



Rotary

A CENTURY

of SERVICE



INSIDE: 2 A Rotary Ambassador sponsored by Mystic Rotarians describes her experiences in Senegal. **3** District Governor Pam Akins outlines Rotary achievements. **5** Camp Rotary helps youngsters enhance their reading and writing skills. **6** Boundless Playground is accessible to all. **14** Helping Haitians is an ongoing project started by Norwich Rotarian Dr. Jeremiah Lowney.

INDEX TO CLUBS: New London **4** Mystic **7** Groton-Ledyard **8** Ledyard **8** Montville **9** Waterford **10** The Stoningtons **11** Norwich **12** Niantic **15**

‘Asalaam Malekuum, Malekuum Salaam!’

*Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar
sends greetings from Senegal*

LANGAN COURTNEY OF NORTH STONINGTON, who left in January for a visit to Senegal as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, has kept her sponsor, the Rotary Club of Mystic, apprised of her adventures in Africa through a series of letters.

Courtney, who studied African Culture at Haverford College, also spent her junior year in Ghana, Africa where she developed a program called Fostering International Education in the public schools of Senegal. She will be responsible for a service project and it will focus on international education as well.

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. More than 1,000 scholarships were awarded for study in 2003-04. Through grants totaling approximately \$428 million, recipients from some 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations.

Some excerpts from Courtney's letters:

January 13, 2005:

"I live with a big, loud, gregarious Muslim family in a residential part of the Dakar. They speak Wolof at home nearly all of the time, so I will learn that along with French while I am here. I am also learning to eat with my hands with some proficiency. All of my meals are eaten that way as I sit on the floor; one of many around a large dish of steaming rice and fish."

February 5, 2005:

“Asalaam Malekuum, Malekuum Salaam!” This is the



■ *Langan Courtney of North Stonington was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mystic for a trip to Senegal.*

Wolof Greeting that bounces between people each time they interact here in Senegal. Loosely translated, it means “Peace to you and to you peace.”

My host family consists of my mom, my dad, my two sisters (age 15 and 19), my little seven year old brother, a dog, a cat and some goats.

Each day consists of 5 hours in class, broken up by an almost nation-wide three hour lunch break everyday. For now, I have class in mornings and afternoons as I am trying to get to an operational point with French as quickly as possible. Once I am semi-functional, however, I will only have class in the mornings so that I can spend time on my Rotary service project. There are 4 other Rotary Scholars here with me. Three of them are also from the

States, and one if from Japan. The name of my club is Dakar Dwayen, and it meets every Tuesday night at a fancy hotel in downtown Dakar. Sadly it's not a dinner meeting, but the air-conditioning makes up for that!! I went to my first meeting this week, and was welcomed warmly. “

February 25, 2005

At last night's Rotary meeting here in Dakar, we all sang, clapped, and toasted to one hundred years of service, friendship, international bridges, and peace building. As I stood among my club members trying to piece together as much French and Wolof as I could, I was overwhelmed with thanks and appreciation for my Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship. This opportunity is allowing me to experience life in Senegal in a very special way. I feel extremely lucky to be part of the worldwide Rotary Community. It is truly an honor.

There is a ton going on in Dakar this week in celebration of the 100th anniversary. This week is chock full of blood drives, musical performances, photo exhibitions, peace marches, cocktail parties, and meetings."

June 14, 2005

Additional events of significance in my life include the onset of mango season, a wonderful growing relationship with my host family, the consumption of food that I never thought I would consume, the (forced) opportunity to dance at a Sabar (a is traditional community dance where hundreds of people form a circle around a sand arena and people go into the center one at a time and dance to live drums), 3 more weddings, two family parties, and lots of henna tatoos.

I am scheduled to arrive in the States on August 2nd. I am most excited to share stories with you all when I return!

I hope everyone is well. I think of you often, and am so very thankful for this experience."



Co-chairs Richard F. Gipstein and Tracee Reiser, below, unveil the sign marking the playground's opening in Toby May Park, Ocean Ave., New London, on June 24th.

Thank You Rotarians!

Lawrence & Memorial is proud to be a major sponsor of the New London Rotary Centennial Playground. We join Rotary and all the other sponsors in celebrating this outstanding example of putting "Service Above Self" for the good of our community.

LAWRENCE
& MEMORIAL



The more you know about healthcare, the more you'll like L&M. • Visit us on the web at www.lmhospital.org



'Congratulations to all our Rotarians in southeastern Connecticut. You've made a difference in your communities and in the world.'

Pam Akins, Centennial District Governor

Celebrating A Century of Service

Local clubs exemplify 'Service Above Self'

By **PAM AKINS**

Centennial District Governor

FOUNDED IN 1905 FOR NETWORKING and fellowship, Rotary quickly became focused on community service. And as it grew from country to country, it became a means for people of different countries and cultures to understand and aid each other.

Here in Rotary District 7980, which comprises 63 clubs in the four southern counties of Connecticut, we've had a wonderful year celebrating 100 years of Rotary. From our Centennial Ball and Centennial Honors to our outstanding Centennial Community Projects and international Twin Club relationships, our Rotary Clubs celebrated the Rotary Centennial with a renewed commitment to Rotary's motto of Service Above Self.

Centennial Honors

Two of the Rotary clubs from southeastern Connecticut were recognized with Centennial Honors for outstanding projects during their club histories. The New London Club took second place Centennial Honors for its 10-year-old Camp Rotary summer program for inner city kids. The Norwich Club took third place Centennial Honors for 20 years of helping poor Haitians through the Haitian Health Foundation, established by Norwich Rotarian Dr. Jerry Lowney.

Community and vocational service

All of our clubs in this area participated in the Liberty Bank Holiday Food Drive last fall. The food drive included 20 Rotary club in the eastern part of the state and raised over \$21,000 for food for needy families in 26 towns.

Through The Dictionary Project over 7,000 dictionaries were distributed to third- and fourth-graders, and our district Public Safety Committee registered over 15,000 children into the state's Amber Alert ID program, with Niantic, Groton, Stonington and Ledyard clubs hosting registrations at a variety of public events in southeastern Connecticut.

We chartered new Interact clubs (Rotary's high school level service club) at Wilton High School and at the Valley Regional High School, bringing our total of Interact Clubs to 32. Several clubs in this area are laying the groundwork for Interact clubs in their communities.

Through Rotary Vocational Service, teens from southeastern Connecticut participated in our two Rotary Youth Leadership Award conferences, New Generations seminar and Four-Way Test Speech Contest.

Centennial community projects

Our clubs' Centennial Community Projects were amazing. They ranged from Colchester's gift of 1,000 books to the town's library to Niantic's street lamp fixtures to Ledyard's gazebo for the town's fairgrounds, from Montville's town flagpole to Mystic's Memorial Park. It's even more amazing how much our clubs stretched to do these projects while continuing your other community service programs. Norwich provided a whole new dental clinic for Community Services while Norwich Sunrise had a year-long program to promote diabetes awareness. Groton/Ledyard and The Stoningtons purchased equipment to register school children into the state's Amber Alert Program. Waterford made major improvements to Stenger Field. And perhaps the biggest stretch was the Boundless Playground that the New London Club erected at Toby May Field. The playground cost over \$350,000 in grants and donations and took countless volunteer hours to put together. It now serves families from Westerly to East Lyme.

International service

In International Service, we found new ways to save the lives of children in developing countries through Gift of Life heart surgeries performed there. We also supported families in Haiti through the Haitian Health Foundation and supplied medical equipment to Peru through MediShare.

Some of our Twin Club relationships resulted in humanitarian projects and tsunami relief in South Asia. Through our District Foundation, we gave out over \$24,000 for tsunami relief projects. We built a house and created two new school libraries in Thailand, we built a house in Sri Lanka, we purchased 3 fishing boats in India, and we sent 10 clean water units to Indonesia through the World Help Foundation.

Service through the Rotary Foundation

We contributed approximately \$260,000 toward the Annual Programs Fund for The Rotary Foundation that will fund future Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange Teams and humanitarian grants. We sent a full-year ambassadorial scholar to Ireland and cultural scholars to Egypt and Senegal. Our scholar to Senegal, Langan Courtney, was sponsored by the Mystic Club, and they have wonderful emails of her time in Africa. We sent a team of six to Chile led by New London Rotarian Tracee Reiser. The Chileans said that our GSE team from Connecticut was the best team they've seen in 10 years. We also had two great teams here in southeastern Connecticut from Chile and Lithuania. Thanks goes to all those who hosted, drove, toured and entertained our inbound teams.

We had a record number of our clubs

use Foundation grants for humanitarian projects in their local communities and around the world. The value of our grant projects totaled over \$200,000.

