

ROTARY ANCHOR



New London Rotary Club
District 7980 Club 6741
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Meeting Thursday April 12, 2012

AM Group 7am Thursday Muddy Waters



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

April 12 Op Sail 2012 - Frank McLaughlin
 April 19 Camp Rotary Update - Ed Sweeney

Reporters:	April 12	Linda English
	April 19	Alan Messier
Greeter:	April 12	Jose Ulloa
	April 19	Bill Schmidt
Invocation:	April 12	Lorraine Allen
	April 19	Kate Schargus
Song Leader	April 12	Joanne Cain
	April 19	Millie Devine
Birthdays	April 16	Bill Miner
	April 17	Gerry Tom
	April 18	Andy Russell
Anniversaries	None	

Rotary stays Fresh with New Ideas

Representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation approved an enactment 28 April to add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations.

After adopting an amendment to change the name from Youth Service, as originally proposed, to New Generations, the Council narrowly supported the addition to article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. The 263-250 vote was received by surprised gasps and applause after a short debate.

New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as the foundation of club activity. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

"It's a significant change – a historic day in Rotary," said Council Chair Mark Daniel Maloney. "Rotarians have always strongly supported youth activities even though they were never part of the four Avenues of Service. I think this strengthens our commitment."

The Avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Oponents argued that youth services are already covered by the four Avenues of Service. One representative said that adding a fifth avenue could decrease emphasis on the other four avenues.

"The volume of activity in youth programs shows how strong Rotary can be," she said. "The addition of New Generations to the Avenues of Service will contribute in an enormous way toward public opinion."

Rotary Program from March 15, 2012

Reporter: Robin Aitcheson

Past President Anna Lathrop nudged Victoria Mueller who nudged some friends and on 4/16/10 New London's Rotaract, the only community based club in the state, was born. At present NL

Rotaract membership consists of 35 "movers and shakers" who represent a wide array of professions. The club was chartered in Nov 2010 with a focus to provide young adults with opportunities for community



involvement, to have fun, relax, and to create ways to alleviate hunger in NL county. They formed a partnership with FRESH New London (part of United Way and Gemma Moran) and continue their role with volunteering at the community garden sites and fund raising. The club raised \$1000 for Gemma Moran, \$1000 for Japan Disaster Relief and \$1000 for SAPWII. One of their greatest successes has been the selling of their I (whale tail) NL t-shirts at Sailfest last year. Their creative members have many ideas for future branding of this popular item.

Meetings moved from Hannafins to the Thames Club and now include speakers, happy/sad dollars, tournament brackets, and social time after the meeting. Members enjoy "Night Out NL" events where they partner with local restaurants and use proceeds for Fresh. They have started a "Caught in the Act" photo upload campaign to raise awareness of Rotaract and encourage participation.

This vibrant club had been of great support to NL Rotary at Brewfests. They have supported the community with volunteerism for Amber Alert Registration, United Way Allocations Committee, Tommy Toy fund, Salvation Army, and helped disassemble the Rink for NL Main Street.. They have been asked to speak at other Rotary clubs and District conferences and are excited to be hosting the District Rotaract Conference on April 14th at the Thames Club. All Rotarians are invited to join in. Current President Victoria has much to be proud of and we commend her and the group for their success. Victoria especially thanked Pres. Vivian Stanley, Gerry Tom, Mel Foti and Barry Levinson for their continued support and guidance. Thank you Rotaract for your support, success, and inspiration!