

# News and Views



Kiwanis Club of New London, Connecticut

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## Lifetime of Community Service Award Dinner

The club's annual Honor's Dinner will be held February 26, 2012 at 5:00pm at the Coast Guard Academy. This year's honorees are Steve and Jeanne Sigel of the Garde Arts Center in New London. Tickets are \$50 which includes dinner catered by renown chef Tim Grills. If you can't attend please consider purchasing an advertisement in our ad book.

## Herb Rader Addresses Club



Friend and prospective new member, Herb Raider, New London's Salvation Army Commanding Officer/Pastor shared an inspiring video program at the January 19 meeting about the blessings of life as seen through the eyes of Nick Vujicic, an Australian motivational speaker. Mr. Vujicic, a young man who was born with Tetra-amelia syndrome (a rare disorder characterized by the absence of all four limbs), presents a moving talk about life without arms or legs. In the video, Nick speaks about his struggles and accomplishment, as well as, his finding meaning in his life which he believes will encourage others to live a life filled with hope.

## Dr. Erik-Soussi Addresses Club



The club was excited to have Dr. Catherine Erik-Soussi, Director of the Career Center at Mitchell College, speak to the club, on January 26, about issues and challenges facing today's graduating college student preparing to enter the work force. Erik-Soussi came to Mitchell College, about 4 years ago, to develop some graduate level programs, but was quickly tapped by the College President to create a much needed career center. Erik-Soussi, an adjunct professor, as well, also serves as Advisor for some of Mitchell's leadership programs, including the National Society of Leadership and Success's Sigma Alpha Pi chapter, which has over 350 student members - Mitchell's largest student organization.

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## Reading is Fundamental

The club resumes our Reading is Fundamental program on February 1. Past President Rich is coordinating the program this year. The club will be reading at the Riverfront Center in Groton, as well as Ballestrini's Child Care in Waterford and Niantic. Please sign up now for this enriching program.

Check for available slots here: [Riverfront in Groton](#), [Ballestrini's in Waterford](#), [Ballestrini's in Niantic](#)

## Kiwanis International Convention Beignets, Mardi Gras, Kiwanians—oh my!

It's sensory overload in this little corner of the American South. Jazz fills the streets, mingling with the aroma of hot beignets. Pralines stick in your teeth as you watch the riverboats paddle by. It's a place like no other. It's New Orleans. And you're different here.

Did you know this is a special convention year? Kiwanis, [Circle K](#), Aktion Club and CKI alumni are all in New Orleans at the same time to recognize another great year of Kiwanis-family service. And we'll be doing service as well. CKI members will take part in the annual Large Scale Service Project. Aktion Club and CKI Alumni will team up for a service project and Kiwanis members will have several options for service during convention, including ones with other Kiwanis-family members. It's certainly going to be a busy couple weeks!

So come be a part of the big crowd that's expected in New Orleans for convention! Experience the [workshops](#), [entertainment](#), [business and celebration](#) of 25 years of women in Kiwanis. Together, let's recognize our successes and make plans for the future.

Stimulate your senses in New Orleans, June 28-July 1!

[Register today!](#)

## KEY Club Convention

Forms for the KEY Club convention are available online at the [New England Kiwanis website](#).

## Regional Training Conference

For the first time the New England will try regional conferences in place of the MidWinter conference. This accomplishes two objectives: reduce travel during our "snowy" winter months and reduces out-of-pocket expenses. All the conferences require on-line registration (credit card or PayPal) and have a conference fee of \$30. This includes a light breakfast and lunch. Each agenda will be slightly different to provide Divisions to tailor the day to the needs and desires of their membership.


Some of the venues have space limitations so register early and reserve your space.

2012 Connecticut Regional Conference  
Saturday, March 10, 2012 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
PAL Learning Center, 58 Griggs Street  
Waterbury, CT 06704

[Register online by clicking here.](#)

If you can't make the Connecticut event, additional Training dates are available at [newenglandkiwanis.org](#).

**But wait there's more! Scroll right for page 4 >>>>>>>>>>**



*You are cordially invited  
to the*  
**Kiwanis Club of New London's  
Annual Lifetime of  
Community Service  
Award Dinner**  
*honoring*  
**Steve & Jeanne Sigel**

**Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 5 p.m.**

**USCG Academy Alumni Center**  
*on the grounds of the Coast Guard  
Academy*  
47 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT

**Cost: \$50 per person**

*Proceeds to benefit the Sigel's charity: PACE: Partners, Arts,  
Community & Education; and the Kiwanis Club of New  
London's John Kashanski Community Service Fund and the  
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### Kiwanis Club of New London's Annual Lifetime of Community Service Award Dinner honoring Steve and Jeanne Sigel

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The New London Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at 12:00pm in the Private Dining Room in Clarke Hall on the grounds of Mitchell College, 437 Pequot Avenue, New London, Connecticut.