



CLUB NEWS

AUGUST 6, 2026

Upcoming Events for Rotary Club of New London

- 8/13 Community Meal Center**
Club service opportunity
4:00 pm - 6:16 pm
Contact Anna Lathrop to volunteer
- 8/20 Summer Celebration**
at the Rossi home, Groton
Details to follow
- 9/18 Brewfest at the Beach**
Ocean Beach Park
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Community Meal Center

Our club volunteers on the **2nd Thursday of each month** to serve at CMC. Please let Anna Lathrop know if you can help, anna@gourmet-galley.com. We begin at 4pm and are done by 6:15pm. Your help is always appreciated.

Little Free Libraries

Our Little Free Libraries are in need of children and young adult books. The libraries at our parks were very busy this summer and we have depleted our supply of children's books. We have a strong flow of adult books but children books are in need. Please pass on to your family, friends and neighbors for children and young adult book donations..

We are happy to pick up or they can be dropped off at the Lighthouse Inn. Contact Rovert Duleau (rduleau68@gmail.com).

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jennifer Muggeo MPH
*The Place for
CommUNITY Wellness*

Weekly Meeting
12:00 Noon

at THE LIGHTHOUSE INN
6 West Guthrie Place, New London

Aug 13 Dr. Michael Graner
*Retired Coast Guard and Groton
Superintendent, on his book
"From Sea to Service".*

Aug 20 No Noon Meeting
*Summer Celebration
hosted by Ted Rossi*

GREETER / SONG LEADER

Aug 6 Ed Cramer
Aug 13 Pam Akins
Aug 20 No Noon Meeting

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

None

BIRTHDAYS

None

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

*"Service to others is the
rent you pay for your
room here on earth."*

— Muhammad Ali

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do...

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL**
and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL**
to all concerned?

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BOARD MEETING NOTES

Reported by Gail MacDonald

ROTARY GRANT APPLICATIONS TAKEN ANNUALLY

The Rotary Club of New London's board of directors has decided to accept grant applications once a year beginning in the current year - 2026-2027. Agencies and individuals should apply by Jan. 31, 2027 for Rotary grants for worthy causes. Decisions on grant requests will be made in February.

NEW ROTARY FUND-RAISER SOUGHT

The club's board of directors is seeking to add an additional fundraiser to our signature events of Brewfest and the golf tournament, along with our smaller fundraisers. This will help support important programs such as Camp Rotary, the major meal-packing event, our loneliness initiatives and others.

As such, we are seeking someone (or someones) willing to take the lead on a fundraiser. Some of the fundraising ideas that have been floated include:

- A mini golf tournament
- Pancake breakfast
- Holiday home tour
- Bingo
- Shredding event
- Trivia night

We're also open to suggestions!

Anyone willing and able to organize and take the lead on a fundraiser, please be in touch with President Gail B. MacDonald, gbraccimac@gmail.com.

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If you have not yet registered, you will need to log in with password. Choose amount of donation and Fund you would like it to go to. Please be sure to include Club number 6741 and your Rotary membership number. If you do not have it, please contact Ed Cramer at winetalk177@aol.com.



CLUB REPORT JULY 30, 2026

RAH at Favorites Bistro 7.30.26



Jerry Fischer in Budapest



Club Officers, 2026-2027

President	Gail MacDonald
President-elect	Chris Neilan
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Kristin Magnussen
Treasurer	Alan Lyon
Sergeant-At-Arms	John Estelle
Immediate Past President	Mary Lenzini

Board Of Directors

2027	Gigi Gonzalez-Cottrell, Robert Duleau, Ed Cramer
2028	Sirisota Belgium, Gary Decker, Valerie West
2029	Karen Bergin, Christine Hammond, Peter Greenwald

Club Committees

Youth Service
Valerie West, *Director*

Membership
Chris Neilan, *Director*

Classification	Kris Magnussen
RAH's	Valerie West, Andy Russell, Andrew Gilday
Recruitment	Jerry Fischer
Orientation	Ed Cramer/Andy Russell

Community Services
Gigi Gonzalez Cottrell, *Director*

Literacy	Val West
Little Free Libraries	Robert Duleau
Yale-Harvard Regatta	Jim Millar,
	Leeland Cole-Chu
Food Insecurity	Anna Lathrop

International Service
Jerry Fischer, *Director*

Peace Building	Tracee Reiser
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Rotary Club Service

Finance Committee	Carmelo Foti
Awards Leader	Gail MacDonald
Nominating	Ed Cramer
Anchor	Brian Cole
Sunshine	Brian Cole
Programs	Todd Gipstein, Tracee Reiser, Mel Foti, Kris Magnussen, Ed Cramer
Greeters/Song Leaders	Chris Neilan
Fundraising	Chris Neilan
Golf	Andy Russell, Alex Marku, Kate Lee
Brewfest	Andy Russell, Victoria Mueller
By-laws	Mary Lenzini
Picnic	Reid Burdick
Anchor Ad Sales	Andy Russell
Installation	Victoria Mueller
Information/Communication/	
Public Relations	Kris Magnussen
Rotary International Foundation	Ed Cramer

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