In this area, several of our clubs tapped into Rotary Foundation grants to do projects. The Norwich club supplied winter coats for needy children and mobile dental equipment for free screenings in their community. New London provided equipment to treat children with cleft palates in Bogata, Colombia. And the Waterford Club provided equipment to a nursery in Campos do Jordao, Brazil, that had been destroyed by heavy rains.

In addition, other clubs in the district used Rotary Foundation funds to:

- fund an arts program for inner city and suburban youth in Fairfield County,
- purchase tables for a senior center in East Haddam,
- provide Weekly Readers to urban schools in Bridgeport,
- purchase equipment for heart surgeries in Nicaragua,
- feed surgeons replacing defective hearts in children in Belarus,

■ purchase cold water and ice rescue equipment in East Hampton,

■ supply equipment for a medical clinic in Mexico,

■ purchase digital cameras for visiting nurses in Trumbull,

■ purchase a van to transport disabled workers in Guatemala,

■ provide clean water to a village in Swaziland,

■ build check dams in India,

■ perform cataract surgeries in India,

■ feed 200 children at a school in Haiti,

■ provide vocational training to high school dropouts in Indonesia,

■ foster the rehabilitation of 25 poor children in Brazil,

■ supply medical equipment to a clinic in Nigeria.

As the Centennial Governor, I'm happy to know that our clubs will continue to live up to Rotary's motto of Service Above Self in our New Century of Service.

Congratulations to all our Rotarians in southeastern Connecticut. You've made a difference in your communities and in the world.



Groton Utilities
Congratulates
Rotary International



*On its 100th Anniversary
and for living its motto,
"Service Above Self"*



Here's to your second hundred years!



**A special wish to our local club,
The Groton-Ledyard Rotary Club**

New London: A Long, Proud Tradition

Even the '38 hurricane didn't cancel a meeting

EIGHT-EIGHT YEARS AGO, IN THE Sunrise room of the Crocker House, 32 New London men joined a 12-year-old service club called Rotary International. Their first meeting, on April 11, 1917, was the beginning of a tradition of community service that grew to involve all of southeastern Connecticut.

Since that time the New London club has led the founding of nine clubs in the region: Groton-Ledyard, Ledyard, Montville, Mystic, Niantic, Norwich Sunrise, Stonington and Waterford.

Following the motto of "Service above self," the New London club has provided community service since its beginning. Many activities and projects have been carried out, both locally and abroad.

Highlighted by the newly dedicated Rotary Centennial Playground, a "Boundless playground located at Toby May Field, the club has a long history of providing for the community. The playground is designed so youngsters of all abilities can participate in play there. Exceeding accessibility standards set by the Federal government, the playground allows youngsters of all abilities to play together on the apparatus and all areas are accessible for children and adults. Dedicated work by many members of the club with support from area businesses, foundations, and volunteers has re-

sulted in one of the finest play areas in the region, attracting families from as far away as Colchester and Westerly.

During World War I era members served at the Army and Navy Canteen, doing nightly duty to help members of our armed services. In the 1920s the club founded Boy Scout Troop 12. Continuing to provide activities for young men in New London Rotarians created the New London Boys' Club in 1923.

Demonstrating their dedication to Rotary, club members held their 1,056th Thursday meeting as scheduled on September 22, 1938, the day after the great hurricane of '38. Only 20 members were present and Bank Street was still in flames. Lunch was eaten and the meeting was ended to allow the members to return to their work of dealing with the devastation. Later Troop 12 scouts were given special recognition for their service in the aftermath of the storm.

In 1944, continuing its special support of area youth, a teen canteen was established on State Street. The following year free pre-flight training was given to 41 girls and boys. While youth has always been a focus of club projects, the original senior citizen club of New London was begun in 1950. Called the Old Timers Club, its first meetings were held at the B. P. Learned House.

During the 1940s a special fund was created to provide one-time, emergency help to residents of New London. Called the "Do-Good Chest," the Rotary Service Fund was begun by Fremont Alderson in response to a serviceman's wife having a family emergency and not enough funds to solve the problem. Since that time, the club has continued that practice. Clergy, school officials

and nurses, social service agencies, and others can recommend a case to the club. Awards have been used to meet medical emergencies, help provide a powered wheelchair, and many other such emergencies.

A program to teach high school students in New London about local government and the election process called Youth-in-Government was started in 1954. Along with the Rotary Scholar Award program, this is one of the longest-lasting student recognition in the area. In addition, the club provides the Robert Groebel Award for outstanding and faithful service to NLHS, the Birenbaum Award for a student who was outstanding in music and intends to continue music studies, and the Benjamin A. Levinson Community Service Award to one male and one female student who have done exceptional community service. In 1993 a program of recognizing a "Student of the Year" from each New London school was begun.

Locally the club created, at the city's request, Camp Rotary, a combination of summer camp and school for middle school students. Students spend mornings focusing on literacy, mathematics, teamwork, citizenship, and career planning. The camp is held at the Shiloh Family Life Center, and enjoys help from the New London School System, Connecticut College, and businesses throughout the area. The camp is now 10 years old and still providing service to more than 60 students every year.

Examples of international projects include helping Norwich Rotarian Dr. Jeremiah Lowney create and supply a clinic in Jeremy, Haiti. Funds have been provided for the Haitian

Health Foundation Interact House to improve sanitation in the village, supply breeding pigs and fertilized eggs to bolster the food supply, and service visits by club members. Club efforts, led by Rick Gipstein, resulted in a young girl from Colombia having open heart surgery performed at the Deborah Hospital in New Jersey, at no cost to the family.

In 1989 Rotary International began the Polio Plus campaign, a project dedicated to eradicating Polio World wide. Led by the New London club, the local Rotary clubs sponsored a concert by the Eastern Connecticut Symphony featuring Yitzhak Perlman that raised money for both Polio Plus and the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

During the past 30 years the Rotary Club of New London has developed into an organization with broad membership, representing all facets of our community, and exceptionally active in providing service to the community. The club's achievements include addressing local environmental problems through hands-on projects, working as hands-on volunteers providing "sweat equity" donations during the Annual United Way Day of Caring, promoting literacy in the workplace through the annual literacy business breakfasts, funding a World Community Service exchange project, partnering with the Rotary Club of Barranco, Peru to support them in a community service/vocational project, and increased our community's awareness of Rotary through the Interfaith Service at Pequot Chapel, through joint meetings with other Rotary Clubs, the Lions and Kiwanians, Wishing Well and Brewfests fund-raisers.

For our differences. For service. For caring. For our neighbors.
For our friends. For our community and all who live here. For building.
For growing. For reaching out. For giving back. For respect.
For understanding. For our shared experience. For our differences.


LIBERTY BANK
For life.

A warm welcome awaits you at any of our 34 branch locations.

Groton
597 Long Hill Road

Mystic
Olde Mistick Village

Waterford
165 Boston Post Road and
Quaker Hill Mini Mall on
Route 32
Norwich
77 Salem Turnpike

East Lyme
314 Flanders Road

New London
61 Bank Street



■ New London Camp Rotary participants test their science skills.

Camp Rotary: Training Tomorrow's Leaders

CAMP ROTARY, A FOUR-WEEK full-day summer program designed to enhance reading and writing skills for New London youth, was an instant success and continues to be a positive experience for parents, youth and college students.

Developed by the New London Rotary Club in 1995 in partnership with professionals from businesses, industries, colleges, public schools and other community-service based organizations, the camp instills in youth the values of the four way test to many aspects of their lives. It teaches the value of teamwork and education as well as helping prepare them to be the leaders of tomorrow.

The teachers and counselors of Camp Rotary are trained to integrate the New London Public School's learning goals. These college students channel the energy of 60 middle school students into positive learning experiences, while improving writing and reading skills each morning. During the afternoons, campers enjoy swimming lessons, various sports games,

ethnic dance sessions, and complete programs at the DNA EpiCenter in New London.

The Camp Rotary curriculum integrates teamwork, citizenship skills and career exploration throughout the four weeks. The Rotary Four Way Test provides the themes for each week for the campers – as an essay, newsletter and a documentary film. This documentary film is shown as part of Connecticut College's convocation ceremonies. In response to the challenge for Urban/Suburban Club initiative, Camp Rotary serves as a model program for other Rotary clubs and agencies throughout southeastern Connecticut. Camp Rotary Committee members and the presidents of area clubs have worked to engage the suburban Rotary Clubs with Camp Rotary. Five suburban clubs continue to work with the New London club as the urban project for our region.

The New London Rotary Club was awarded second place by the Zone 31 & 32 Centennial Honors Committee recently for its Camp Rotary project.

New London Study Exchange Team Returns from Chile

NEW LONDON ROTARIAN AND GSE Team Leader Tracee Reiser and her team of five young business and professional people arrived back from four weeks in Chile on April 4.

While there, they covered 1,300 miles. They saw the wild and primitive beauty of Patagonia, snow-capped Andean peaks, live volcanos, and turquoise-blue glacier lakes. They ate homemade bread and yogurt, criadilla (bull testicles), strudel, king crab and the freshest salmon.

