

ROTARY ANCHOR



New London Rotary Club
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Meeting Thursday April 22, 2010

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"America's Tall Ship" USCG Barque *Eagle*

2009/2010 Rotary Theme

April 22-USCG Cadet-Community Outreach Analysis Project
 April 29 - President's Visioning Project - Anna Lathrop

Reporters:	April 22	Ann Connolly
	April 29	Barry Runyan
Greeter:	April 22	Frank McLaughlin
	April 29	Ed Cornell
Song Leader:	April 22	Chris Neilan
	April 29	Millie Devine
Birthdays	April 25	Mike Stryker
	April 27	Liz Binger
		Lisa Kasprzak
Anniversaries	None	

Rotary Program Mar 25, 2010

By: Marc Patnode

Peg Curtin introduced Architects Mike Cerano and Luke McCoy who have designed the New London Sports Complex. A fields and bleacher project for New London High School, this will upgrade existing facilities and expand potential usages for the facilities.

Two presentation tripods were set in front of the capacity audience. One was an overview of the proposed land area of New London High School and the other was of the bleachers section of the stadium.

The proposed project is on the City Council agenda in the next few weeks. \$3.5 million is bonded with \$1.5 million coming from the state of Connecticut. The total has been pared down from \$9 million to the current \$5 million. Fundraising will also be conducted through sales of bleacher seat cushions.

Luke referenced to explain the incorporation of synthetic turf as an advantage over grass. Synthetic turf needs no rest period and can be used year round.

It is stitched together similar to a carpet and needs little maintenance. Recycled rubber will be used in the structure of the field. 'Grass' blades are surrounded by rubber pellets. There will be full training for city staff on maintenance of the artificial turf.

Referencing the illustration on the other tripod, Luke spoke about the upgrade of bleachers and concession stand. The concession stand will feature three rooms. One will be used for city maintenance, storage, and sports events. Two other rooms are planned as team rooms. Home and away teams will enjoy close access to the fields without having to go to the school building.

The current bleachers are constructed of wood and becoming unsafe. The proposed redesign consists of large blocks of seating set into the current natural amphitheater. A mix of aluminum and rock and the block technology saves approximately \$250,000.

Similar to the artificial turf for the fields, the bleacher construction is permanent and needs no maintenance. A total of 2 to 3 thousand seats are planned.

A separate practice field can accommodate concurrent events. The fields will be multi-sport and will be lined for 5 sports. The main field will be lit and the hope is for the second field to also have lighting. Even though New London does not have all those sports the capability opens the location up for tournaments from which the city can benefit.

Luke and Mike are ready to present bids to the City Council. Once approved, the project can begin in April and be ready by autumn.



Welcome to Rotary Angel Diaz

Angel joins us in the classification of Insurance-Employee Benefits. He represents AFLAC. Angel, his wife Amanda and daughter live in Waterford. He graduated Eastern CT. State with a degree in Economics. His hobbies include baseball, drawing, and graphic design. Angel looks forward to meeting everyone.



Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships

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In 2009-10 nearly 700 scholars from some 70 countries studied in more than 80 nations, at a program cost of approximately US\$16.2 million.

Top U.S. universities sending Rotary Scholars abroad for the 2010-11 academic year include:

- United States Naval Academy (11 scholars)
- United States Military Academy (eight scholars)
- Harvard University (six scholars)
- University of California-Berkeley; University of Pennsylvania (five scholars each)

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