

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—La Luna/Holiday Inn, New London

Meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Program:

October 1
NLRC Business Meeting &
NESS (New England Sci & Sailing)

October 8
NLRC Business Meeting &
Getting to Know You

Reporter:

October 1 Mark Patnode
October 8 Mark Patnode

Invocation:

October 1 Dave Goebel
October 8 TBD

Greeter:

October 1 Mel Foti
October 8 Trace Reiser

Song Leader:

October 1 Joanne Cain
October 8 Pierce Connair

Birthdays:

October 4 Catherine Foley
Neil Feinberg
Katherine Fioravanti
David Goebel

Anniversaries:

October 1 Penny Parsekian &
Geoffrey

Soup Kitchen

NEXT Thursday, October 8th

4:00-6:15 pm

New London Community Meal Center

Thought of the Day:

"Many people lose the small joys in the hope for the big happiness." -Pearl S. Buck

NEW MEMBER NOTIFICATION

In the classification of **Corporate-Mitchell College, Janet Steinmayer**, President, has been proposed as the primary member and the alternates are: **Colleen Gresh**, Communications Specialist; **Amanda Ljubici**, Director of Integrated Learning; and **Ruth Saunders**, Vice President of Engagement has been proposed for membership.

Any objection to this nomination must be made in writing to President Julia within ten days.

New London Rotary Club Strategic Planning Session—Part II

Reporter: Ann Connolly

September 17, 2015—The New London Rotary Club Strategic Planning Sessions, with Liz Binger as moderator, continued as today's program. Structured as a three part conversation with club members, the questions "what is working", "where are we going", and "how can we get there" are being addressed. At the September 10th meeting, members were asked to vote on three mission statements to select the one that best describes their vision for the future direction of the club. "To be the service club with the most engaged and committed membership in New London" was the majority's choice.

To achieve the goal three strategic points were identified. First, the Club should set clear expectations for all members for engagement, encouraging all members to take an active role through committee membership and / or engaging in new projects such as special events. To meet this goal, members should actively recruit new members, and provide new members with clear information about different committees and facilitate their joining a committee. Also, strengthening the mentor program will be undertaken.

The second strategic point identified recommends polling the membership to define "commitment" for all New London Rotary Club members. The discussion included whether the Club should set a standard for volunteering for service projects, identifying hours required both in the community and on a Rotary project. Also, the Club should make clear to members that a leave of absence from the Club is available if needed.

The third strategic point identified recommends reaching out and involving New London leaders to engage them in Rotary activities, and to engage Rotary in New London. To strengthen that relationship, the Club should approach for membership, anyone who is in a leadership role. Also, New London leaders should be invited to speak, focusing on New London assets which we need to build on as a Club.

Thank you to Liz for moderating the discussion.

NIGERIA DECLARED POLIO-FREE, REMOVED FROM ENDEMIC LIST

On September 25th, the World Health Organization announced that Nigeria is now polio-free and has been officially removed from the list of countries where polio is endemic. It's been 14 months since any cases of polio caused by the wild virus have been detected there.

"Rotary congratulates Nigeria on its tremendous accomplishment in stopping polio," says RI President K.R. Ravindran. "On behalf of the entire Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), we thank volunteers, health workers, and parents in communities across Nigeria for their tireless commitment to ensuring every last child is protected against this devastating disease. In the months ahead, their dedication will remain as important as ever, as we work to keep Nigeria polio-free and to eliminate polio from its final strongholds in Pakistan and Afghanistan."