They went to salmon hatcheries, Rotary Club meetings in circular buildings called Quinchos, the Teatro del Lago, and the University of Chile. They

saw the Southern Cross. They drank lots of Chilean wine, chicha (fermented apple cider) and pisco sours. They soaked in thermal waters and hugged a 600-year-old tree.

They traveled by plane, train, bus and boat. They saw Rotary projects, including free dental clinics, schools for children with disabilities, preschools for children of working mothers, and work with indigenous people. They attended a 4-District Conference and met RI President Glenn Estess.

As the first team in 10 years that could speak to the Chileans in Spanish, they made close friends and built understanding between our two cultures.

Looking Forward to the Next 100 Years

PROVATAS & McNAMARA
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Rita Provatas Suite 203
Attorney at Law 516 Vauxhall Street
New London, CT 06320
TEL: 860/447.1968
FAX: 860/447.3174
E/M: rita@pmclegal.com

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY



REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH "BETSY" B. RITTER

HOME: (860) 444-1700 38TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
CAPITOL: (860) 240-8585 LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
TOLL FREE: 1-800-842-8267 HARTFORD, CT 06106-1591
FAX: (860) 240-0206
E-mail: Elizabeth.Ritter@cga.ct.gov

546142

Waterford Rotary Salutes Rotary International's Centennial Year

Rotarians, Join Us Weekly

Mondays — 12:15 pm

Holiday Inn, 380 Bayonet Street, New London, CT

www.waterfordctrotary.org

546255



Congratulations, Rotary, on 100 Years of Service!

And congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Southeastern Connecticut on their excellent service to this region and to the world.

We're proud to have supported Rotary during its Centennial Year and, in particular, Centennial Governor Pam Akins.

Advertising · Graphic Design · Web Design · Marketing · PR



860.440.2625
akinsmarketing.com

54 Fremont Street
New London, CT

545338

Boundless Playground A Huge Success

New London Club helped raise \$300,000 for accessible project

MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO, the New London Rotary Club embarked on an ambitious project commemorating Rotary's Centennial.

After considering a number of alternatives and conferring with local civic leaders, the club decided to upgrade the antiquated and unsafe playground at New London's Toby May Field by constructing a new state-of-the-art playground.

Working with the National Center for Boundless Playgrounds, the club designed and constructed a fully accessible, safe play environment for children of all abilities and their families. The club has raised nearly \$300,000 from local foundations, businesses and individuals in support of this effort. The equipment installation was completed in December, and the playground has been crowded with children and their parents throughout the winter.



■ *A youngster climbs on new playground equipment at Toby May Field in New London. Working with the National Center for Boundless Playgrounds, the New London Rotary Club designed and constructed a fully accessible, safe play environment for children of all abilities and their families.*

Rotarians Promoting Literacy

LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS ARE AMONG several across the state involved in a nationwide effort to improve literacy.

Last year, the Rotary Club of Groton-Ledyard donated 528 dictionaries to third-graders, while the Rotary Club of Niantic donated 312 to third-graders in its area.

The Rotary Club of Ledyard is presently establishing a dictionary project in Ledyard Schools.

The Rotary Club of New London conducts three literacy initiatives. One is a holiday program for which Rotarians donate money to buy books or give books

(for children birth to junior high school age) to the Rotary. These books are then distributed to social service agencies, dealing with families and children, to be given to the children and families with whom they work. A second program is done with preschool children who are invited to attend a Rotary meeting during the holiday season. A storyteller is Rotary's invited guest who entertains children with an exciting and participatory presentation. The third program sends Rotarians into local schools to read to children in their classrooms. When they leave the book they read remains in the class or in the school library.

Membership Information

Rotary International is a global network of community volunteers, with more than 1.2 million members world-wide. This is perhaps a larger group than Margaret Meade had in mind when she said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.", but the effectiveness of Rotary can be found in the individual members in our hometowns. By identifying and solving human needs both locally and across the world, Rotarians help make our world a better place. Members include business owners, professionals, and community leaders who all

share a desire to give back, in a meaningful way, to their communities. Membership is by invitation of the local Rotary clubs, and all clubs need more hands to help accomplish the ambitious goals of Rotary International, as outlined throughout this publication.

Locally, Rotary Clubs meet weekly in New London, Groton, Ledyard, Mystic, Niantic, Waterford, Stonington, Montville and Norwich. If you are interested in learning more about membership in Rotary, ask any Rotarian you know to bring you to a meeting as a guest. If you do not know a member of Rotary, please call local Assistant Governors Doretta Colburn at 536-8678 or Mike Stryker at 464-8232.

Our firm supports the ideals of Rotary...

*"Service
above Self"*

Andrews, Young & Geraghty p.c.

216 Broad Street

New London, CT 06320

860-444-2101 • www.newlondonlegal.com

Lois Andrews ~ President of Waterford Rotary Club

Paul Geraghty ~ Member of New London Rotary Club

Mystic Rotary: A half-century of Giving

THE MYSTIC ROTARY CLUB, WITH a tradition of charitable giving and service dating back more than half a century, annually distributes about \$25,000 in grants and scholarships and is involved in activities ranging from Lobsterfest to scholarships.

The club's policy is to distribute on average about 65 percent to local non-profit agencies, 15 percent for college scholarships, 10 percent for international aid and 10 percent to the Rotary Foundation. Within the last 10 years the Club has distributed approximately a quarter-million dollars. Some of the significant grant payouts have been multi year commitments such as \$25,000 to the Mystic Community Center; \$25,000 to the Mystic River Park and \$30,000 to the Mystic Noank Library. In 2005 the Club fulfilled a pledge of \$4,000 to Liberty Park in Mystic.

The Club raises its funds from the net profits of three annual fundraisers: The Mystic Seaport Lobsterfest, where Rotarians work for the entire Memorial Day weekend cooking and serving lobsters, and from the sale of Del's Lemonade during the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival and Taste of Mystic.

The Club also engages in regular volunteer community service projects where the labor of its members is put towards community service. Projects have included ringing the Salvation Army Bell in downtown Mystic (more than \$2,000 raised each year), roadside pickups along Route 1 and such "sweat equity" projects as painting buildings owned by local non-profit agencies, delivering meals to home bound seniors and planting a perennial flower garden at the Mystic & Noank Library.

The Club also has an international focus. This year the Club partnered with a Rotary Club in Pune, India to exchange cultural information. Starting this August the club will be hosting an exchange student from France for one year. Last year the club sponsored North Stonington resident Langan Courtney as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar for a six-month trip to Senegal, Africa. All expenses for Langan's trip were paid for by Rotary International. Each year the Club also makes direct monetary donations to the Haitian Health Foundation and to Rotary International for the purpose of the eradication of polio throughout the world.

One measure of success for a Rotary Club is to be awarded a Presidential or District Governor's Citation. These awards are given annually by the president of Rotary International and the Rotary district governor respectively based on the completion of a lengthy set of goals centered on vocational service, international service, community service, membership and club service. The Mystic Rotary Club received both awards in 2003 and 2004.

The Mystic Rotary Club was chartered on June 8, 1954 at a gala dinner hosted by the New London Rotary Club on the top floor dining room of the Mohican Hotel in New London. The Club was sponsored by the New London Rotary Club and had 21 charter members. The Mystic Rotary Club currently has 71 members and meets each Monday for lunch at noon at the Hilton Hotel in Mystic.

