

# ROTARY ANCHOR



New London Rotary Club

District 7980 Club 6741

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P.O. Box 654  
New London, CT 06320  
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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, November 9, 2017

**November 9, 2017**

*Veteran's Day Program*  
Mary Lenzini

**November 16, 2017**

*Impact of the Arts on the Local Economy*  
Wendy Bury, SE CT Cultural Coalition

**Invocation:**

November 9: Steve Percy/  
Dave Goebel  
November 16: Alan Lyon

**Greeter:**

November 9: Dave Goebel  
November 16: Lorraine Allen

**Song Leader:**

November 9: Tracee Reiser  
November 16: Rick Calvert

**Reporter:**

November 9: Alan Lyon  
November 16: Julia Kushigian-Secor

**Birthdays:**

None

**Anniversaries:**

None

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

This Thursday, November 9th will be the New London Rotary's annual recognition of Veterans. If you are a United States veteran, we ask that you please wear your wartime service medals.

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**OCTOBER 26, 2017 NOON MEETING**

Ann Dagle shared her experience of co-founding the Brian Dagle Foundation, after losing her son to suicide in 2011. Ann recounted what it was like to lose a son, and recalled that there was no real resource available to help those experiencing that type of grief. From the foundation web site: *"This Foundation was created as a way to share our love and continue Brian's love for life, family and friends. Brian died by suicide in November of 2011. That day, our family, Brian's friends and the community we live in were hit by a tsunami. How could this seemingly happy, friendly, smiling young man take his own life? But...there was so much of Brian we didn't see underneath the smiles and friendliness. He was suffering in silence. Not understanding it was okay to ask for help. In the early weeks and months after Brian's death, I was searching for a way to survive my devastating loss. I sought out others who knew my grief and sadly I discovered there were many who were also grieving the loss of a loved one or something important in their life. They shared their losses and listened to my loss. I was no longer alone in my grief. Sharing our stories together offered comfort and the healing slowly began. However, my grief and feelings of isolation were further complicated by the lack of...support resources in SE Connecticut. In 2014 my family and I opted to put purpose to our grief and establish the Brian Dagle Foundation to fill the gap. In addition to the grief of losing someone to suicide we also reach out to others and support those who are grieving the loss of someone special in their lives."* Ann went on to add that the foundation also deals with loss due to substance abuse, noting that these families deal with similar stigmas and issues. Suicide and death from substance abuse is the leading cause of death in the younger population and it can be prevented. If you are in need of a referral and don't know who to call, reach out to the Brian Dagle Foundation: <http://brianshealinghearts.org/>



**NOTICE:**

**Denise Springer** has been proposed for membership in the classification of *Print Advertising*. Any objection to this nomination should be made in writing to President Tom within ten (10) days.