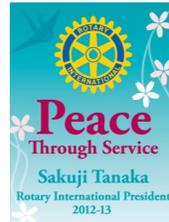


ROTARY ANCHOR



New London Rotary Club

District 7980 Club 6741

P.O. Box 654
New London, CT 06320
www.newlondonrotary.org

Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2013

Program:

January 17
Public Defenders:
We Are Real Lawyers
By: Martin Zeldes

January 24
Building Veteran's Housing in Jewett City
By: Rick Gipstein

Reporter:

January 17 Meredith Diette
January 24 Mark Patnode

Invocation:

January 17 Nick Fischer
January 24 Tracee Reiser

Greeter:

January 17 Roger Hassard
January 24 Isabelle Singer

Song Leader:

January 17 Joanne Cain
January 24 TBD

Birthdays:

January 19 Myron Hendel
Isabelle Singer
January 23 Helen Sandalls

Anniversaries

None

Expanded Learning Time in New London Public Schools

1/3/13 Speaker: Nick Fischer Reported By: Alan Lyon

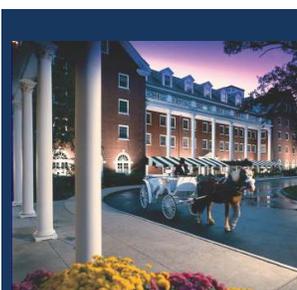
There have been studies and academic conversations about the inefficient use of time in public education for decades. Our traditional school schedule was suited for an agrarian economy – children had to help with the farm work in the summer growing season. What is needed to prepare our students for today is radically different from sixty years ago. In 1952, the high school graduation rate was 56%. But, in those times, a person who was functionally illiterate could find a decent job. In today's world, that is no longer the case. The requirements to enter an apprenticeship program in one of the trades are as rigorous as college preparation of a few decades ago. An expanded school calendar and better use of time will be critical in helping to prepare our youth.

In the 2013-2014 school year, New London will be one of three Connecticut school districts (and one of 11 nationally) to participate in the TIME (Time for Innovation Matters in Education) Collaborative, which is an initiative to develop high-quality expanded learning time schools. This program will provide:

- ◆ A safe place for students in the afternoons
- ◆ Opportunities for interesting and rigorous activities
- ◆ Opportunities for athletics and exercise
- ◆ A chance to work with other students collaboratively, which is not the typical classroom style
- ◆ Access to additional help in academic subjects

The school system is in the process of partnering with organizations such as the Coast Guard Academy, Electric Boat, Connecticut College, Mitchell College, L & M Hospital, and our Rotary Club to help develop and provide the content and resources for this program. Nick says that they would even like to expand the Camp Rotary Program to serve as many as 300 students! Goals of the program are to lengthen the school year and provide activities on Saturdays. They are even looking at the possibility of switching to an all-year trimester calendar, with just a couple of weeks off between terms.

Nick was Superintendent in Fall River recently as they were one of the first three school districts in the nation to institute expanded learning time and he provided stories about how that program positively affected the lives of several individual students.



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New London Rotary Fellowship Meeting

12/27/12 By: Linda English

A lively and wonderful Fellowship Meeting was held on December 27th, with various club members sharing personal stories in an effort to learn more about each other and to have some fun.

Penny Parsekian shared details of her experience making a plum pudding, which, after many details about the complexity of the recipe and the attempt to remove it from the mold, we were told turned out delicious!

Rick Gipstein, Penny Parsekian, Bill Schmidt, and Chris Neilan all shared stories about experiences with beloved pets. Some made us laugh, while others made us reflect on how much animals bring to our lives.

Pete Connair performed an interesting and hilarious story of a man who had a new suit made for him and was anxious for various people to be duly impressed or at least make a comment about the new suit. Through a series of steps, which involved Pete basically turning himself into various contortions, the story of the reaction of the new suit brought on fits of laughter and applause.