

ROTARY ANCHOR



New London Rotary Club
District 7980 Club 6741
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2010/2011 Rotary Theme

"AM Group" Meets 7am at City News

District Conference
May 12-15th
 Sturbridge, MA
 Golf Tournament
 Clam Bake dinner



Miniature Golf Tournament
 Presentation of Presidents
 Banquet Dinner & Awards & Auction
 Sunday Brunch Buffet

March 17 CT State Police David Hayes-Canines

March 24 Parkinson's Disease - Rick Gipstein

Reporters:	March 17	Julia Kushigian Secor	
	March 24	Mark Patnode	
Greeter:	March 17	Vivian Stanley	
	March 24	Andy Russell	
Invocation:	March 17	Catherine Foley	
	March 24	Michel Belt	
Song Leader	March 17	Helen Sandalls	
	March 24	Chris Neilan	
Birthdays	March 20	Henry Savin	
Anniversaries	March 17	Frank McLaughlin & Lynda	
	March 21	Frank Laycock & Eleanor	

NEW MEMBER NOTIFICATION:

Chuck Primus, has been proposed for membership in the classification of **Automotive Ford-Lincoln-Mazda Dealer**. Any objection to this nomination must be made in writing to President Gerry within ten days.

Student of the Year

Science & Technology Magnet High School

Christopher Salva

Christopher was chosen as the Student of the Year for a variety of reasons. He is hard working and very well liked by all of the faculty at STMHS. Christopher has worked hard to achieve the number two spot in his class. He continues to enroll in a variety of challenging courses, and in addition to the classes currently on his schedule, he also signed himself up for an online AP Physics course, in which he has taken the initiative to work independently. He successfully completed this very difficult class. In conjunction with his academics, Christopher is also very involved in a variety of extracurricular activities, as he has been a vital member of the high school's wrestling and track teams.



Christopher has taken on the responsibility of 'caretaker' to all of the species in the STMHS Animal Room. He is very reliable in the care and feeding of all of the STMHS' creatures. As an individual who has the innate ability to get along with everyone he comes in contact with, Christopher Salva proves to be a wonderful and caring individual who is always very gracious, unassuming and appreciative of the efforts put in by others. Chris has been accepted and will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in New York, in the Fall of 2011.

Rotary Program from February 17, 2011

Reporter: Robin Altcheson

Rotarian Lorraine Allen reintroduced her husband Douglas Allen who came to enlighten us with a history of the Elks. Lorraine highlighted Doug's illustrious career in the CG and at Pfizer and his many honors. Doug, retired, continues serving our community via New London Port Authority, visiting nursing home patients with his two Shelties, and, presently serving as secretary of the New London Elks. Doug explained how The Elks came to be. First known as "the Jolly Corks", they began as a group of NY actors whose mission was to circumvent Sunday blue laws began in 1867.



Gatherings which included impromptu shows drew a crowd and advanced membership quickly. In response to the loss of an original member, their purpose shifted to benevolence to support those who experienced misfortune. On Feb 16, 1868 the Elk symbol was adopted and the Benevolent and Protective order of the Elks came into being thus becoming one of the first performer protective associations in America. New London lodge No. 360 was established on Feb 19, 1897. Today there are over 2400 Lodges in every US state and territory.

The Elks' national charity effort began in 1889 with assistance in disaster relief support for the Jamestown flood. They were first to offer aid after the San Francisco earthquake and fire in 1906. Their ongoing support for the military and veterans began in 1917 when they financed the first mobile hospitals for wounded combatants in France, a reconstruction hospital in Boston, support for the Salvation Army, and established the first GI loan program for disabled veterans. Elks sold war bonds during WWII, arranged blood collection during the Korean War, assisted Vietnam and now Iraq and Afghanistan veterans re-assimilate. Elks work closely with the VA in many endeavors.

The Elks National Foundation was formed in 1928 and until last year was the only organization second to the US government to give student scholarships both nationally and locally. (The Gates Foundation now joins their ranks.) They support Hoop and Soccer Shoot programs, over 1200 Boy and Girl Scout troops, and programs to develop confidence and fellowship. The Elks' motto is "Elks care, Elks share". The New London Lodge supports our community with Youth scholarships, drug awareness programs, Adopt a Family, Thanksgiving food drive, Rotary Polio eradication program. They also donate the entire basement of the lodge for a free martial arts program open to all kids in NL County. Thank you Doug for your presentation, your support to our community and the invitation to visit the Elks til the 11pm bell rings!