

ROTARY ANCHOR



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2005/2006 Rotary Theme

New London Rotary Club

District 7980 Club 6741
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Meeting Week of August 18, 2005



"America's Tall Ship" USCG Barque *Eagle*

Club News

PROGRAM:

Aug 18 Rotary District Governor
Alan Hurst

Aug 25 Chili Vendor Recognition
From Springfest 2005

Reporter: Aug 18 Lee Cole-Chu
Aug 25 Paul Geraghty

Greeters: Aug 18 Joan Evans Hunter, Janet Pearce
Aug 25 Alan Mayer, Bill Edwards

Prayer: Aug 18 Brian Cole
Aug 25 Carl Astor

Song Leader: Lew Buckley

Birthdays: Aug 21 Ed Cramer & Bill Edwards

Anniversaries: Aug 19 Barbara Dixon and Don McKay

SUPPORT "ALAN'S AMBULANCE" FOR THE HAITIAN
HEALTH FOUNDATION-BRING A COUPLE OF EXTRA
BUCKS THIS WEEK (or a check book)!



DG Alan Hurst

ROTARY HAT CONTEST

Which Club member is missing
from this picture? First one to
email the right answer to
barry@robertsav.com wins.

WIN A ROTARY HAT

Need a Hint: You will find the full photo
in the "archive" section of our Anchor publi-
cation. Past winners and members of the
publishers family or the Rotarian "missing"
are not eligible, although you can still play!



District News

GOLF OUTING

**Rotary District #7980 Foundation
Tuesday September 6, 2005**

Wallingford Country Club

Shotgun Start at 1pm

The day will include lunch, the basic sandwich/hamburgers/hot
dogs and dinner following immediately after with steak and lobster
being served. Also includes 1 hour open bar. Cost per golfer is
\$160. Don Rittman 88 State Street Meriden, CT 06450

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(last week's) Guess Who this is on the left:



As a volunteer at the Soup Kitchen, Gerry Tom put on her Rotary Apron.
Last week's hat winner was **BARBARA DIXON**.
Congratulations to Barbara

Club picnic will be September 8 (Thursday) evening at Ocean Beach-(no noon meeting)

Program August 4, 2005

By Ann Connolly

Today we had the opportunity to learn from a former Rotary Youth Exchange Student how that experience impacted her life and career. Audrey Mushinsky, the finance officer for Habitat of Humanity of Southeastern CT, was selected to spend her senior year in British Columbia. The youth exchange program places one outgoing student for every incoming student, but it does not have to be an identical location exchange, and the incoming student may be from a different country than the destination of the outgoing student. Audrey indicated that the selection process is very competitive and had hoped to spend her year in France so that she could learn a second language, but was very appreciative of the opportunity to study in British Columbia.



While in British Columbia, Audrey lived with four host families, spending three months with each family. She found the academic standards higher there and for the first time had to study to excel. During Audrey's first six months, she experienced some anti-American sentiments, but as the other students came to know her, that became less frequent. The year away from her family had a strong, positive impact on her life. It helped her develop self-reliance, independence, and instilled in her a love of travel. Audrey also talked of how the youth exchange year helped shape her character and enabled her to better understand herself and others. Following her exchange year, Audrey continued her academic studies at UCONN, receiving a BS in accounting. Her desired to travel led her to a position as an investment banker in New York, and later to Antigua where she lived and worked for several years.

Students interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange program should contact their schools for information. Audrey indicated that, after the year's exchange is completed, there are no further obligations. Audrey's talk was very interesting and informative, and she received a warm round of applause.