

ROTARY ANCHOR



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

2010/2011 Rotary Theme

Installation Dinner June 30th Garde Arts

June 9 - Special Agent Mark LaFrance, FBI
 June 16 - New London High School Basketball Team

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| Reporters: | June 9 | Lorraine Allen |
| | June 16 | Alan Lyon |
| Greeter: | June 9 | Helen Sandles |
| | June 16 | Rod White |
| Invocation: | June 9 | Jerry Fischer |
| | June 16 | Peg Curtin |
| Song Leader | June 9 | Meredith Diette |
| | June 16 | Chris Neilan |
| Birthdays | June 14 | Bill Schmidt |
| | | Nick Utz |
| Anniversaries | June 12 | Denny Hicks & Nancy |
| | June 13 | Dave Goebel & Earline |
| | June 15 | Anna Lathrop & Jeff |

Rotary Program from May 12, 2011

Reporter: Julia A. Kushigian-Secor

The New London Rotary bestowed two Distinguished Service Awards on members of our New London community. Chris Neilan presented what he termed to be the first Distinguished Service Award granted posthumously. The New London Rotary Club presented the award to Eleanor Hage, who passed away last March in Boca Raton, Fla. Accepting for Eleanor were her husband, Elias, and son, Joseph. Presenting them with a certificate and pin to be displayed proudly in recognition of Eleanor's many contributions to the New London community, Chris reminded us of her great organizational skills, her work as volunteer coordinator for the Soup Kitchen in New London and her twenty years as coordinator of the New London Area Food Pantry. Eleanor dedicated her life to helping others through the countless meals and baked goods she prepared for visits to shut-ins, in homebound instruction for troubled teens, and through cooking and entertaining many of her friends and colleagues. Her resourcefulness led to her encouraging her friend, Chris' mother, to convince him to lend a van to the food pantry for many years for the pick up and distribution of food. Chris' concluding remark, "You couldn't say no to Eleanor," described the spirit of a woman who had an indomitable will and an uncanny ability to get things done.



Joseph Hage Elias Hage

The second honoree was Charlotte Hennegan of Thames River Greenery. Born and raised in New London with six brothers and sisters, Charlotte takes a great deal of pride in the city. She enhances its streetscapes, decorating with flowers and lighting The Parade, the downtown streets and the train station during the holidays. Charlotte has a genuine love of New London according to Lorraine Allen, who presented her with a Rotary certificate and pin. Charlotte has renovated and developed three of the old beautiful buildings in New London, where she runs flourishing businesses. She is a member of the Cruise Ship Task Force, supports train and commuter service through Shoreline East, and is VP of the City Center Taxing District, a group of downtown property owners that pays additional tax into a fund to be administered to some of the programs mentioned in this article. An article by Steven Slosberg in The Day speaks to Charlotte's character, "For New London, it is Charlotte Hennegan being herself, once again. And from what I've seen for the last 30 years, that can only be reassuring." In closing her tribute, Lorraine described Charlotte as the magical person with flowers, world traveler, and dog lover, who makes visible contributions that have a positive effect on New London.

Student of the Year C. B. Jennings School Adeliz Cordero

Adeliz passion for and commitment to learning is evident. Adeliz is both bilingual and biliterate. She performed at the "advanced goal" level on the reading, writing, and math Connecticut Mastery Tests. A wonderful ambassador for Jennings School, Adeliz was one of the few students chosen to escort Chamber of Commerce members and local realtors during their tour of the school. Congratulations Adeliz!



OPEN CLASSIFICATION

A new classification has been approved: **Hospitality Sales**. Anyone wanting to propose someone for membership in this classification should contact President Gerry within the next week.

Mildred Devine Honored by Rotary Permanent Fund

District Governor-Elect Rupi Rupwani came to New London to honor Millie Devine for her inclusion into the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society. Permanent Fund Chair Barry Levinson Presented Millie with a Crystal statue and pin. Millie addressed the club with her reasons for establishing a legacy and the importance of planning, a topic in which Millie is well versed.



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