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## Merry Christmas!

### Susan DelVecchio addresses club

On Thursday, December 8th, our lunchtime speaker was Susan DelVecchio. Susan is a member of the advisory board and curriculum chairperson for the Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education (MILE). Susan explained that MILE was created in 1993 for the purpose of providing a learning environment that enriches the intellectual, social, and cultural lives of adults aged 50 and over who share a love of lifelong learning.

Sponsored by Middlesex Community College (MxCC), MILE is an all-volunteer non-profit organization with programs designed for, and attended by, members. Membership is open to all adults, retired, semi-retired or employed in Middlesex County although interested residents of other communities are always welcome. Currently, membership is over 230 people from all walks of life and represents at least 35 area towns!

MILE offers classes in a wide range of disciplines without concern for credit, grades, or prerequisites. Programs are often enhanced by field trips. MILE also offers an annual trip in conjunction with the Elderhostel Institute Network.

The Membership fee is \$60 for each person being registered. Additional fees and registration are required for the Great Decisions course and for trips.

The annual membership fee entitles members to attend as many MILE courses they wish during the academic year of two sessions - Fall and Spring. In addition, membership also allows members to take advantage of the facilities at MxCC, including the library and cafeteria.

Susan also told us that each session/semester is filled with a variety of programs. The goal of the curriculum committee is to include topics on history, art history, art lessons, literature, science, finance, politics, law, travel, music, theater, religion, geology, gardening, health and fitness, computer education, senior resources. The presenters include people with expertise in many areas and often volunteer their time and knowledge. Frequently, presenters will volunteer their time and/or members will present a program, but there is also a limited budget for professional speakers.

Susan answered several questions and encouraged the group to follow-up with her for any additional information they might want. There was general agreement that both organizations might benefit from sharing speaker ideas in the future.

### AHOY! New members aboard

The Board of directors approved the applications of Chris Sullivan of New London and Lynn Farrell of Old to join the club. Welcome aboard Chris and Lynn!

### Actions of the Board

The board of directors met on Tuesday December 13 at the New London Public Library and took the following actions:

- Approved \$500 for the New London Neighborhood Alliance for their sponsor a family program
- Approved \$250 for New London Main Street for their Celebration of Light program
- Took no action on a funding request for New London High School men's basketball team
- Approved \$500 to purchase books to be donated to the New London Public Library in honor of our guest speaker of the week.

### Thanks Glenn!

The board of directors would like to thank Glenn Hamler for his nearly two decades of service on the board of directors. Glenn has stepped down due to his busy work schedule. Thanks Glenn!

### Welcome Guests

The New London Kiwanis welcomes Priscilla Clark Peabody and old friend Dennis McCarthy who made a visit to the December 8th meeting.

### Honors Dinner-Please note date change

The club's annual Honor's Dinner will be held February 26, 2012 at 5:00pm at the Coast Guard Academy. This year's honorees are Steve and Jeanne Sigel of the Garde Arts Center in New London.

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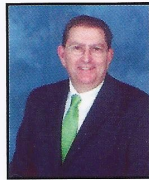
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