For additional information visit the Web site at www.MysticRotary.org



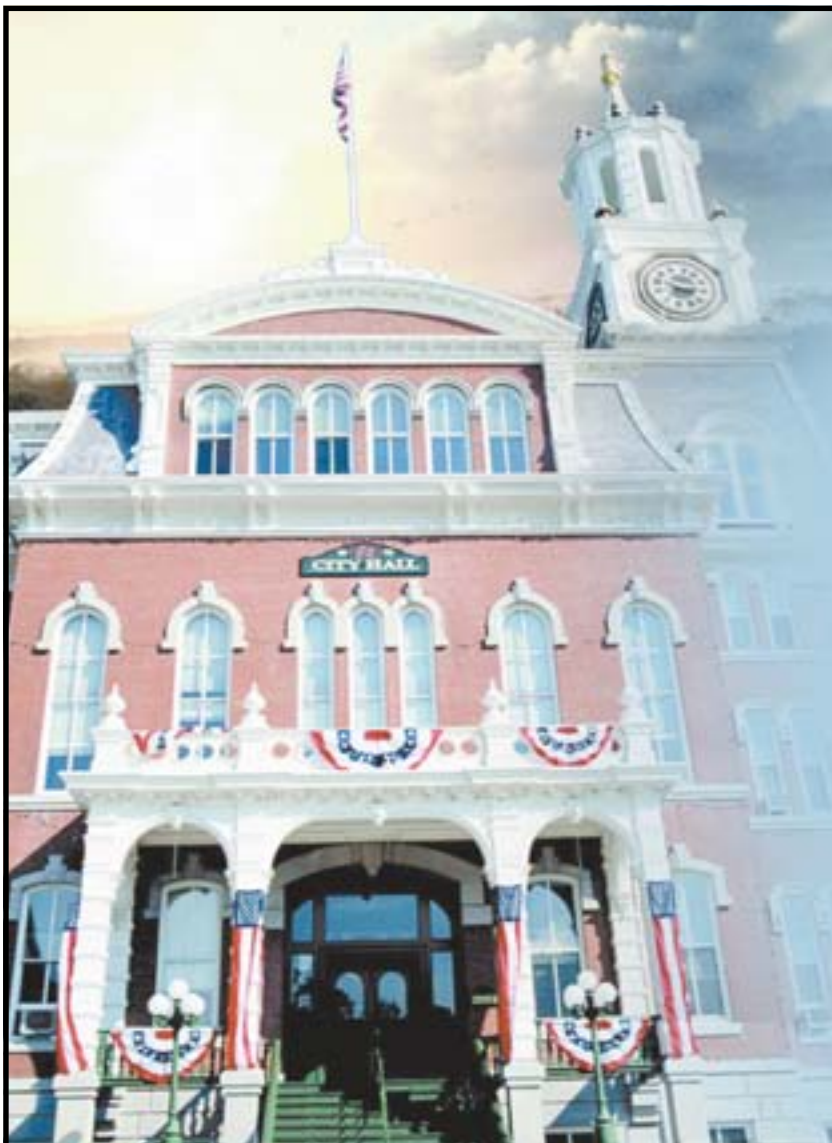
■ Rotarians plant perennials at the Mystic & Noank Library.



■ Left to right, Rotarians George Sylvestre, Blunt White and Jim Lathrop serving Del's Lemonade at the Mystic Outdoor Arts Festival.



■ Rotarian Seth Wakeman prepares lobsters for the annual Lobsterfest fundraiser at Mystic Seaport.



The Rotary Clubs of Norwich, Connecticut:

Norwich Rotary ~ #6747

Norwich Sunrise Rotary ~ #51466

unite in fellowship to celebrate

**Rotary's Century of Service
and Century of Success**

*Come join us in Service above Self,
for the betterment of our communities.*

Norwich (Noontime) Rotary
Wednesday ~ 12:00 Noon
Sacred Heart Church
52 West Town Street ~ Norwich

Norwich Sunrise Rotary
Monday - 7:00 AM
Courtyard by Marriott
181 West Town Street ~ Norwich

For more information, visit www.rotary.org

Groton-Ledyard Club Has Deep Roots

THE GROTON-LEDYARD ROTARY CLUB, WHICH recently celebrated its 50th birthday, has a long and distinguished history.

It was known as the "governor's club" because at one time it had four former district governors as members. Two are still living: Jerry Scarano and Gil Gunn.

The club was chartered on May 17, 1955. Dr. Walter Brown, a charter member, is still active in the club.

Six members have nearly 40 years of perfect attendance, and the majority of club members are Paul Harris Fellows.

Four times a year the club donates its services to the Groton Senior Center. Members supply the food, set the tables, wait upon those who need assistance and clear the tables.

This year the club contributed to Alliance for Living, Bill Memorial Library, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Child and Family Agency, Community Enterprises, Fitch Middle School, Fitch High School, Habitat for Hu-



■ *Barbara Buchanan, is president of the Groton-Ledyard Rotary Club.*

manity, Ledyard High graduation class party, Local United Network to Combat Hunger, Special Olympics, Town of Groton Park and

Recreation and West Side Middle School.

The club's big fundraiser is a day-long television auction in February, which features products from local businesses that are sold on the air.

The club is involved in a variety of fundraisers, ranging from raffling a "Down East" quilt with two pillow shams to selling popcorn and pretzels at the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival. Club members provide the Mystic Chamber of Commerce with Santa Claus on Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the month of December. Also in December the club puts a Christmas tree in the lobby of the Groton Inn and Suites, with its branches filled with names of children who would like a specific toy. Even out-of-town guests contribute with a toy for someone.

The club also assist in Amber Alert registrations.

The club offers college scholarships to graduating senior from Ledyard High School, Fitch High School in Groton and Ella Grasso Technical School in Groton, as well as to an adult attending college.

The Groton-Ledyard Rotary Club also sponsors Student Recognition Day, in which deserving students recommended by teachers are presented with gift certificates from Borders Books in Waterford.

This year the club gave dictionaries to all third-graders in the Groton school system, and plans to make this an annual tradition.

In addition, many club members participate in Career Day at the high schools.

Club officers are Barbara Buchanan, president; Frank Winkler, president-elect; Mike Riegel, vice president; Dan Boisvert, secretary; Richard Abston, treasurer; Jim Mitchell, past president; and Ted Colburn, penultimate president.

The board of directors are Lee Vincent, Greg Leonard, Bruno Giulini, Lori Jalbert and John Silsby.

The Website is grotonledyardrotary.org. Pictures are taken every meeting and can be seen on the Web site. Ed Kolar is webmaster.

The club maintains a membership of about 50 and meets every Tuesday at 12:15 at Groton Inn and Suites.

Ledyard Club Concentrates on Helping Schools

THE LEDYARD ROTARY CLUB may be relatively small, with 35 members, and relatively new, chartered in 1987, but over the years it has raised thousands of dollars for dozens of local, regional, state and international charities.

Though the club concentrates on Ledyard schools, other beneficiaries include: Adopt A Highway, Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, Family Services, Focus on Hunger (sponsored by Norwich Rotary), Habitat For Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut, Haitian Health Foundation, Ledyard Food Locker (Holiday Food Baskets), Ledyard High School Athletic Booster Club, Ledyard High School Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Party, Ledyard High School Music Department, Ledyard Interchurch Emergency Fund, Ledyard Police Department (DARE), Ledyard Public Libraries, Ledyard Transport, Men Against Destruction, People To People, Regional Multi-Cultural Magnet School, Rotary Foundation (Paul Harris Fellow Awards), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (Ledyard High School students), AIDS Network, Special Olympics, Student Recognition Awards (Ledyard Middle School and Ledyard High School), Submarine Memorial Parade, and Three Rivers Family Program.

In the mid 1990s during severe spring flooding of the Mississippi River, funds were sent to a sister Rotary Club in Missouri of similar membership size to help in the relief efforts. The money was distributed to a family who had lost everything.

Supporting the Student Recognition Awards is one of the club's primary ongoing projects. These awards are presented annually to students from both Ledyard Middle School and Ledyard High School. The students are nominated by their teachers for outstanding performance in any area. Recipients are selected on any or all of the following attributes: citizenship, scholarship, athletics, music and at-

tendance. The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$100. The selected students, their parents and their nominating teachers are invited to the club for breakfast to be recognized for their achievements.

The Ledyard Rotary Club also volunteers time as well as donating funds. Some of the activities club members have donated their time to include: Adopt A Highway quarterly cleanup on Route 12, Gales Ferry, Erikson Property cleanup in Gales Ferry, Habitat For Humanity, Ledyard Fair, Ledyard Fair Grounds Gazebo Project, Ledyard High School Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Party, and the Ledyard Memorial Day Parade. Club members have also changed the batteries in the smoke detectors in Ledyard's Senior Housing complex.

The club currently has had several major fundraisers, such as raffles of a 100th anniversary edition Harley-Davidson motorcycle and a big screen TV. A Bowl-A-Thon, held annually in the summer or fall, has raised more than \$10,000 since its inception in the mid 1990s.

The Ledyard Rotary Club also has presented dinner theaters, for which all chefs, wait staff, actors and actresses, set designers, sound and lighting crews and support personnel were Ledyard Rotary Club members, their families and friends.

At each weekly meeting, club hosts a speaker program. Speakers have included club members and other Rotarians, politicians, students, educators, charitable groups both local and worldwide, Rotarians from foreign lands, health organizations, storytellers, and sports figures including members of the Norwich Navigators.

In 1999, the Ledyard Rotary Foundation, Inc. was formed. Since that time, thousands of dollars have been raised and given directly back to the various community organizations.

The initial membership of the Ledyard

Rotary Club was 27, under the presidency of Bob Craft. The current president, Bill Stone, is leading the 35-member club into its 19th year.

Meetings are held every Thursday morning from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Groton

Inn And Suites in Groton. The cost is \$10 per person per week. More information is available by writing the Ledyard Rotary Club, P.O. Box 605, Ledyard, CT 06339 or visiting the Web site www.ledyardrotary.org.

