

ROTARY ANCHOR



New London Rotary Club
District 7980 Club 6741
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Meeting Thursday September 9, 2010

Soup Kitchen This Thursday!



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

2010/2011 Rotary Theme

Sept 9-Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut

Sept 16 - The CT Budget, Legislative Issues & Taxes

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| Reporters: | Sept 9 | Meredith Diette |
| | Sept 16 | Lorraine Allen |
| Greeter: | Sept 9 | Isabelle Singer |
| | Sept 16 | Peg Curtin |
| Invocation: | Sept 9 | Michel Belt |
| | Sept 16 | Mike Stryker |
| Song Leader: | Sept 9 | Helen Sandalls |
| | Sept 16 | Kate Schargus |
| Birthdays | Sept 12 | Scott Burhoe |
| Anniversaries | Sept 9 | Vivian Stanley & Jerry Olson |
| | | Jerry Olson & Vivian Stanley |
| | Sept 11 | Sarah Rogovin & Mark Twiss |

NEW MEMBER NOTIFICATION:

Robert Ames, has been proposed for membership in the classification of **Director Parks & Recreation-Retired** Any objection to this nomination must be made in writing to President Gerry within ten days.

Upcoming Club Special Events

- September 11 Foundation Seminar Deep River
8am-3pm Saturday
- September 17 Rotaract-Thames Club 6:30pm
Invitation to NL Rotarians to hear about the Rotaract International Project in India.
- October 1 Oktoberfest at the Beach
- November 3 Foundation Dinner Orange, CT

Camp Rotary ends with a Success!

Camp Rotary changed in location and format this with a lot of last minute effort. We think the kids benefited from the changes and are thankful for all the hard work of the New London School System and Connecticut College.

Working closely with Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School the Campers were presented with the AVID program. Kids are helped along with their learning skills and set goals for the future. They were inspired to work towards a goal of going to college.

(Below kids enjoy day at Mystic Seaport)



Rotary Program from August 12, 2010

By: Todd Gipstein

Social worker Frank Silva gave a report about the Group Study Exchange to South Africa. The group visited some 28 cities and their Rotary Clubs in 15 days. Frank told us that the South African clubs are very active, with each club undertaking as many as 30 projects!

He presented a film that was a montage of the highlights of their trip, which focused on South Africa and neighboring Botswana.

Mixing images of the 33 projects they visited with interviews of participants, the film painted a picture of a truly life-changing experience for all involved. The projects the group visited ran quite the gamut, with help for those affected by AIDS and services for women and children seeming to be the dominant themes. Others included water, school and sanitation projects.

The projects included a school and health center at Thlokomo, the Grace Health Center, a haven for abused or abandoned women and children, and the Pietersburg Rotary clean water project. The Garbarone Center, an after school program, started in 2005 with 6 kids grouped around a tree. It has grown into a center where thousands have participated.

The Group Exchange members spoke about their visit and how it opened their eyes, minds and hearts and helped them better understand the Rotary motto. They came away enriched and inspired to do more.

Frank's report was a vivid reminder of the global reach of Rotary, and how vital a role it plays in helping those in need. Indeed, "Service Above Self" is an ideal and a reality that knows no boundaries. He concluded with a heartfelt "Baie Dankei," Afrikaans for "Thank You."



Rotarian John Bradshaw of Mystic with members of the District 7980 team to South Africa April 10th to May 8th



OPEN CLASSIFICATIONS

Four new classification has been approved: **Real Estate-Project Manager: Dentistry-Cosmetic: Dentistry-Hygienist: Credit Union-Administration** Anyone wanting to propose someone for membership in these classifications should contact President Gerry within the next week.