



THE ROTARY

ANCHOR



The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

District 7980 Club 6741

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PO Box 654, New London, CT 06320

CLUB NEWS SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

Upcoming Events for Rotary Club of New London

9/18 Brewfest at the Beach

Ocean Beach Park
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

9/22 Mystery

*An Evening of Magic
with Todd Gipstein*
Lighthouse Inn, New London
5:30 pm



BREWFEST at the Beach TOMORROW!

👉 NOTICE 👈

If New London Rotary members are not receiving club correspondence, please check your settings in ClubRunner or your spam filter. This message will appear in the printed version of the Anchor for the next 4 weeks.

Any questions? Contact Brian Cole.

SPECIAL GUEST

SEPT 24, 2026
JOHN WALLER

Assistant Governor (Area 12), District 7980

COME TOUR WITH US

From President Gail MacDonald:

As I mentioned at last week's meeting, the new tour company begun and operated by me and Barbara Neff — **Uncovering New London; One Story at a Time** — would like to offer our Rotary club members **FREE tickets to two specific tours.**

These tours are:

New London in the American

Revolution — What was life like for New Londoners in the years leading up to the Revolution? Who was walking our streets and what unfolded on one of the darkest days in the city's history - Sept. 6, 1781 - when former friend and patriot Benedict Arnold led British troops to attack and burn our port city? 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26

Whaling City Confidential — This interactive, trivia-packed tour reveals the hidden history, fun facts and quirky truths about New London, from its earliest days to contemporary times. 10 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 4 (A special fun ending will be arranged)

We are offering 10 FREE tickets to NL Rotary members for EACH of the two tours. These are walking tours through historic downtown New London and begin at our tour booth inside Union Station. They are 90 minutes and we travel about a mile.

Claim your FREE ticket today by emailing me at: gbraccimac@gmail.com (Also, to ask any questions.) For more information about all our tours, go to downtownnewlondonassociation.com.

Let's build fellowship while we work to make lasting impact!

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Evening Meeting

No Noon Meeting

Weekly Meeting

12:00 Noon

at THE LIGHTHOUSE INN
6 West Guthrie Place, New London

Sep 24 CAPT Mark Walsh
CEO, National Coast Guard Museum

Oct 1 Jerry Fischer
*Partnership with
Rotary Club of Budapest*

Oct 8 Toshi Shimada
*Director, Eastern Connecticut
Symphony Orchestra*

GREETER / SONG LEADER

Sep 24 Marvin Espy

Oct 1 Jerry Fischer /
Catherine Foley

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Sep 23 Julia Kushigian-Secor '07

BIRTHDAYS

Sep 18 Kris Magnussen

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None

*"Kindness is a
language that the
deaf can hear and
the blind can see."*

— Mark Twain

CLUB NEWS

SEPTEMBER 170, 2026

◆ SET SAIL · SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 ◆

ALL ABOARD

The District 7980 Learning Assembly

Learn. Connect. Lead — out on the open water of Long Island Sound.

TIME	ALL ABOARD	DEPARTS
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Cross Sound High-Speed Ferry	New London, CT



This year, the Assembly leaves the dock.

A morning of sessions to grow your club — leadership, membership, public image, and AI for good — then cast off from New London for a two-hour Classic Lighthouse Tour. One ship. One unforgettable day.

Every Rotarian welcome.

REGISTER NOW → d7980.org

SAVE THE DATE · OCT 3

FLIP OVER → Full schedule & the Classic Lighthouse Tour on the back

◆ DISTRICT 7980 LEARNING ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 3, 2026

CHARTING THE DAY

The Day's Course

8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast & Rotary Fellowship
9:00 – 9:40	Breakout Sessions - Round One Club Presidents, President-Elect & Nominee, Secretary, Treasurer & Members
9:45 – 10:25	Breakout Sessions - Round Two Role-based tracks for every club leader and member
10:30 – 11:10	Membership Engagement Through AI
11:15 – 11:55	Public Image
12:00 – 12:55	Lunch & Keynote
1:00 – 3:00	Set Sail — Classic Lighthouse Tour Two hours along New England's most spectacular coastal waters

◆ 1:00 – 3:00 PM · THE GRAND FINALE ◆

A Two-Hour Classic Lighthouse Tour

Cruise New England's most spectacular coastal waters past Revolutionary-War battlegrounds and centuries-old lighthouses — history unfolding off both rails.

