

ROTARY ANCHOR



New London Rotary Club

District 7980 Club 6741

Chartered April 11, 1917

P.O. Box 654
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AM Meeting: Thursdays at 7AM—Muddy Waters, New London
Lunch Meeting: Thursdays at 12:15 PM—Holiday Inn, New London

Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2013

Program:

May 2
Passage to India
By Julia Kushigian-Secor

May 9
Spring Concert by
Benny Dover Jackson Middle School
Skip a meal meeting!

Guest Facilitator:
Brian Cole (President 1993-1995)

Reporter:
May 2 Alan Lyon
May 9 Julia Kushigian-Secor

Invocation:
May 2 Chuck Ramey
May 9 John Estelle

Greeter:
May 2 Julia Kushigian-Secor
May 9 TBD

Song Leader:
May 2 Mel Foti
May 9 Chris Neilan

Birthdays:
May 7 Walter Makepeace
Fred Deltgen

Anniversaries: None

South America: A Sub-Continent Whose Time Has Come—Part 1

Program: 4/18/13 Speakers: Bill Schmidt
Reported By: Todd Gipstein

Dr. Bill Schmidt gave an informative talk about South America, titling his presentation, "South America: A Subcontinent Whose Time Has Come." Bill started with a bit of history, explaining how both Spain and Portugal were major players in the discovery and settling of South America. So much so that the Pope was called in to arbitrate land claims. He decided, rather generously, to give half the world to Spain and half to Portugal.

Bill then went through a country-by-country breakdown of the subcontinent. Here are the highlights:

Colombia: once known mostly for its drug trade, it was cleaned up considerably by a president who allowed free market capitalism. Indeed, Medellin, once the center of brutal drug wars, was recently voted the most progressive city in the world, beating out Tel Aviv and New York.

Venezuela: It is not faring so well after the election of a clown dictator who speaks to birds, giving new meaning to the term "bird brain." Bill told us that 30% of the population live below the poverty line.

Brazil: Geographically, it comprises 50% of South America. Lots of exports, including Embraer airplanes and subway cars. It will host the World Cup and Olympics. Its ports cannot handle the load of ships its successful economy brings to its shores.

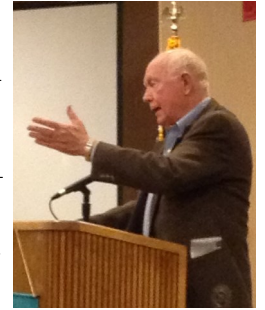
Uruguay: A peaceful place to keep your money. Bill described it as beautiful and progressive.

Argentina: It's a country where Bill has spent a lot of time. The current president, who succeeded her husband, is, like him, a big crook. Bill said it's an incredible country but needs free market capitalism and better government.

Chile: Bill told us how Pinochet, after the overthrow of Allende, hired the "Chicago Boys," a group of University of Chicago economists, to turn the country around. That they did, and the presidents who followed him have not messed with success.

Peru: By adopting free market capitalism, it has become successful, and by making it easy for companies to start businesses, moved forward.

Bill also touched briefly on Bolivia, Paraguay, Ecuador and the Guianas, hoping to tell us more about them and this diverse subcontinent in a future talk. Bill's presentation was a fascinating glimpse into South America, a subcontinent with a rich and varied history, whose countries are emerging as players on the world stage.



BREWFEST at the Beach

Friday, May 10

6pm-9pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Earn a meeting make up for each shift you work:

- Set Up
- 5:30—7:30
- 7:30-9:30
- Cleanup

Sign up sheets are available at our weekly meetings, or contact Gerry Tom at gtom@att.net to sign up.



Skip A Lunch Meeting

Thursday,
May 9, 2013

Plan to eat before or after the meeting, as no lunch will be served. Lunch proceeds will go to End Polio Now efforts. We will be entertained by the Benny Dover Jackson Middle School Choir. Don't miss it!

OPEN CLASSIFICATION

A new classification has been approved: **Catering.** Anyone wanting to propose someone for membership in this classification should contact President-Elect Meredith within the next week.

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A new classification has been approved: **Attorney—Commercial Litigation.** Anyone wanting to propose someone for membership in this classification should contact President-Elect Meredith within the next week.

2013 DISTRICT CONFERENCE: MAY 16—19, 2013

1 DAY RATES NOW AVAILABLE:

Friday Program (includes Saturday Lunch): \$250pp double/\$360 Single
Saturday Program (includes Saturday Lunch): \$310pp double/\$420 single

Gideon Putnam Resort Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, NY

Register online with DaCdb: www.directory-online.