

ROTARY ANCHOR



New London Rotary Club
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"America's Tall Ship" USCG Barque *Eagle*

2009/2010 Rotary Theme

Soup Kitchen this Thursday 4-6:15pm

May 13 "Winston Churchill", Most Remarkable Man of 20th Century - by Dr Bill Schmidt
 May 20 Special Club Presentation Honors

Reporters:	May 13 Alan Lyon	May 20 Lorraine Allen
Greeter:	May 13 Chris Storer	May 20 Alan Messier
Song Leader:	May 13 Millie Devine	May 20 TBD
Birthdays	May 14 Rick Gipstein	May 17 Mary Ellen Jukoski
Anniversaries	May 15 Tracee Reiser & Bob Hayford	

Student of the Year
The Williams School
Anna Daren

Anna Captains the Varsity Field Hockey and Lacrosse teams and is also a polished dancer and an excellent student who will be attending Tufts next fall. But what really makes this young woman special is her extraordinary commitment to volunteer work. She is one of the leaders of the School Service Committee and the schools's Judiciary Board. She has been very involved with the Haiti Health Foundation. She is guided by a strong moral compass and a practical but philanthropic idealism. Speaking with assurance and eloquence, Anna cited her parents as role models. She learned from them the importance of helping others. Anna finds her local community service work, and work for distant places like Haiti, extremely rewarding. It fulfills her. In the true spirit of Rotary, she exemplifies the ethic of service above self. She plans to continue her charity work at Tufts, and will no doubt continue her selfless volunteer service beyond college.



OPEN CLASSIFICATION

A new classification has been approved: **Consultant-Community**. Anyone wanting to propose someone for membership in this classification should contact President Anna within the next week.

Past President Pete Connair Pins Jerry Olson

"The Group of Five" pinned their first member in April. The group committed to putting in \$200 each for 5 years which would give each person a Paul Harris recognition at the end. Jerry was the 1st one and Pete Connair got to do the presentation.



Rotary Program April 15, 2010

By: Todd Gipstein

Michael Belt began the presentation of the **Unsung Hero Award** to Carl Lee by mentioning that Carl was an active member of the St. James congregation. Carl has helped the church with heating and plumbing projects, and that spirit of involvement and helpfulness was the theme that would carry through the awards presentation.



Carl has been involved with the greater New London community. He is currently the head of the West Street Neighborhood Alliance, part of the New London Neighborhood Alliance, a group Carl has been active with a long while. He was a graduate, a few years ago, of the "Police Academy," a program that teaches citizens about what police do and how to interact with them. Carl and former City Councilor John Maynard formed C.O.P - "Citizens on Patrol. Over time, that group became less active, but was restarted after the shooting at a local package store a few years ago.

Modest but enthusiastic, Carl Lee expanded his community service and became very active in the boardwalk rehabilitation project at Ocean Beach and is a member of S.O.B. - Save Ocean Beach.

Peg Curtin gave Carl Lee the Unsung Hero Award, and then Carl spoke. He thanked his wife, Pat, for her 45 years of love and support. Carl said New London is a great city, and it is the volunteers who really make it all happen. He said volunteering takes a lot of commitment, a lot of time, and you have to have fun while you are doing it. You have to take things on with a smile. Carl talked about the neighborhood alliances and Ocean Beach projects, including refurbishing of the kids' pool and playground. He thanked our Rotary club for our recent contribution of \$5,000 to S.O.B., and reminded us of the April 24th project to replace the toilets.



Carl ended his acceptance speech with thanks to our club for his award and thanks to us as citizens for volunteering our time and money to help New London. He ended by saying "If you need a hand, give me a call!"

Carl Lee is clearly a New Londoner who loves his city and who has donated his time, energy and talents to help improve it. He puts the focus on results and the community, not himself, which makes him truly an unsung hero.