



THE ROTARY ANCHOR



The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741

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CLUB NEWS FEBRUARY 6, 2025

NO NOON MEETING DUE TO SNOW

Rotary Annual Post-Holiday Party

The holiday party is postponed to February 20th due to the inclement weather today.

The holidays continue thanks to the generosity of the Mueller family!

This year's party will take place at the **home of Victoria and Tim Mueller** (same as last year), 75 Cove View Rd. New London.

The action starts at **6 pm** and goes until **8 pm** or whenever the police ask us to leave.

Put the date in your calendar and get ready to party as Rotarians *sometimes* do!

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.

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.

"We relish news of our heroes, forgetting that we are extraordinary to somebody too."

— Helen Hayes

Weekly Meeting 12:00 Noon

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

Feb 13 **New London Trees**

Feb 20 **Steve Fine**
Melanoma Education Foundation

Feb 27 **Steven Manuel**
New London Historical Society

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
Feb 6 N/A

INVOCATION
Feb 6 N/A

SONG LEADER
Feb 6 N/A

BIRTHDAYS
None

ANNIVERSARIES
Feb 12 Lee Howard & Libby Friedman

Upcoming Events for Rotary Club of New London

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

5/3 Opus for Peace at the Hygenic, a Juried art show opening event Hygenic Art, 79 Bank Street, New London, CT 6pm to 9pm

5/17 New London Rotary Club Epic Day of Service

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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

Join us for an insightful talk with Dr. Kreibich as she explores how Germany, the U.S., and Connecticut work together as partners for peace and prosperity. This **in-person** event will provide a unique opportunity to engage with a renowned expert in diplomacy and business. Don't miss out on this chance to be a part of the conversation!

Dr. Kreibich took up her post as the Consul General of Germany to the New England States in July 2022. Before arriving in Boston, she served at the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Berlin as the Head of Division for Pan African Issues, Southern Africa and the Great Lakes from 2018-22. Prior to this, she served as the Head of Unit for European Migration Policy from 2014-2018, and as press spokesperson in the Speaker's Office from 2002-2006. Sonja's roles within the Foreign Office have taken her abroad to the German Permanent Mission to the UN in New York as well as to the German Embassy in Bucharest, Romania. She studied law at the University of Bonn and at the University of Edinburgh and obtained a Dr. iur. from the University of Bonn.

Follow this link to purchase your ticket (\$23.18 total), which includes a delicious buffet lunch! 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=

May 30, 31 June 1: Magical Mystery Tour Rotary District Conference Southbridge, MA
<https://www.dacdb.com/Calendar/Event.cfm?EventID=77792474&CalClubID=6741&R=0.20222391992683875>

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

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



Rotary Club of New London

To Benefit

HAITIAN CULTURAL NIGHT



Wednesday, February 26, 2025

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Favorites Bistro, Bank Street, New London

The event will feature a delicious Haitian meal provided by Majan and Ederjson Pierre of Favorites Bistro. In addition, there will be Haitian art on display, entertainment by Haitian folk dancers and singers and signature cocktails made with Haitian Barbancourt rum for sale. Haitian artworks provided through Flavours of Life fair trade store in New London will be available as door prizes.

E. Marilyn Lowney, executive director of the Norwich-based Haitian Health Foundation, and Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, founder of HHF, will be on hand to provide details of the foundation's work and the current dire situation in Haiti. HHF has been providing vital healthcare, education, emergency relief and community development in Haiti for 40 years.

Tickets are \$75 per person, payable at the door on the night of the event.

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RSVP or direct questions to Gail MacDonald at gbraccimac@gmail.com no later than Saturday, Feb. 21.



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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Chinese Lunar New Year Dinner

On January 30th, The Rotary Club of New London was joined by the Ledyard Rotary Club to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year - Breaking Bread and Building Bridges. This event is one in our year long Opus for Peace focus. Thank you to Mark and Juner Patnode for arranging the dinner held at the Oriental Bar and Grille in Uncasville. Juner chose the authentic dishes served family style including duck and steamed fish. The food and fellowship was excellent.



Club Officers, 2024-2025

President	Carmelo Foti
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Vice President	Mark Spinnato
Secretary	Andy Russell
Treasurer	Alan Lyon
Sergeant-at-Arms	John Estelle
Immediate Past President	Valerie West

Board Of Directors

2025	Lee Cole-Chu, Pam McNulty Hennessey, Todd Gipstein
2026	Andrew Gilday, Mirna Martinez, Tracee Reiser
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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