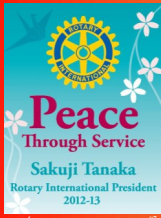


ROTARY ANCHOR



2012/2013 Rotary Theme

New London Rotary Club

District 7980 Club 6741

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Meeting Thursday December 20, 2012



USCG Barque Eagle

AM Group 7am Thursday at Muddy Waters

December 20—Benny Dover Jackson Choir—Lisa Marien
December 27—Fellowship Meeting

Reporters:	December 20	Lorraine Allen
	December 27	Linda English
Greeter:	December 20	Andy Russell
	December 27	Millie Devine
Invocation:	December 20	John Estelle
	December 27	Michel Belt
Song Leader:	December 20	TBD
	December 27	Millie Devine
Birthdays	December 26	Pam Akins
Anniversaries	December 20	John Bysko & Jane
	December 23	Lorraine Allen & Doug

Tune Trivia



Did you know that Christmas carols can be traced back to as early as 1350, but most of today's Christmas carols were written during the 18th century?

In 1847, the music for "O Holy Night" was written by French composer Adolphe-Charles Adam, who also wrote the ballet Giselle. Now a mainstay for church celebrations and carolers, the song was first denounced by church authorities for its "lack of musical taste and total absence of the spirit of religion."

In 1857, James Pierpont, musical director at his brother's Unitarian church, was inspired to write a song about the rollicking sleigh races he watched as a young man. "Jingle Bells" was first published as "One Horse Open Sleigh," and though it was well liked from the beginning, it really took off when the Hayden Quartet recorded it in 1902.

Pastor Phillips Brooks wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem" in 1867, recalling the view of Bethlehem from the hills of Palestine at night. His church organist, Lewis Redner, added the music so that the children's choir could sing the song.

According to American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, between 2000 and 2010, the most-performed holiday song was "Winter Wonderland," which was written in 1934.

Rotary Program from November 15, 2012

Reporter: Alan Messier



"Brewfest at the Beach", the October 5, 2012 edition of the bi-annual fundraiser at Ocean Beach Park to benefit Camp Rotary, was another success according to Co-chairs, Gerry Tom and Mark Spinnato. Equipped with an entertaining PowerPoint

presentation prepared by Emily Lavoie, Gerry and Mark presented their final report to the membership.

Each of the essential elements necessary to stage a successful event of this magnitude was portrayed through the use of caricatures and pictures providing a humorous look at all that goes into this event, including planning, permitting, organization, publicity, entertaining, provision of food and brew, set-up, take-down, clean-up and, lastly, accounting.

Once again, Ed Cramer and his Gordon's Yellow Front Wines & Liquors store stepped up arranging for over 150 microbrews to be sampled by the attendees while Mike Stryker and his "Rhythm Method" band ensured a festive atmosphere for all. Recognition was also given to Michel Belt, Brian Cole, Anna Lathrop, MaryLou Underwood, Karen Garside (Dime Bank Blue Crew) Andy Russell (WNLC98.7) and Wireless Zone.

The Philip A. Turner award was distributed to three worthy recipients. The award, formerly known as The Good N' Plenty award, has been renamed in honor of our late comrade who gave unselfishly of himself for many years toward this worthwhile event.

Nick Fischer received an award for excellence in individual ticket sales, reportedly selling tickets to individuals too young to attend the event. What's that saying about selling ice to an Eskimo? Nicely done, Nick.

Alex Suprin received an award for receiving, storing and trucking all the supplies and equipment to and from the event as well as ensuring a sufficient inventory of tables and chairs to accommodate all the guests.

Lastly, Emily Lavoie, one of our newest members of our group, exhibited leadership and initiative throughout the stages of the event including preparation of the PowerPoint show. For demonstrating "service above self" Emily was the third recipient of the award.

The efforts of all these people and the many volunteers is reflected in the final figures that revealed net proceeds in excess of \$15,000.00 despite increased expenses for facility charges and police protection as well as competition from a similar fundraiser held on the same night. While this may present new challenges for future events, it can be said once again that a good time was had by all for a good cause.