

# News and Views



Kiwanis Club of New London, Connecticut

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## Guest Speakers

### America's Cup Committee and OpSail 2012

Thames America's Cup Committee (TACC) secretary Frank McLaughlin spoke about the their committee and OPSAIL 2012 at the September 7th meeting. McLaughlin said the committee's name reflects a *desire* to host an America's Cup event but their mission is *really* "to promote New London and the Thames River area as a venue for world class yacht racing events." Frank noted that boater "need a destination" and New London should be one of those destinations. Frank pointed out that New London has a natural deep harbor, has 41 new, modern, moorings, along the waterfront, which were installed this summer and are now being used, in addition to the floating dock which will be near the city pier upon completion of it's ongoing renovation. As well as New London will be one of the ports for OpSail 2012 next July 6-8 (which will coincide with Sailfest). During OpSail 2012, the U.S. Navy will be commemorating the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 by bringing in warships that will join the tall ships and ships from allied navies on the Thames River.



Frank McLaughlin



Lori Hopkins-Cavanagh

### Hopkins-Cavanagh talks New London

New London mayoral candidate, Lori Hopkins-Cavanagh addressed the club on August 14th. Ms. Hopkins-Cavanagh is a New London native, successful realtor and the only female in the mayoral race. Lori shared her vision of the New London she would like

to see, particularly concerning the relationship between owner occupied multi-family homes and the city's youth and education system

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## Meeting Date Change

Effective October 1, 2011 the Kiwanis Club of New London will be meeting on Thursdays at 12:00pm.

## Actions of the Board

The board of directors met on September 13th and took the following actions:

- Voted to change the meeting day to Thursdays
- Donated \$500 to New London Youth Football
- Donated \$1000 to Homeless to Hopeful fundraiser
- Voted to purchase a printer to print the News and Views

## Installation Dinner

The Kiwanis Club of New London cordially invites you to our Installation of Officers and Directors dinner to be held Tuesday October 4, 2011 at the Weller Center on the grounds of scenic Mitchell College in New London at 6:00pm. A buffet dinner will be served at a cost of \$30 per person. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP by September 30 to President Rich at 860-271-6608 or [president@newlondonkiwanis.org](mailto:president@newlondonkiwanis.org)

## New England District of Kiwanis Fall Training

Registration is now open for the New England District of Kiwanis Fall Conference being held the weekend of November 18-20, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth MA.

To reserve a room at the Radisson for the conference rate of \$89/night plus tax, please call the hotel at 508-747-4900. All reservations must be made Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and you must identify yourself as a member of the New England Kiwanis. The cutoff date for rooms is very early- October 1, 2011 or until our room block is sold out- whichever comes first. There are absolutely no guarantees after that date.

[Click here to Register Now](#) - [Click here for Details](#).

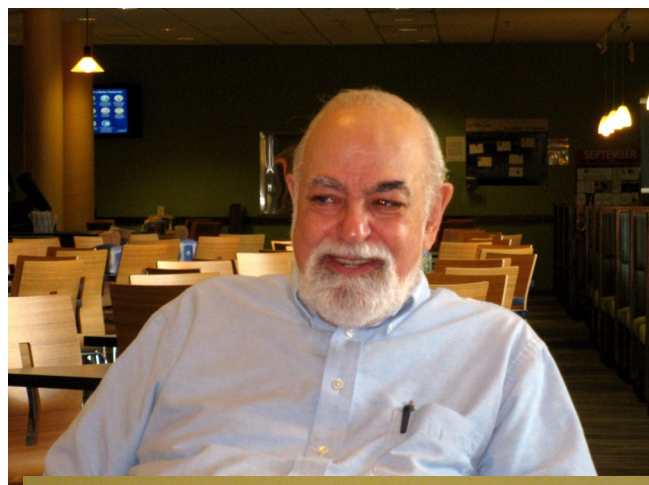
## Drawings

September 7: Frank Penny  
September 14: Mary Ellen Leone


## Condolences

The club sends our thoughts and prayers out to past Lt. Governor Sue Reniweicz of the Newington Kiwanis Club whose husband passed away recently

## Random Shots



# Our Sponsors



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**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK**  
**PAST LT. GOVERNOR**  
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## Kiwanians aren't Just Volunteers by Governor Vesta Browne

Are you just a volunteer?

How many times have you heard the expression: "but we are just volunteers" when talking with Kiwanis members throughout New England?

When I think of a volunteer, I think of someone who jumps in once a need is identified and helps do whatever they are asked to do. They offer their assistance and once their given task is finished, they reflect on how they have helped a situation, enjoy a good feeling for doing so and move on.

As a Kiwanis member we do more than that.

When we joined Kiwanis we joined an international organization that prides itself in identifying needs that directly impact children, *all children!* As Kiwanis members we committed our time and energy to changing the world, one community, one child at a time.

As Kiwanis members we identify the needs of the children by going out into our community and learning what needs to be done and then what we can do to assist. All clubs are encouraged to do this through a Community Analysis each year. The needs in our communities can change every year, sometimes several times a year. Sometimes they can even change overnight. Completing the Community Analysis guides us so we can identify, plan, and implement what needs to be done. This is what separates us from becoming "just a volunteer;" we see service projects from the very beginning when they were just an idea through to completion. We organize safety day events, we work with our young people to develop leadership skills, we renovate a kitchen in a Boys and Girls Club, we sponsor Little League baseball teams, refurbish pediatric waiting rooms in hospitals, organize food drives for shelters, and we support our Service Leadership Programs by assuming the role of mentor and through fundraising. And yet, there is so much more we could be doing. As we work side by side with other Kiwanis family members, we complete projects within our community. We are committed to the future of our entire community.

In order for us to continue on this path, we need to continue to develop our personal skills. In doing so, we will do a better job identifying the needs of our young people. We will continue to work on service projects that showcase our talents and willingness to assist not only our Service Leadership Programs but also partnerships with other organizations. It is through these efforts that we will develop our presence within our communities and our membership will grow. Together, let's do what we can within our community to show we are more than just volunteers. We are so much more, we are proud Kiwanis members.

## Thank You

As the administrative year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the News and Views this year. Thanks to Marty Olsen who wrote the News and Views through March. And thanks to Rich Cheatham, Sherry Lombardi, Ted Nelson, Andrew Ely, and Jim Sylvester who have made contributions to the News and Views though the rest of the year. The ribbon that the club won at convention belongs to you.

**The New London Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at 12:15pm in the Private Dining Room in Clarke Hall on the grounds of Mitchell College, 437 Pequot Avenue, New London, Connecticut.**