



Meeting: Thursday, August 17, 2017

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New London Landmarks
Laura Natusch

August 24, 2017

NO Noon Meeting: Club Picnic
Bill Schmidt's Home: 5:30pm
8 Hillside Road, New London

Invocation:

August 17: Kate Schargus
August 24: N/A

Greeter:

August 17: Kate Schargus
August 24: N/A

Song Leader:

August 17: Kate Schargus
August 24: N/A

Reporter:

August 17: Andy Russell
August 24: N/A

Birthdays:

August 18: Petrit Marku
August 21: Ed Cramer

Anniversaries:

None



NL High School Athletic Director, Chris Vamvakides shares stories of the school's past legends and future stars with the NL Rotary at its August 3rd noon meeting.

Thursday, August 3rd: Noon Rotary Meeting



New London High School Athletic Director Chris Vamvakides spoke to our club on Thursday, August 3, 2017. First of all, he thanked us for the opportunity to meet with us and he especially thanked us for raising funds for Championship Rings for the New London High School Girls Basketball team. They were well deserving of this recognition and he knows the gesture was greatly appreciated.

A 2001 NLHS grad, Chris has been with the athletic department for nine years, and Athletic Director for three years. He noted that the upcoming fall athletic season will include football, soccer and volleyball and involve about 250 participants. Since New London schools are all Magnet schools, the NLHS players come from many school districts and from as far away as Plainfield. Several recent graduates have gone on to college athletic programs, notably two going to Yale.

Chris thinks that the girls basketball team will be very strong again this coming year, as will the football team. The high school is adding Girls LaCrosse to the program this year, and a Sailing club has recently been added to student activities.

Our club members asked Chris a wide range of questions, ranging from athletic injuries to "recruiting" to academic support for student athletes. Chris made it clear that academics is the first priority of the athletic program. Many sources of help are available. The NLHS website has links to athletic schedules for anyone who would like to get out and support their teams.

