

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—La Lana/Holiday Inn, New London

Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2015

Program:

May 14
Club Assembly
"Being a Vibrant Club"

May 21
Israeli students in New London.

Reporter:

May 14 Meredith Diette
May 21 Mark Patnode

Invocation:

May 14 Michel Belt
May 21 Steve Percy

Greeter:

May 14 John Estelle
May 21 John Estelle
May 28 MaryLou Gannotti

Song Leader:

May 14 Chris Neilan
May 21 Currently vacant

Birthdays:

May 14 Rick Gipstein

Anniversaries:

May 15 Tracee Reiser & Robert
May 16 Victoria Mueller & Tim

Medicine and Emergency Rooms

Presenter: Oliver Mayorga M.D.

Reporter: Lorraine Allen

April 30, 2015— Oliver Mayorga M.D., Head of the Emergency Department at L+M, was our guest speaker. Rather than presenting a scripted presentation, he chose to open the discussion to questions from the Rotarians present.

While it's known internally as the Emergency Department, indicating a broader set of responsibilities, everyone still calls it the Emergency Room -but the meaning is really pretty clear.

The law states that everyone who presents at the ED must be treated, regardless of ability to pay. However, the availability of small walk in clinics has alleviated some of the tremendous burden placed on the staff of the ED.

In past years, the ER was covered by interns, but now the department is staffed with doctors who are Board Certified emergency care specialists, so the possibility of correct diagnoses increases exponentially. They are outsourced doctors but bring the same value system to their work as anyone who is employed by the hospital.

One major, positive change has been the instituting of utilizing the Ambulatory Outpatient operating area into an evening inpatient pediatric unit, where children can be seen by pediatric specialists. This also allows for the kids to be treated in an area away from the main chaos that usually constitutes an ER. L+M is the first hospital to do this and it has been extremely beneficial to treating the youngest among us.

As with any institution, growth and better utilization of space and facilities is always a concern. Updates of inadequate spaces is being reviewed by Doctor Mayorga and hospital administrators are trying to think outside of the box in order to repurpose in an intelligent and rational way the space they do have available. It's quite a challenge.

Doctor Mayorga is a graduate of Rice University and has been in this area for five years - the longest time he has spent in any one area. He has a good staff working with him - maybe that will extend his tenure among us.



Thought of the Day:

"Everyone sees what you appear to be, few experience what you really are."
- Niccolo Machiavelli

Soup Kitchen

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

4:00-6:15 pm

New London Community Meal Center

OPEN CLASSIFICATION

A new classification has been approved:
Admissions Director – Health & Rehabilitation.
Anyone wanting to propose someone for membership in this classification should contact President Bill within the next week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help!!!
Volunteer Now For Brewfest
May 15th
Email Gerry (gtom@att.net)
to fulfill our motto
Service Before Self

Upcoming Events:

- New London Rotary Foundation Board Meeting
May 21st at 11 AM at the Holiday Inn
- Gerry's Installation
June 24th at Anthony's Oceanview



New London Rotary Club Centennial

New London Rotary will celebrate its Centennial in 2017!!! All members are encouraged to send their ideas to Millie Devine by June 1st, 2015.

Detailed proposals should be sent to Millie at
P. O. Box 42
Quaker Hill, CT 06375-0042.
for presentation to the Centennial Committee.

May 14th Meeting and Paul Harris Medallions:

All Paul Harris Fellows are requested to wear their Paul Harris Medallions to the Rotary Meeting on the 14th of May.