

# ROTARY ANCHOR



2010/2011 Rotary Theme

**New London Rotary Club**  
**District 7980 Club 6741**  
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**Meeting Thursday July 1, 2010**

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**July 1 - Ruth McCourt Memorial Garden**  
 July 8 - Installation Dinner

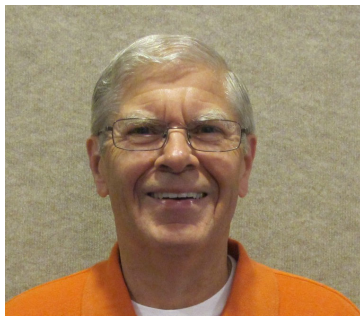
<b>Reporters:</b>	July 1	Meredith Diette
	July 8	Todd Gipstein
<b>Greeter:</b>	July 1	Millie Devine
	July 8	Installation Dinner
<b>Song Leader:</b>	July 1	Pam Akins
	July 8	Installation Dinner
<b>Birthdays</b>	July 1	John Bysko
	July 11	Robin Aitcheson
<b>Anniversaries</b>	July 10	Bill Ebersole & Susan
	July 11	Bettye Fletcher & Dr. James Comer

**Upcoming Club Special Events**

July 1	Soup Kitchen 4-6:15pm
July 8	Installation Dinner at Tony D's-No Noon Meeting
August 19	Club Picnic - No Noon Meeting

**Club Service Report from Dave Goebel**

As Director in Charge of Club Service Dave gave an update of the committees that are under his watchful eye. He also said that his job was easy as most of them function fine without any need for him to say anything.



Dave mentioned that Meredith Diette will be the new Director of Club Service July 1st. This is a list of some of the committees and the chairs:

- Club Bulletin-Todd Gipstein
- Directory & Website-Barry Levinson
- Programs-Vivian Stanley
- Fellowship-Reid Burdick
- Music-Ann Stewart
- Public Relations-Meredith Diette
- Classification-Isabelle Singer
- Rotary Information-Steve Percy & Millie Devine
- Fundraising-Gerry Tom
- "Fests"-Phil Turner
- Nominating-Ed Cramer

**Program from June 3rd Springfest Report**

By: Alan Messier



A standing ovation ensued as this week's speaker approached the podium to begin the meeting program. These have been trying times for Phil and the Turner family. On this day, however, nothing short of a team of horses would keep Phil from personally delivering the 2010 Springfest Recap; his mere presence a testament to the commitment he has demonstrated to Rotary and its famously popular festival.

The first order of the day, however, was a lighthearted poll of the membership on the question, "hat or no hat" a direct reference to the effects of Phil's battle. With that issue resolved and after offering thanks to Ed Cramer for "stepping in" during his absence, Phil opened his remarks noting that the new higher price of admission had the desired effect of drawing an older, more mature mix of patrons thereby facilitating more effective crowd control. Phil then called upon his legion of supporting leaders to deliver their reports.

Gerry Tom reported 94 total volunteers, of which 47 were Rotarians, 33 family and 14 Rotaract members.

Meredith Diette reported on the "full court press" that was employed to promote the festival throughout the region. Special mention was made of the phenomenal effort of Andy Russell and his radio stations. Meredith has requested those with additional promotional ideas to call or email her directly as plans are already in process for the Fall Festival scheduled for October 1st.

Anna Lathrop provided statistics relative to the food portion of Springfest. The Chili Cook-off, chaired by MaryLou Underwood, witnessed 21 vendors competing for two awards, the People's Choice award and the Judges Award. In the People's Choice category: 4th Place, Gourmet Galley; 3rd Place, NL Fire Department Burn Unit; 2nd Place, L&M Hospital and 1st Place, Chester's Barbecue. In the Judges' Award category: 4th Place, Neon Chicken; 3rd Place, Gourmet Galley; 2nd Place, NLFD Burn Unit and 1st Place and the winner of a \$500 prize courtesy of McCue Mortgage Company, Chester's Barbecue. Cash Prizes were also provided by Siegel, O'Connor, O'Donnell and Beck, P.C. and Dime Bank.

Phil proudly announced that the 2010 Springfest was the fourth highest grossing event garnering \$28,000.00 with an anticipated net of approximately \$20,000.00. Since its inception the festivals have raised over \$451,000.00 for the Rotary Foundation. A special thank you to our distinguished judges, Millicent Gershon, wife of District Gov. Colin Gershon, Day columnist, Rick Koster and Day food blogger, Mike Costanza.



Springfest continued

Special thanks was also extended to the following: Andy Russell (liquor permit), Mike Stryker (Rhythm Method), Brian Cole (printing), Mark Spinnato (tables), Rick Gipstein (design), Tinnerello & Sons, Kathleen Neal (golf cart) Barry Levinson, Marj Taggart Dietrich and Dave Sugrue and his staff at Ocean Beach.