

New London Rotary Club

District 7980 Club 6741 P.O. Box 654 New London, CT 06320 www.newlondonrotary.org Meeting Week of July 7, 2005



"America's Tall Ship" USCG Barque Eagle

SERVICE Above Self 2005/2006 Rotary Theme

Club News

PDG Pam Akins presents PAUL HARRIS HONORS Tracee Reiser and Rick Gipstein were honored at the dedication ceremony for their leadership is the planning, building, and funding of the New London Rotary Park.



Tracee Reiser, Rick Gipstein, PDG Pam Akins and President Andy Russell at Ribbon Cutting for the official opening of the park.

District News Passing of the Gavel July 12

See: Andy Russell Pass the Banner **Cromwell Marriott** Roast Prime Rib Au-Jus Dinner Grilled Salmon with Fruit Salsa Dinner *Ro*asted Eggplant Ravioli Dinner

For Ride Andy Russell Pam Akins Barry Levinson

Tragedy Hits Visting Rotarians

I thought you might want to know something about the Rotarians and spouses who died June 27th while attempting to land at the Groton/New London airport. They were members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians who were in Mystic for three days as part of their touring after the Chicago Convention.

The Arizona couple, Chip and Pat Rollins, who died in the crash were both Rotarians from District 5510 in northeast Arizona. Chip and Pat hosted 12 foreign exchange students and were major donors to The Rotary Foundation. Chip often volunteered for Angel Flight, an organization that provides free flights to people needing medical attention.

The other couple was Peter and Helen Walsh from District 9770 in Australia. Peter was a past district governor who introduced the Paul Harris Fellowship Centurion Club to his district. He was instrumental in making Wagga Wagga, his home city, one of the first Peace Cities in the world. He brought the first Ronald McDonald House to a city outside the major metropolitan areas of Australia to provide support to two major medical centers in his area. He initiated and became a major sponsor of Country Hope which supports families of children with major illnesses for as long as it takes.

Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Pam Akins: Past District Governor

Chicago was My Kind of Town! (Pam's Year Ends)

United Nations

Plenty of Entertainment and plenty of friendly Rotarians at the Chicago Convention (over 41,000). Here two old friends meet at the House of Friendship: Outgoing DG Pam and Incoming DG Alan Hurst. Below (Left) Pam at RI Headquarters. Below (Right) new RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar addresses the Convention. Make plans now for next year's convention in Denmark.





Pictured below: Pam attempt to bring Paul Harris back to New London. Look



for him at the next meeting. Also while visiting RI Headquarters in Evanston, Pam tried out the chair of the President in the boardroom. Don't you think she fits in nicely?

Welcome the New RI President!

