

# ROTARY ANCHOR



2009/2010 Rotary Theme

**New London Rotary Club**  
**District 7980 Club 6741**  
 P.O. Box 654 New London, CT 06320  
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**Meeting Thursday June 24, 2010**

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

## June 24 - Homeless Veterans-Ron Steed

July 1 - Ruth McCourt Memorial Garden

<b>Reporters:</b>	June 24	Robin Aitcheson
	July 1	Meredith Diette
<b>Greeter:</b>	June 24	Rod White
	July 1	Millie Devine
<b>Song Leader:</b>	June 24	Kate Schargus
	July 1	Pam Akins
<b>Birthdays</b>	June 24	Reid Burdick
	June 26	Chris Stoer
	June 27	Roger Hassard
		Suzanne Maryeski
	June 28	Rick Lombardi
	June 29	Mary Lenzini
<b>Anniversaries</b>	June 24	Linda Mariani & Dave Neusner
		Paul Geraghty & Theresa
	June 26	Alan Messier & Debbie
	June 29	Ric Frederick & Holly

## Upcoming Club & District Special Events

July 1	Soup Kitchen 4-6:15pm
July 8	Installation Dinner at Tony D's-No Noon Meeting
July 13	District "Pass the Gavel Dinner" Orange, CT
August 19	Club Picnic - No Noon Meeting

## Welcome New Member

### Art Costa

Art joins us in the classification of Community Consultant. He runs the New London Local First program designed to promote doing business in your local community. He is active with the NL Farm to City Coalition, Landmarks, and Calkins Community Garden. Art has a wide variety of interests and we look to welcome him to the club.



## Student of the Year

### Regional Multicultural Magnet School Joaquin Selmeski

Joaquin was a special treat for the New London Rotary Club. He is a popular student and well liked by his teachers and has lots of friends at the school. He and his family were very proud of his accomplishments at school and in his personal life. Congratulations to Joaquin on this recognition.



## Yale Harvard Program May 27th

By: Mark Patnode



Lee Cole-Chu, who chairs the Harvard-Yale Committee, made brief introductions of freshman heavyweight and light-weight coaches. Lee introduced Yale Head



Coach John Pescatore, who is in his eighth year of coaching for the Yale rowing team. Coach Pescatore congratulated Harvard on a successful year, noting the strong competition. He gave an overview of Yale's successful season as well and that he was looking forward to the weekend races.

Lee then introduced Harvard Head Coach Harry Parker, now approaching fifty years at Harvard. Coach Parker talked about the full two weeks of training in Ledyard and that he has a strong group of twelve seniors and five sophomores in Varsity. They are in Cambridge for graduation today and will also be at the National Championship in Camden, NJ.

Lee then told a story from June 1968, as he was finishing freshman year at Harvard. Rowing four miles is grueling, he stated. "You just have to have faith in your training" he said, quoting the



admonition from good friend and former rowing teammate, Steve Brooks. Lee then introduced Steve, who was Stroke three years at Harvard and on the United States Olympic Team.

Steve talked about Friends of Harvard Rowing. Steve reflected on his personal experience of how grueling the four-mile regatta is. Through these reflections he also assured the audience that whenever he returns he feels he is "coming home," noting his great love for the region. Steve has had several sons row for Coach Parker and is quite proud of that.

Steve talked about working on setting up the course, including the placement of buoys, all the while challenged by poison ivy. Both teams have erected permanent training camps on the Thames at Gales Ferry for Yale and at Red Top for Harvard. Four Yale and four Harvard volunteers create the course on the Thames River in a four-mile distance that runs from the Gold Star Bridge to Bartlett's Cove.

Steve then played a video from the viewpoint of spectators - featuring a home movie by J.P. Morgan Jr. of the 1937 race. There was no audio, but Steve explained all aspects as the video played. The footage of bringing the oarsmen out, crews, and spectators, was a great experience to see bleachers mounted on train cars and vintage shots of downtown New London and the Thames River. Since 1878 the Thames has hosted all but 5 of the Harvard-Yale Regattas.

In closing the 145th Harvard-Yale Regatta meeting - America's oldest intercollegiate athletic event program - Lee encouraged all to attend and also invited folks to take the full color programs available on each table.

President Anna closed the meeting with "Good luck Yale - Good luck Harvard!"