Custom Home Theater & Music Systems

Congratulations to Rotary International and District Centennial Governor Pam Akins

www.robertsav.com

860 442-5314

ROBERTS
AUDIO • VIDEO

90 Bank Street New London

Montville Big on Scholarships

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MONTVILLE was formed approximately 22 years ago. While its make-up and meeting location has changed, its mission hasn't – to improve the quality of life in the local and worldwide community.

One of the most important events for the club occurs each spring when it awards Montville high school students scholarships. More than 55 \$1,000 scholarships have been given over the years.

This year's recipients were:

■ Sara Hanrahan, 17, of Oakdale, this year's valedictorian at the Academy of the Holy Family in Baltic. She plans to major in mathematics at Eastern Connecticut State University.

■ Frank J. Lowery III, 17, of Oakdale, this year's salutatorian at St. Bernard High School. He plans to attend Duke University in the fall.

■ David-Michael Lozupone, 18, of Oakdale, who is graduating third in his class at Montville High School and plans to attend the University of Hartford's school of music.

On June 30, the Montville and Manchester Rotary Clubs started a new tradition by joining together for the clubs' annual installation dinner. Kevin Sullivan, Connecticut's lieutenant governor, was the featured speaker. At the event, Mark Boucher was installed as club president, replacing Justin Cook.

Another annual highlight for Rotarians is delivering holiday food baskets to the elderly in Montville around the time of Thanksgiving. The appreciation shown by the more than 1,000 recipients over the years makes it well worth the time and effort.

The annual Department of Mental Retardation dance, sponsored by the Rotary Club, con-

tinues to grow. The party, which includes pizza, soda, cake, live music and a visit from Santa Claus, brings holiday cheer to a group of people who are making great strides to integrate into the community.

In addition to donating approximately \$50,000 to the Rotary Foundation, the Montville club participates in numerous community service projects every year, including the Relay for Life in Norwich. Rotarians donate their time to cook free food for the American Cancer Society fundraiser.

Other highlights include:

■ Annual Rose Sale fundraiser.
■ Outstanding Student Awards for Montville students.

■ Montville Teacher of the Year.
■ Co-host town for the Special Olympics.
■ Hosted exchange students from various countries.

■ Host annual breakfast for senior citizens in Montville.

■ Volunteer for Read Aloud programs.

■ Host annual Road Race.

■ Honor a military service person of the month.

■ Participate in Adopt-a-Road program.

■ Annual holiday sing-a-long for senior citizen center.

■ Donations of computers to Montville High School.

■ Comedy Night fundraiser.

The club meets Tuesday mornings at 7 a.m. at Pompeii Caesar's restaurant in the Mohegan Sun casino. Anyone who would like to become a member can call club President Mark Boucher at 860-917-9305

Interact Service Club for Teenagers Being Formed

THE ROTARY CLUB OF Mystic will host an informational meeting at the Stonington Community Center at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 about plans to establish an Interact service and social club for young people ages 14-18.

"Interact," derived from the words "international" and "action," was founded in the United States in 1962 and now includes 8,600 clubs worldwide with 200,000 members in 110 countries.

Interact clubs are self governing and self supporting, offering opportunities for members to develop leadership and teamwork skills. Each club carries out local community service projects and develops international service projects.

These projects help promote goodwill between nations and sometimes even lead to travel abroad to work with other international service partners.

Some examples of current Interact Club projects include the following:

■ "Backpacks for Afghan schoolchildren" which has resulted in thousands of Afghan children, allowing them to begin their school year with blue

backpacks chock-full of basic supplies for learning. These supplies were largely unavailable to these destitute children many who are refugees.

Each pack also includes a thermos so the children can bring clean water from home.

■ "Pennies for Patients" developed by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is supported by various Interact clubs to fund patient aid, programs and research.

■ The Keene New Hampshire Rotary Club sent 25 youths to El Salvador in 2001 to distribute \$40,000 worth of donated relief supplies for earthquake victims.

■ The Interact Club of Casa Grande High School in Petaluma Valley, Calif., raised funds to repair homes in Las Baitoas, Dominican Republic. They raised additional money and traveled there themselves to help out and completed 10 homes in seven days.

Any high school student from any school in the region is invited to the Aug. 2 meeting. For more information call Jennifer Pitt of Mystic Rotary at 917-3737.

Rev. Doretta Colburn; John DeCiantis, DeCiantis Construction; Les Duncklee, Duncklee Cooling and Heating



The Rotary Club of the Stoningtons

Y
A
W
Y
E



You
Are
What
You
Eat

Together with celebrated artist David Black, we are participating in the Whale Trail to raise money in support of worldwide water projects.

Serving the local and international community for the past 15 years through support for local non-profits, scholarships for graduating seniors, Amber Identification programs and projects to provide clean and accessible water in Guatemala.

Questions? Visit us on the web at www.stoningtonrotary.com, write us at Rotary Club of Stonington, P.O. Box 304, Stonington, CT 06378, or talk to one of our members. We meet Fridays at 7 AM. Call 860-535-0268.

Matt Snyder, Quox Corp.; Sharon Stryker, Coldwell Banker; Nancy Young, Stonington Free Library; Dr. Tom Lewis, DMD, PC

Sue Ferraro, Liberty Bank; Kelly Lee, Westery Adult Day Services; Dr. Rich Willner, Stonington Veterinary Hospital; Mike Walsh, Tees Plus

Jack Morehouse, Masons Island Marina; Don Sargent, Frank Hall Boatyard; Elaine Smith; Billie Ward

Curtin Insurance Agency

An Independent Agency that Works for You

*Serving New London County
Since 1904*

Phone: 848-2201

Email: jcook@curtininsuranceagency.com

**Members of
The Montville Rotary Club**

**Buck Cook— Charter Member & Past President 1994
Justin Cook— Past President 2004**

Waterford Rotary Helps Instill Civic Pride

THE WATERFORD ROTARY CLUB'S FIRST MAJOR project, completed three years after it was founded in 1975, was the Rotary Gazebo near the Duck Pond.

Since then the club has built ramps for invalid seniors in need of financial assistance, installed flag poles at Leary Park and Millstone's Mago Point Park, developed Rotary Field at Millstone, installed "Welcome to Waterford" signs at the town's borders, and also has commissioned a sign to at Stenger Park Farm, located on Clark Lane in Waterford. The sign tells the history of the farm and shows the reader an aerial view of the site and its trails.

The club also commissioned Artist Denise Ayala Petway to capture the beauty of the gazebo and Duck Pond in a watercolor.

In 1992-1993 the club initiated the effort for the funding of the Waterford-New London Public Schools Partnership. This raised \$12,700, the first funding for the two town educational partnership, which began in 1989. The club also initiated the funding for primary/preschooler playgrounds at each Waterford elementary school. All these playgrounds are available for public use as well.

Waterford joined with Rotary International for a CAP Grant - Community Assistance Program Grant. In 2001 and 2002 the club participated in a Rotary International Grant Program. This consisted of purchasing, assembling, painting and presenting picnic tables to the residents of the Waterford Country School. The club then designed and assembled a Reading Garden for the residents of the school to enjoy.

As for fund-raising, the club has been selling Rotary Roses since 1980. In 2000 the club had its first wine tasting event, Make Mine Wine. This has become our biggest fundraiser and has helped enable the club to make donations to a variety of organizations.

In 2003 the club began sponsoring exchange students, and has sponsored an outgoing student to Japan and an incoming student from Germany.



■ **Above**, Donna Barber Dunn, left, outgoing president of the Waterford Rotary Club, with Lois Andrews, the new president.



■ **Top right**, the Waterford Gazebo was the club's first major project.



■ **Right**, President Lois Andrews and Centennial Chairperson Aaron Rosenberg unveil a sign and map for the Stenger Farm.

Happy 100th Anniversary Rotary International



With sincere thanks and appreciation to the New London Rotary for its commitment to and support of our students and staff.

Your friends at the New London Public Schools

NLPS

Many voices, one song...

545930

Congratulations to Rotary International and to the individual Rotary Clubs serving our area.

Thanks to the many members
who dedicate their lives to the
ideals of Rotary and contribute
their time and talents
promoting goodwill and
service to others, here at home
and around the world.

Happy Anniversary, Rotary!

from
**Pequot Commercial Real Estate
Waterford, Connecticut**

Jane Walsh - Past President, Paul Harris Fellow, Wtfd

Steve Percy - Paul Harris Fellow, New London

John Jensen - Past President, Wtfd

Norm Peck - Niantic Rotary

Pete Connair - Past President, Paul Harris Fellow, Wtfd

546136

BARRY'S CLEANERS

565 Colman Street, New London • 447-8220

79 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic • 739-7867

308 Flanders Road, East Lyme • 691-1680

545336



■ Rotarians from The Stoningtons help with Amber Alert registration.

Lofty Goals and a Grand Vision in the Stoningtons

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE Stoningtons was chartered 15 years ago and has been a very active club with a grand vision: "To do whatever we can to make a difference in our community and in the world."

