

# ROTARY ANCHOR



## New London Rotary Club

District 7980 Club 6741

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P.O. Box 654  
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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, January 30, 2014

### Program:

**January 30**  
**Access CT and the**  
**Affordable Healthcare Act**  
Representative Joe Courtney/Phil Boyle

**February 6**  
Negotiating Styles  
Alan Wheelock

**Reporter:**  
January 30 Alan Lyon  
February 6 Mark Patnode

**Invocation:**  
January 30 Kate Schargus  
February 6 Bill Schmidt

**Greeter:**  
January 30 John Bysko  
February 6 Ed Cramer

**Song Leader:**  
January 30 Chris Neilan  
February 6 Brian Cole

**Birthdays:** None

**Anniversaries:**  
February 2 Myron Hendel & Rita

### The Mysterious Richard III

Speaker: Lorraine Allen

Reporter: Alan Lyon



January 16, 2014—Lorraine Allen presented a history of the controversial King Richard III, the last English king to lead his troops in battle. In August 2012, his skeleton was found under a parking lot in Leicester, where in 1485 the Greyfriars Friary Church stood. It was found on the very first day of an archaeological dig at that location, where 15<sup>th</sup> century chroniclers claimed his body was buried. He died of grievous battle wounds, evidenced by his skeleton, inflicted in the Battle of Bosworth Field and was hastily buried in a cramped, undersized gravesite. Upon the dissolution of Greyfriars Friary Church and demolition in the early 1500s, the exact location of his burial site became unmarked and unknown.

Historically, Richard III had been vilified by a Shakespeare play, a biography by Sir Thomas More, and several plays. He had been portrayed as a rapacious, vile hunchback that murdered his two nephews and eliminated anything in his way to usurping the throne of England in 1483. Lorraine pointed out that the first histories of Richard III were written by the victors - those who killed him. Contemporary historians view Richard as a capable general and administrator. When his brother, King Edward IV, died at age 41, his son, Richard's nephew, the 13 year old Edward, was the heir apparent to the throne. Richard was preparing the coronation of Edward when Parliament learned that brother Edward IV, had already been secretly married prior to his marriage to Elizabeth, the young Edward's mother. Parliament declared the second marriage invalid, which bastardized and disinherited all of Edward IV's children. This left Richard III as the only legitimate claimant to the throne, so he was crowned in June of 1483.

Two years into his reign, while leading his troops in battle in part of that civil strife known as The War of the Roses, he was defeated and brutally killed, thus ending the 338 year reign of the House of Plantagenet. The winner at the Battle of Bosworth Field is Henry VII – a Tudor. Henry shortly manages to assume the throne and thus begins the reign of the House of Tudor.

Although a skeleton was found quickly in the 2012 dig and the curved and disfigured spine and severe battle wounds suggested it was Richard III, it was not until months later that DNA testing confirmed its authenticity. Richard III will eventually be given a royal burial with full pomp and circumstance, as soon as the various factions with an interest in this event and the courts agree on the burial place and other details.



### WELCOME VALERIE FERREIRA

Valerie Ferreira became our newest member at our January 16 meeting. The only child to Jim Ferreira and Mimi Reis, Valerie was born and raised in Waterford, CT. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Boston University School of Management and a Juris Doctor from Indiana University Maurer School of Law. She is licensed to practice law in Connecticut and Indiana and currently works as an affiliate nonprofit consultant for Fio Partners based in Higganum.



Valerie spends her free time trying out new recipes and entertaining friends and family. In the winter months, she can often be found skiing in Vermont and in the summer, she's likely to be beachside. She lives in Norwich with her boyfriend, Patrick, and dog, Bruce.

### Rotarians Serving the Community: Dinner at Williams Park Apartments

Rotarians came together recently to serve the community, literally, at the Williams Park Apartments in New London when they gathered to serve the residents a hearty meal on a very cold night. The dinner was organized and prepared by TVCCA and was sponsored by the New London Rotary.

Thank you to servers DG Rick Bassett, MaryLou Underwood, President Meredith with son Simon and friends Michael and Luan Perkins, Nick Fischer, Mel Foti, Liz Binger and George Dowker, Leon Lehrer, Gerry Tom, Catherine Foley, Emily Lavoie, and TVCCA Director of Nutrition Services Tim Grills for a successful evening enjoyed by all.



### NEW MEMBER NOTIFICATION

Eric Garofano has been proposed for membership in the classification of **Lawyer—Civil Litigation**. Any objection to this nomination must be made in writing to President Meredith within ten days.