

ROTARY ANCHOR



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

2010/2011 Rotary Theme

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July 15 - Myron Hendel, An Auto-Biography

July 22 - AVID Program for Camp Rotary

Reporters:	July 15	Meredith Diette
	July 22	Mark Patnode
Greeter:	July 15	Barry Runyan
	July 22	Kate Schargus
Song Leader:	July 15	TBD
	July 22	TBD
Birthdays	July 16	Alan Mayer
	July 17	Julia Kushigian-Secor
	July 19	Ben Watts
		Bettye Fletcher
		Jill Mauritz
	July 21	Allan Lyon
Anniversaries	July 15	Mary Lenzini & Sam Thomas
	July 16	Rod White & Judy
	July 19	Barry Levinson & Pam Akins
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Program from June 17th

By: Ann Connolly

Anne Schmidt presented checks from the New London Rotary Club to Linda Wilkinson, founder of the Chikumbuso Project in Zambia. The checks will help to support two children's education. It was also announced that a Rotary International matching grant of \$22,723 has been received for the Chikumbuso Project.

Dr. Bill Schmidt introduced the program speaker, his niece Emily Paul, a Rotary Ambassador, who had recently visited Chikumbuso Project in Ng'ombe, Lusaka, Zambia. Emily first learned about the Chikumbuso Project from her aunt, Anne Schmidt, when she received a bag that had been handmade by the widows' community at Chikumbuso. The Chikumbuso Project was founded by Linda Wilkinsin to help widows and orphans whose lives have been impacted by the AIDS epidemic. The project offers food, education, healthcare and earned income from the micro business of making tote bags.



In January, Emily went to South Africa, and in March visited Chikumbuso with her friend Stephanie. They were hosted there by Linda Wilkinson. Emily was given a tour by one of the community, Maureen, and was introduced to the widows. Emily said she was overwhelmed by the spirit of the people, as she watched the women making bags, their fingers flying. Emily also has an opportunity to meet the children and thought they were wonderful. Since a fashion show was scheduled, Emily participated in the preparation, helping to put adornments on the bags for the show. Emily said she could feel the group's energy and the fashion show was an enormous success.

Emily went as her aunt's and the Rotary club's eyes and ears, and found a compound where hope, love and knowledge are being knitted. She also saw the art room dedicated to Anne Schmidt. Emily said that she frequently thinks back on her visit, and she is now committed to the project also. She thanked Linda Wilkinsin for hosting her during her visit and Anne Schmidt for motivating her to visit the Chikumbuso Project. Photos were then shown of Anne's Art Room. Emily's enthusiasm for the project was contagious and her interesting talk was delightful and educational.

Linda then spoke and thanked the club for the donations and the R I grant. She reported that many good things had happened this year, including the organization receiving a 501(C)(3) classification, and Linda obtaining a two-year work permit. She said that currently there are 63 widows, each of whom care for and are responsible for about 10 family members. She spoke of one child who had been out of school for 3 years because the family couldn't afford it. There are ~600 thousand AIDS orphans, most of who do not attend school and only have one meal a day. At the Chikumbuso Project, the children receive shoes, healthcare, food, education and find friends, safety and support.

Upcoming Club Special Events

July 29	District Governor Visit -Julie Reppenhagen
August 8	Soup Kitchen 4-6:15 Montauk Avenue
August 19	Club Picnic - No Noon Meeting

Student of the Year

ISSAC School

Haley Brennan

Kathleen Neal introduced the ISSAC student of the year, Haley Brennan. With Haley were her parents, Denise and William Brennan, and her brother, Aiden. Dr. Lloyd Johnson, executive director, spoke about Haley, her contributions to their school community, the area community, and her outstanding scholastic performance.



Morning Group has 1st Visiting Rotarian

Morning Club member Robin Aitcheson proudly displays a flag that was exchanged by a member of the Winnipeg North Rotary Club in Canada. Flags were exchanged and there was discussion about projects done by their clubs.