The club's annual fund raiser is a golf tournament at Fisher's Island which raises money for a variety of local and international causes.

Locally, the club gives college scholarships to students at both the Wheeler High School in North Stonington and Stonington High School. The club also give awards to help support special programs such as the Mystic Middle School Jazz Band's trip to Washington and students who have been involved with People to People and Ambassador programs.

Other groups that receive club support include: Stonington Crew, the L.U.N.C.H. Program, M.A.S.H. (Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality), The Stonington Community Center, the Stonington Free Library, Three Rivers Family Program, Stonington Human Services, Westerly Adult Day Services and the WARM Shelter.

The club also sponsors a literacy program that provides books to the area

school libraries and classrooms. It gave dictionaries to all third graders in Stonington through a program with the library and the Leslie Buck Foundation. Rotarians also read on a regular basis to the preschool nursery classes and at the elementary schools.

The club runs holiday projects that give food, clothing and gifts to families in need, and regularly responds to crises as they arise.

One of the club's biggest projects is running Amber Alert ID programs throughout the area in an attempt to help combat child abduction. The club owns two Amber Alert Identification units and will be working with the Stonington schools this fall to have those students added to the system – a huge undertaking for a small club.

On an international level the club has supported several safe water projects through Water For People in Guatemala.

The club has sponsored a Whale Trail whale and commissioned David Black, artist and producer, to paint a whale that is on display on Wadawanuck Square in Stonington Borough. The club hopes are that the auctioning of its whale in the fall will bring in additional money that will be used to support further water projects.



■ The Rotary Club of The Stoningtons celebrate the holidays.

JAY E. ALLEN, D.M.D., M.A.G.D.
A Rotary member since 1987

Specializing in General Dentistry

Offering many types of whitening products and cosmetic procedures

464 Montauk Ave., New London, CT
860-443-3634

545934

Thomas L. Neilan & Sons, Inc.
Funeral Homes
New London—Niantic

Chris Neilan– Past President, New London Rotary
Pasquale Folino– Member, Waterford Rotary

Congratulations to Rotary International
for 100 years of service to
our community and the world!

545346

We commend
Rotary International
for their continued contribution
to the world community.

Bruce W. Burrows
First Vice President–Investments

Laurel A. Butler
Vice President–Investments

Judith A. Constantine
Vice President–Investments

Alphonso W. Nosal
Vice President–Investments

Barry J. Saluk
First Vice President–Investments

June D. Strunk
Second Vice President–Investments

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355

(860) 572-1650 or (800) 243-2679

THIS IS WHO WE ARE. THIS IS HOW WE EARN IT.™

SMITH BARNEY
citigroup

©2005 Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Member SIPC. Smith Barney is a division and service mark of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and its affiliates and is used and registered throughout the world. CITIGROUP and the Umbrella Device are trademarks and service marks of Citicorp or its affiliates and are used and registered throughout the world. THIS IS WHO WE ARE. THIS IS HOW WE EARN IT is a service mark of Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

544151

Two Choices In Norwich

Original Club Has Been a Pioneer

THE NORWICH ROTARY CLUB held its inaugural meeting on March 24, 1920 with 25 charter members. Sponsored by the New London Rotary Club, it was the seventh Rotary club chartered in the state. It, in turn, has sponsored the Willimantic, Montville and Norwich Sunrise clubs.

Over the years, its membership has grown and now stands at approximately 100. The makeup of the membership has evolved along with the economy of the area, from one with a heavy emphasis on manufacturing and general commerce to one consistent with the present service oriented economy. One thing has not changed, however, and that is the jovial spirit and active nature of the membership. Through the early years there was much singing at meetings as the club was blessed with an extraordinary piano player and a talented song leader. There were large annual dinners and dances, minstrel shows, acts and skits. However, times have changed, and although the club still enjoys occasional singing, the social activities have diminished in recent years. Weekly meetings though remain spirited with much frivolity, good natured teasing and active fellowship.

True to the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self", starting with a pledge of \$6,662 in 1921 for the purchase of an ambulance, the club has from its founding been active in service to its community. Always mindful of needy children, the club's major and longest standing current project is the annual Mahan Fund. In existence since the 1940's the fund this past year provided more than 400 warm jackets to needy children at a cost of almost \$14,000. Also to help young people, the club's endowed Blackmar Fund started in 1924 currently provides more than \$10,000 annually to college students. In addition, the club has sponsored six

successful Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars.

Since 1968 the club has presented a Native Son/Daughter Award to an individual born and raised in Norwich who has been distinguished by notable achievement elsewhere.

Annually charitable contributions by the club total between \$25,000 and \$30,000 which are supported by various fund-raisers. The oldest regular one is an annual pancake breakfast which has been important since 1968 not only for the money it raises, but also because it involves the active participation of most all the members of the club. A fall fruit sale started in 1981 brings oranges and grapefruit from Florida and raises a few thousand dollars. Another important fund-raiser is Linda's Auction, named after the club's first female member and president. Each week, on a rotating basis, a member donates and auctions an item at the meeting. During its first year the auction raised more than \$8,000 and it continues to provide important funds.

In addition to providing charitable monetary support the club looks for projects involving personal participation of the members, such as painting at the YMCA or Easter Seal Center. The most important of these projects was the creation of the Norwich Rose Garden in 1946. At the inspiration of one of our members, this beautiful garden boasting more than 3,000 roses was built with both the financial support and physical participation of many of our members. It is a major tourist attraction and a favorite venue for wedding pictures. Each June the club holds an al fresco meeting in the garden when the roses are at their best.

Currently a most rewarding hands-on project is the Schwartz Manor Project in which a rotating committee of members distributes food and household goods monthly to elderly housing project residents.

Newer Club Caters to Early-Risers

THE NORWICH SUNRISE ROTARY Club was born out of the need for many of the founding members to meet at a time that would be more convenient for demanding business calendars.

Mark Graves, DMV, coordinated a survey of the established Norwich Rotary membership in July of 1997, to determine if there were enough interest to explore starting a morning club in Norwich. At that time, approximately 20 members indicated an interest in supporting a second club and an alternative meeting time.

A vote of the entire membership was taken in February of 1998, and with a narrow margin, a new club was established.

A committee was then formed which held its first planning meeting on March 5, 1998 with Denny Gibbs, Make Gordon, Mark Graves, Tom Mahoney, Linda Salafia and Tom Ulrich in attendance. Paul Duevel, acting as the district governor's special representative, presided. The first meeting of the organizing group was held March 23, 1998, and one week later, the first meeting of the provisional club was held at 7 a.m., at the Comfort Suites in Norwich.

Meetings followed each week, on Monday mornings at 7 at this same location.

Paul Duevel guided early meetings and after 20 charter members signed up the Norwich Sunrise Club became official on August 17, 1998.

Charter Night for the Norwich Sunrise Club was held October 16, 1998. It was a grand event, well planned by Gordon Hyde, Scott Howard and Nancy Buckley. District Governor, Ellen Mandes, presented the Club's charter and Rotary Banner. Henry Scopp, Presiding District Governor, presented the new Club with its first plank banner, in support of the Rotary tradition of hanging banners from visiting club members and clubs visiting around the world.

Not long after hanging the new banners, the Norwich Sunrise Club took to task their first community project — raising funds for the purchase of bicycle helmets for Norwich School children who would normally go without this basic safety equipment. In addition, before the Club's one-year anniversary, the Sunrise membership co-sponsored a Charity Golf Tournament with the Norwich Noontime Club, raising approximately \$15,000.

Over 30 Years in Business

R.B. Kent & Son Inc.
COMMERCIAL
REFRIGERATION • AIR CONDITIONING



is proud to support the efforts
of local Rotarians

and

Congratulates Rotary International
for its 100 years of Service

YORK®
Heating and Air Conditioning

Manitowoc
ICE CUBER • FLAKERS • AUTOMATIC DISPENSERS

Encouraging "Service Above Self"
From R.B. Kent

(860) 445-2331

545343



Chartered June 8th, 1954

P.O. Box 153
Mystic, CT 06355

Meetings: Mondays, 12:15 p.m.
Mystic Hilton

www.mysticrotary.org

Officers

President...Barry Saluk

President Elect....George Sylvestre

Vice President....Michael Garvey

Secretary....Robert Casey

Recording Secretary...John Fix

Treasurer...Patricia Beaman

Sergeant-at-Arms...Stephen Bessette

Past President...James Clark

Members

Steven Anderson, Alice Azure, Virginia Bainbridge, Charles Beaumont, Richard Blodgett, John Bradshaw, Joan Butler, John Butler, Melinda Carlisle, Cynthia Casey, Robert Casey, Richard Cheney, Paul Delaney, Robert Elmer, Paul Filippetti, John Garbarino, Sheldon Gardner, Graham Gavert, Peter Glankoff, Roger Gross, Franz Hayes, William Herman, Maggie Jones, James Lathrop, Hamilton Tony Lee, John Marshall, Michael McKee, Laureen Morley, Biddle Morris, William Oat, Gary Orkney, Theodore Parker, Jennifer Pitt, John Porter, Alicia Rampellini, James Schalla, David Schroder, Rita Schmidt, Judy Simpanen, James Simpson, Norman Smith, C. William Stamm, Peter Stuart, Amy Swan, Alec Switz, Amanda Szajda, Deborah Tedford, Elizabeth Theodore, Raymond Thorpe, Mark Turner, Richard Van Duesen, Seth Wakeman, Maria Theresa Walker, Stewart Walton, Blunt White, Richard Wilson

546149

Norwich Clubs Celebrate the Centennial

NORWICH ROTARY CLUBS celebrated the centennial year by addressing needs in communities close to home and around the world.

