

# ROTARY ANCHOR



**New London Rotary Club**  
**District 7980 Club 6741**  
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**Meeting Thursday January 5, 2012**  
**AM Group 7am Thursday Muddy Waters**



## Jan 5 Tom Wetmore Memorial Service at Second Congregational Church NOON

Jan 12 Town & Gown, Professor's View-Marijan Despalatovic

<b>Reporters:</b>	Jan 5	Barry Runyan
	Jan 12	Lorraine Allen
<b>Greeter:</b>	Jan 5	Catherine Foley
	Jan 12	Meredith Diette
<b>Invocation:</b>	Jan 5	Brian Cole
	Jan 12	Lorraine Allen
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jan 5	Helen Sandalls
	Jan 12	Millie Devine
<b>Birthdays</b>	Jan 5	Mark Spinnato
	Jan 10	Penny Parsekian
<b>Anniversaries</b>	None	

## Rotary Program from December 8, 2011

Reporter: Robin Aitcheson



NL Rotarians were impressed and delighted with our visit to the Science & Technology Magnet High School of Southeastern Connecticut. We were warmly greeted by Director Louis Allen Jr, staff and students, entertained by pianist Samantha Lake, honored by NLHS ROTC and served a beautiful and delicious luncheon prepared by the culinary students. Mr. Allen has been an administrator in New London schools since 1992, served as Pres. of the Ct Association of Interdistrict Magnet



Schools and led the collaboration to design additional educational opportunities and the eventual creation of this school. He actively educates the wider community about the school, the NL community, and inspires students by engaging fully with them to encourage their success.

The school is funded by the state, sending towns, numerous grants and is self-sustaining. Students submit an application and essay and are chosen by lottery. Seventy five freshmen are chosen each year. Community partnership is extensive and includes the CGA, Connecticut College, Mitchell, UNH, Indiana and Purdue, and UConn Universities participating in collaborative teaching and curriculum with college credits.

A parent, teachers and students shared perspectives and experiences of the school highlighting the exceptional Engineering and Biomedical programs, college credit opportunities, experiential learning, diverse and talented students and teachers. Seniors, Khushu Pandya, Vaghens Larrieux, and Calee Fields confidently spoke of their achievements which have prepared them for future college endeavors and careers. They expressed gratitude for not only the superior curriculum but especially for the safe environment, mentoring and support of the teachers, staff, administration, and NLHS and New London community.

We were all appreciative of the beautiful facility, amazed by the quality of this educational opportunity and "wowed" by the students' maturity, accomplishments, and gratitude. We hope to stay connected to this wonderful community gem.



## New London Interact Club Banner

Rotarians Jill Anderson & Tom Hogston pass the new Interact banner to officers of the New London High School club. The Interact Club was involved in setting up the meeting and planning and serving the food. They have done several fundraisers already and the club has grown to over 25 members. Many charities have benefited including the New London Community Food Bank. Keep up the good work!

