

ROTARY ANCHOR



New London Rotary Club

District 7980 Club 6741

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AM Meeting: Thursdays at 7AM—Muddy Waters, New London
Lunch Meeting: Thursdays at 12:15 PM—Tony D's, New London

Meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2013

Program:

November 21
50 Years after the
Kennedy Assassination:
Catherine Foley & Mel Foti

November 28
Thanksgiving Day—No Meeting

December 5
Holiday Literacy Program
Anna Lathrop

Reporter:

November 21 Lorraine Allen
November 28 No Meeting
December 5 Meredith Diette

Invocation:

November 21 Chris Neilan
November 28 No Meeting
December 5 Helen Sandalls

Greeter:

November 21 Anna Lathrop
November 28 No Meeting
December 5 Alan Lyon

Song Leader:

November 21 Millie Devine
November 28 No Meeting
December 5 Mel Foti

Birthdays:

November 26 Michel Belt
November 29 Chris Neilan
December 3 Paul Suprin
Lee Cole-Chu

Anniversaries:

November 22 Nick Utz & Lana
Lana Utz & Nick
November 25 Julia Kushigian Secor
& Charles



Rotary Anniversaries for December

Date	Member	Since
12/03	Pam Akins	1987
	Neil Feinberg	1998
	Alan Lyon	2008
12/04	Meredith Diette	2007
12/06	Pam McNulty-Hennessey	2008
12/15	Gina Fafard	2011

REMINDER

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28**
~HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING~



Veteran's Day Program/Service Person of the Month Reporter: Mark Patnode

In honor of Veteran's Day, our November 7 meeting was dedicated to honoring those who have served and are currently serving our country. Steve Percy delivered the invocation, selecting a powerful eulogy written by Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn of the Fifth Marine Division to honor the fallen following the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945. Rabbi Gittelsohn was the first Jewish chaplain ever appointed by the Marine Corps.

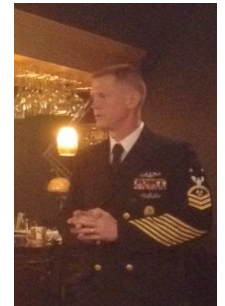


Mary Lenzini then introduced Dr. Robert Newton, Director of the Coast Guard Academy a cappella ensemble The Idlers - an all-male ensemble specializing in the performance of sea shanties and patriotic songs. The Idlers entertained us with a several patriotic songs and finished with a medley of the Service Songs.

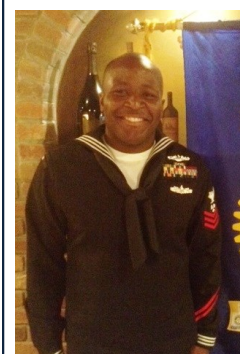
Mark Nickerson, Military Affairs Representative of the Chamber of Commerce, joined us again this year for the presentation of Service Person of the Month. He introduced us to Master Chief Weber, USN, who took the lectern to tell us a little bit about the Service Person of the Month, Petty Officer Mario Silvestri, USN.

Petty Officer Silvestri is a torpedo instructor at the Submarine School in Groton. He and his wife, Mindy, came to Groton from Guam in 2012 and have two children. On base, he serves as a career counselor for his colleagues in addition to his regular duties. Off base, he has volunteered over 500 hours of his off duty time to help many organizations including Toys for Tots, Habitat for Humanity, Caring and Sharing, Special Olympics, and many others.

Master Chief Weber then turned the lectern back over to Mark



Master Chief Weber



Petty Officer Silvestri

Nickerson, who commented on how he enjoys doing this on a monthly basis and "hearing the story behind the Sailor". He described Petty Officer Silvestri as very dedicated to our community, although he is originally from NY. After a little friendly sports team banter, Mark presented a bounty of recognition in the form of donations from many local organizations - Mystic Aquarium, Flanders Fish Market, Mystic Seaport, Blackhawk Fishing, Mallove's Jewelers, Denison Pequotsepos Center, The Day, and Mark's employer Geico, Inc. in the form of toys for the Silvestri children.

Petty Officer Silvestri thanked the Chamber, Rotary, his Chain of Command, and his wife and children. "I love helping out people doing what I do," he said. "It's nice to know we have a community out here backing us up!"

Mary Lenzini then read from published remarks of the National Commander for the American Legion in honor of 2013 Veteran's Day (November 11th). Commander Daniel Dellinger's remarks reflected in particular on one aspect of concern to the military - how suicide now outpaces battlefield deaths in Afghanistan.

Pete Connair closed with a prayerful recognition of all Veterans - past and present. He finished with a reminder to us all:

"Let's remember today that Freedom is Not Free!"