300 species of sick and injured animals. The club has donated more than \$18,000 to construct enclosures for bats, mourning doves, woodpeckers, water birds, squirrels, and groundhogs. Hammers and drills in hand, club members Kurt Kroesen, Stuart Muirhead, and Michele Guy joined other volunteers and employees in October to assemble a structure for red squirrels. Nathalie Karvonen, the organization's founder and executive director, lauds the Rotarians for their devotion. "Their generosity is giving hundreds of wild patients each year a safe space in which to prepare for a healthy life back in the wild," she says.



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### Club Officers, 2024-2025

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### **Board Of Directors**

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2026 Andrew Gilday, Mirna Martinez,

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Kristin Magnussen

### **Club Committees**

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### **Rotary Community Service** Gail MacDonald, Director

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Service Person/

Veteran's Day Program Mary Lenzini Little Free Libraries Julia Kushigian Secor Vale Harvard Regatta Lee Cole-Chu Thanksgiving Turkey Fund Pam Mcnulty-Hennessev

### **Rotary International Service**

Julia Kushigian Secor, Director

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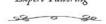






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