When it came to selecting centennial projects that would have a lasting impact on the community these active clubs call home, both Norwich groups chose to focus on critical health-related issues.

The Norwich Sunrise Club took to task the increasing risks of diabetes. Through partnerships with regional care providers, a variety of screenings, activities and health education programs were offered. From pedometers to free blood tests, hundreds were made aware of this silent epidemic through the efforts of the entire membership. In addition, the club chose to sponsor the services of a podiatrist at a regional senior center, providing valuable access to care for numerous at-risk elders. Putting their own feet in motion, the Club also participated in the Diabetes Walk at Harkness and the Dance for Diabetes at a local school, raising awareness and funds for future research.

The originating Norwich Rotary Club, sometimes referred to as the Noontime Club, chose to change the face of their community, one smile at a time. Following a review of many worthwhile options, the club voted to focus their Centennial efforts on outfitting a dental care room at the United Community & Family Services (UCFS) Health Center. Access to dental care for those without insurance, or of limited means, is a significant issue in the area. Through the support of the Norwich Noontime Rotary Club, UCFS was able to

treat an additional 1,551 patients in one year alone, that would not normally have access to quality dental care.

In addition to these community-focused Centennial projects, both Clubs supported the *Service Above Self* mission with vocational, community and international service:

Vocational

The Norwich Clubs, with additional participation from the Montville club, have developed a career day program for the local schools. The clubs are presently completing a Rotarian business profile manual. This guide will be distributed to all participating schools with information on local businesses and Rotarians that support shadow days, career days and youth summer employment in their fields of interest.

Community

Both Clubs have a history of scholarships, and the support of education. The Sunrise Club provided a grant of \$3,000 to Greeneville Elementary School to start up a tutoring program for math and reading. Since inception of the program, the students involved have shown significant improvement in their test scores. Norwich Sunrise Rotary also purchased student dictionaries and distributed them to the entire third grade population in the Norwich Public School system, and provided six \$500 scholarships to local high school students.

The Noontime Club's long-standing Blackmar Fund providing more than \$10,000 in scholarships annually, to college-bound seniors.

Mahan Coat Project has been Keeping Youngsters Warm

HUNDREDS OF NEEDY CHILDREN IN THE Norwich area are able to stay warm in winter, thanks to the Norwich Rotary. Over the years the club, through its oldest charity, has provided coats to thousands of youngsters in poor and working poor families.

The Thomas Mahan Coat Fund, begun in the 1940s, is named in honor of a prominent Norwich educator and former Norwich Rotary President, Dr. Thomas Mahan.

Over the years, the requests for warm clothing (specifically winter jackets or snowsuits) have continued to increase as the struggles of working poor families increase.

What makes this Rotary project so special is that Rotary provides the "conduit" through which a number of organizations, businesses and the Norwich high school system work together in service to the community.

Local social service agencies provide the names of the children and their specific coat size to the Norwich Rotary. Norwich rotary, working with local businesses (including Wal-Mart, Kohl's, J.C. Penney, and Reid & Hughes) work out the details of the ordering and collecting of the coats. In 2003, when 420 coats were distributed, Wal-Mart provided Rotary with a \$1,000 donation, in addition to four employees to assist in the purchasing of

the coats. Kohl's provided significant discounts of 40 to 60 percent off the cost of the coats.

After the coats are purchased, local agencies work with Rotary to sort the coats by gender and size. One Rotary meeting is dedicated to wrapping some of the coats for specially invited agencies. It gives Rotarians a "hands on" approach to the good work they are doing. The agency staff also attends the meeting and interaction between Rotary and the agencies is important. The Norwich Free Academy Project OUTREACH youth spend an afternoon working with Rotarians to wrap the remaining coats and sort the coats by agency.

MELINDA CARLISLE

MYSTIC ROTARY

OPENING DOORS FOR YOU!

at

Randall
REALTORS®

GMAC
Real Estate

160 Water Street
Stonington, CT

860-535-4449
860-536-1664



e-mail: mysticmelinda@aol.com

The Law Firm of Conway & Londregan, P.C.

wishes to congratulate Rotary International
on its 100 years of service
to the community and to the world.

Attorney Michael W. Sheehan
Member of New London Rotary since 1995
860-447-3171

545348



Investment Services
Long-term
Life Insurance Planning
Retirement Plans
Long-term Care Insurance

FirstCommand
FINANCIAL PLANNING

First Command Financial Planning
since 1958, provides individualized
financial plans to meet your family's
needs today and into the future

Robert J. Sampson
Registered Representative
& Agent
860.381.9594
41 Kings Highway
Gales Ferry, CT 06335



Now Serving Military & Civilian Professionals & Their Families

© 2005 First Command Financial Services, Inc. Insurance products are offered by First Command Financial Services, Inc. parent of First Command Financial Planning, Inc. (Member SPC)

545283



■ **Right**, Rotarians help with a Family Feeding Program in Haiti.

■ **Below**, Centennial District Governor Pam Akins and Haitian youngsters outside a latrine financed by Rotary clubs.



Lending a Hand in Haiti

THE NORWICH ROTARY'S HAITIAN Project has for some 20 years helped poor island residents in a variety of ways, ranging from building houses to buying goats.

The Haitian project evolved as a collaboration with Dr. Jeremiah J. Lowney, a Norwich Rotarian who founded the Haitian Health Foundation in 1982.

During the years since, Dr. Lowney has built a premiere public health system in southern Haiti, providing full health care for more than 200,000 resident of this hemisphere's poorest nation. Since 1984, various Rotary clubs and Rotarians (especially in District 7980) have fund-raised and matched funds. Dozens of Rotarians have ventured to Haiti with Rotarian Lowney.

To date, Rotary has:

- Replaced 7,000 Creole sows to the poor who had their pigs decimated in a swine flu epidemic. Essentially, this program re-established small family farms which de-

pend upon animals for survival.

- Built latrines through the ongoing Latrine Project for hundreds of families in the rural villages, improving sanitation and health.

- Built several hundred Happy Houses. This project builds cement block house in the slums, replacing hovels made of cardboard and straw.

- Distributed more than 2,500 female breeding goats in the "Dick's Kids" program – providing self-support and hope to poor families who could never afford a goat.

- Distributed hundreds of laying hens in rural villages.

- Built a premier class Playscape adjacent to a facility that feeds malnourished children.

- Provided "hands on" labor both in Haiti and the United States – gathering, packing, unpacking, and shipping supplies.

Making a difference in 167 countries...



Congratulations Rotary for 100 years of dedicated service.

The Day

For home delivery, call 1-866-846-9099.

Niantic Rotary A Big Part of the Community

SINCE ITS FORMATION 45 YEARS AGO, THE Niantic Rotary Club has taken pride in being "a fun-loving, hard-working, down-to-earth club."

Over the decades it has supported such local projects as buying playground equipment at McCook's Point Park, planting trees at the historic Smith Harris House, organizing a clean-up and repairs at East Lyme cemetery, remodeling a bathroom for a severely handicapped child, installing the first commemorative street light at the top of Main Street in downtown Niantic, providing dictionaries to all third-graders in East Lyme and Salem, sponsoring the Doolittle Raiders reunion, conducting an Amber Alert ID program, sponsoring a middle school essay contest and citizenship award, a high school student-of-the-month and scholarship program and service person of the month, forming an Interact Club at East Lyme High School, the

first such student program in southeastern Connecticut, and sponsoring Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

The club's major fundraisers include an annual Gold Raffle, a gala evening of prizes and entertainment. The club just completed its 20th event and added a silent and live auction component that made it the most successful raffle to date. The club now partners with a community organization, with part of the proceeds going to them.

Niantic Rotary also holds an annual golf tournament with raffle prizes with lunch and dinner served. In addition the club hosts a food booth at the 4th of July East Lyme Art Show yearly, serving breakfast and lunch that includes its signature clam fritters and chowder.