Revolutionary War Battlegrounds

Fort Griswold 3778
Where Colonel Ledyard heroically defended American independence as Benedict Arnold attacked from across the harbor.

Fort Trumbull 3777
Named for Connecticut's wartime governor and witness to Arnold's dramatic British assault on the harbor.

Legendary Lighthouses

1849
North Dumpling Island Light
A private island with just five owners in nearly 400 years.

1898
Orient Point Light
Marking Long Island's eastern tip with classic, no-frills charm.

1943
Avery Point Light
Built in secret during WWII and kept dark for a year for fear of invasion.

Don't miss the boat.

Save October 3rd & Register Today.

REGISTER → d7980.org



SCAN TO REGISTER

THE GARDE ARTS CENTER: THE CULTURAL HEART OF NEW LONDON AND BEYOND.



OUR HOUSE 08.16.26 7:00 PM	REVISITING CREEDENCE 08.23.26 7:00 PM	MAGIC ROCKS! 09.26.26 8:00 PM
FRAGGLE ROCK 10.09.2026 8:00 PM 10.25.2026 7:00 PM	FRAGGLE ROCK 10.11.26 3:00 PM	HARRY CHAPINS 10.17.26 8:00 PM

USE CODE: **ROTARY2627** ON THESE SELECTED SHOWS!

Rotary Club of New London

Disclaimer: Enter discount code at checkout. Limit four (4) tickets per order. Offer not valid on previously purchased tickets or be combined with other offers or discounts. Order processing and per ticket fees not discounted. Some exclusions or restrictions may apply. Limited quantities available. All purchases are final, once the order has processed discounts cannot be applied. No refunds. No exchanges. Need help? Call the Garde box office (860) 444-7373 ext. 1

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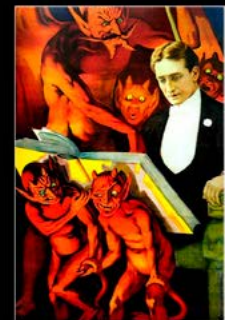
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR EVENT UPDATES!

The New London Rotary Club Invites you to

MYSTERIUM

An evening of magic with Todd Gipstein

A fundraiser to support our community projects



Tickets \$100

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

At the Lighthouse Inn

Cocktails 5:30 Magic 6:00 Dinner 7:30

RSVP by Sept. 19 to: rduleau68@gmail.com

CLUB PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026



A Big Thank You
once more to
RUTH & TED ROSSI
(along with staff) for another
fantastic Summer Celebration!

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ClubRunner

New London Rotary club | September 10, 2026
ClubRunner meeting outline

Club Website: www.newlondonrotary.org

District website: www.d7980.org

1. ClubRunner (CR) general help section:
<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/articles/clubrunner-essentials-pdf-ppt>
 2. How do I login?
<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/articles/how-do-i-recover-my-login-information-1>
 3. What are “access levels”?
<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/articles/what-access-levels-are-there-in-clubrunner-nova>
 4. How do I edit my member profile on the full website?
<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/articles/how-can-i-update-my-profile>
 5. What are the basics anyone can do, even with “basic” access levels?
<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/my-club>
 6. How do I download and use the CR mobile app?
<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/clubrunner-mobile-app>
 7. Where can I sign up for the free weekly webinars (Wednesdays at 3pm)?
<https://site.clubrunner.ca/page/webinars>
 8. Where is the CR video tutorial library?
<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/changeover-training-2026>
 9. Who can contact the support team? *Any* member can email or call CR and ask any questions, see below.
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Email the CR support team:
support@clubrunner.ca

Call the CR support team (toll-free, anywhere in North America):
855-621-2582, option 2 for support

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 Belgum, 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, Keith Turner
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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