Some international projects over the years supported by Niantic Rotary have included the Haitian Health Foundation, Chernobyl Project, Rotohomes Project in western Fiji, sponsorship annually of two impoverished children

through Child Reach, contributions to Polio Plus, a Rotary International Project to eradicate polio worldwide and contributions to the tsunami relief effort

Other Niantic Rotary beneficiaries have included Care & Share, Hospice, Alliance for Living, Women's Center, Babe Ruth Baseball, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Bikes for Kids, East Lyme Historical Society, Habitat for Humanity and the New London Soup Kitchen

This Centennial year Niantic Rotary received four awards, which only eight out of sixty-three clubs in the district achieved. These were the Governor's Citation, the President's Citation, the Centennial Project Award and the Twin Clubs Award. The Centennial year officers were:

The club was created on June 8, 1960 through the efforts of Daniel Miller 3rd. Its present officers are Jan Blonder, president, Mary Harrison, secretary, and Jerry Gilstad, treasurer.

The Rotary Foundation: Serving Local Communities Worldwide

Mystic Club's goal is to increase annual gifts to foundation

THE MYSTIC ROTARY CLUB recently donated more than \$7,000 from contributions from members to the Rotary Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through interna-

tional humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.

"Our goal each year is to increase that amount," said Mystic Rotary President Barry Saluk. "The foundation is an important financial tool for achieving both local goals such as Ambassadorial Scholarships as well as international programs that provide clean water, housing and the eradication of diseases worldwide. The foundation is one of the most significant forces at work promoting world peace today."

The Foundation was created in 1917 by

Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of \$26.50 to more than \$55 million contributed in 2002-03. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

The Foundation's Humanitarian programs fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world.

One of the major Humanitarian Programs is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the poliovirus worldwide. Through its educational programs, the foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people.

Former participants in the foundation's programs have the opportunity to continue their affiliation with Rotary as Foundation Alumni.

"TEAM STRYKER" SALUTES ROTARY CENTENNIAL AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2004-2005) PAMELA AKINS



We Salute Generations and Families of Rotarians:

Dave's Grandfather: **Hamilton Pope Agee** - Honolulu Rotary - 30's and 40's

Dave's Parents: **Joe and Anne Stryker** - Rotary Paul Harris Fellows

Dave Stryker - Past Area Rep. and Past President, Groton-Ledyard Rotary

Sharon Stryker - Past President and Charter Member - Stonington Rotary

Mike Stryker - Past President, New London Rotary

Assistant District Governor to Pam Akins (2004-2005)

New London Club Carl Weiss Award Recipient - 2004

Danielle, Jessie, Sarah, Julia, Jolie, Julian - Future Rotarians

We Salute Generations of Rotary Clubs:

New London Club started Groton-Ledyard Club in 1955

Groton-Ledyard Club started Stonington Club in 1990

Also started Montville and Ledyard Clubs

We Salute District 7980 Governor Pam Akins:

Visited 63 Rotary Clubs - Drove 4943 Miles

Attended 95 other club events - Drove 7341 Miles

Clubs raised more than \$195,000 for Rotary International Foundation
382 Rotarians and Guests attended District Conference in Long Branch, N.J.

Had hugely successful Installation Banquet at Mystic Marriott

Attended Rotary International Conventions in Osaka, Japan and Chicago

Lives and Loves the Rotary slogan: "Service Above Self"

**CONGRATULATIONS ROTARIANS
ESPECIALLY DISTRICT 7980 DISTRICT GOVERNOR
PAM AKINS - WELL DONE!!!**

545296

MILDRED E. DEVINE, CTFA, AEP
860.443.6621

Devine
PLANNING

PLANNED GIVING, ESTATE PLANNING & GRANT APPLICATION ADVISEMENT



LEAVE A LEGACY®
CONNECTICUT

P.O. Box 648 • New London, CT 06320-0648 • Fax: 860.443.4065

E-Mail: mildred@devineplanning.org

Website: www.devineplanning.org

544607



We Salute Generations of Rotary Clubs:

New London Club started Groton-Ledyard Club in 1955

Groton-Ledyard Club started Stonington Club in 1990

Also started Montville and Ledyard Clubs

We Salute District 7980 Governor Pam Akins:

Visited 63 Rotary Clubs - Drove 4943 Miles

Attended 95 other club events - Drove 7341 Miles

Clubs raised more than \$195,000 for Rotary International Foundation
382 Rotarians and Guests attended District Conference in Long Branch, N.J.

Had hugely successful Installation Banquet at Mystic Marriott

Attended Rotary International Conventions in Osaka, Japan and Chicago

Lives and Loves the Rotary slogan: "Service Above Self"

**CONGRATULATIONS ROTARIANS
ESPECIALLY DISTRICT 7980 DISTRICT GOVERNOR
PAM AKINS - WELL DONE!!!**



Happy Centennial
Rotary International

We are proud to be associated with the world of Rotary Youth Exchange for over 30 years!

Organizers and planners of the annual Hamden Connecticut Rotary Club Tours.

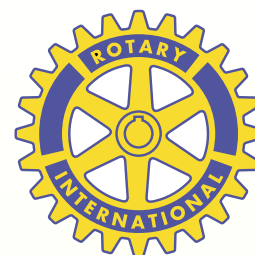
A full service travel agency planning domestic & international travel for both individuals & groups.

Norwich - 886.0511 • Crystal Mall - 442.7144
Groton - 445.8561 • www.bokoffkaplan.com



545290

The New London Rotary would like to thank the following contributors for making our Centennial Playground Project so successful.



MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

Donations of at least \$15,000

FRANK LOOMIS PALMER FUND
STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEP
NEW LONDON ROTARY
FOUNDATION
BODENWEIN BENEVOLENT
FOUNDATION
LAWRENCE & MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL CORP.
KITCHINGS FAMILY
FOUNDATION
PEOPLE'S BANK
DOMINION



Donations of at least \$1,000

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF S.E. CT
THE JAMES & MARY E. SHEA
PERPETUAL TRUST
THE DAY
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE
WHALING CITY FORD
M.J. SULLIVAN AUTOMOTIVE CORNER
CROSS SOUND FERRY SERVICES
NEW LONDON DEVELOPMENT CORP.
NEW LONDON MOM'S CLUB
FLETCHER FOUNDATION
MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL
NATION
MOHEGAN TRIBE
LORRAINE & DOUG ALLEN
MARGARET MARY CURTIN
RICHARD & MYRA GIPSTEIN
THE GLASSENBERG FAMILY
TRACEE REISER & ROBERT HAYFORD
CARMELINA COMO KANZLER

MARY LENZINI
THOMAS L. NEILAN & SONS
STEVE & MARILYN PERCY
THE ROGOVIN FAMILIES

In Memory of MARY ROSE ROGOVIN
NIKE & DAVID SPELTZ

In Memory of BOBBE GLASSENBERG
GERALDINE TOM

In Memory of HAROLD WEINER
IN MEMORY OF FAYE VATHAUER
MARK & JULIE WOLMAN

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER BUILDERS

BETH-EL SYNAGOGUE MITZVAH DAY
VOLUNTEERS
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE STUDENTS, STAFF
& FACULTY
DOMINION

LARRY FRITCH & THE
STUDENTS OF GRASSO
TECH
MOHEGAN SUN OUTREACH
COMMITTEE
NEW LONDON ROTARIANS
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
ENLISTED PERSONNEL



DONORS

PAM AKINS
VICTORIA AVERY
CARLIN CONSTRUCTION
DAN GAYNOR
EDWARD & FUZZY GIPSTEIN
TODD & MARCIA GIPSTEIN
THE GROARK FAMILY
ROGER GROSS
HENDEL OIL COMPANY
JEWISH FEDERATION OF S.E. CT
SOLOMON SCHECHTER ACADEMY
J. SOLOMON, INC.
MARY ELLEN JUKOSKI
JOHN KASHANSKI
FRANK LAYCOCK
NEW LONDON MOTORS
LANA ORPHANIDES
KATHERINE ROSEN
MICHAEL ROSENKRANTZ
HENRY SAVIN
HEATHER YARNALL
CATHERINE FOLEY

Thanks to those listed below for their expertise, assistance and in-kind donations in support of this project.

ARROW FENCE
B.B. LANDSCAPE
BLU-PRINTS UNLIMITED
CAMARO SIGNS
CLA ENGINEERS
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE OVCS/
HOLLERAN CENTER
GAMETIME
GENERAL WOODCRAFT
HARRY SHETTLES, P.E.
HOLDRIDGE FARM NURSERY
LINDSAY LIEBIG ROCHE
ARCHITECTS
MARTURANO RECREATION
MILTON C. BEEBE & SONS
NEW LONDON DEPT. OF PUBLIC
WORKS
PAT CORSETTI CONTRACTORS
PLAYGROUND MEDIC
QUINN & GELLAR
TILCON CONNECTICUT
UNITED BUILDERS SUPPLY
WOLMAN CONSTRUCTION
YANKEE REMODELER