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Installation of Officers

Seiler installs officers

On Tuesday October Fourth, the New London Kiwanis Club held their 71st annual installation of officers and directors at the Weller Center at Mitchell College in New London. Lt. Governor Bob Seiler of the Newington club, representing the New England district, had the honor of installing the officers and board.

Installed as officers were: President Andrew Ely, President Elect Bob Grills, Vice President: Pam Stevens-Moriarty, Treasurer Ted Nelson, Acting Secretary: Tom Moriarty, Immediate Past President: Rich Cheatham. Installed as directors for two years were Jim Sylvester, John Vincent, and Carol Ballestrini, and for one year terms were Glenn Hamler, Sherry Lombardi, Tom Moriarty, and John Russell.

Outgoing President Rich Cheatham recognized Gordon Jackson with a Legion of Honor citation from Kiwanis International recognizing Gordon's 40 years of Kiwanis service. Gordon was also recognized for perfect attendance over those 40 years.

Cheatham also recognized Rich Cheatham for 4 years of perfect attendance, John Russell for 2 years, and Jack Russell for 2 years.

Cheatham then recognized Tom Moriarty as Kiwanian of the year.

Installation Shots



After the awards incoming President Andrew Ely outlined his goals for the year in his remarks to the club. (See article page 2).

Following Ely to the podium was New England District of Kiwanis Governor Vesta Brown who gave a speech about her vision for renewed enthusiasm for service in the district. She also urged members to take advantage of upcoming training opportunities at the fall conference in Plymouth.

President Andrew Ely Bio

Lieutenant Commander Andrew Ely currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Humanities Department of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he teaches Moral and Ethical Philosophy. A career Coast Guard officer, Andrew first enlisted in the service completing Boot Camp in Cape May, NJ in 1993. He then served as a seaman on CGC MIDGETT, in Seattle, WA; and then as Coxswain and Boarding Officer at Station Eatons Neck, in Northport, NY. In 1998 he attended Officer Candidate School in New London, CT. After his commissioning, Andrew

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Governor Vesta Brown Addresses Club

We will focus on the following goals for the coming year:

Our Kiwanis clubs will focus on CHILDREN.

We will never lose that focus. This is what Kiwanis is all about: "Changing the world one child, one community at a time". Children are children no matter what their circumstances or where they live.

Our Kiwanis clubs will do more SERVICE.

We will look for new ways to provide service that directly impacts the children within our communities. Do different things. It is easy to stand out when we are doing something no one else is doing. We also need to do things differently—**HOW** we do things is sometimes more important than **WHAT** we do.

Add a touch of class, elegance, and humor or spice whatever it takes to make that **common** service project a **special** service project.

Our Kiwanis clubs will provide LEADERSHIP opportunities.

Quality leaders take advantage of training and experience personal growth. These opportunities will be offered to all our Service Leadership Programs and continue to our Kiwanis Clubs. This personal growth will empower our members.

Our Kiwanis clubs will demand EXCELLENCE.

Good enough will not be good enough. We will demand that we are always seeking excellence from our leaders, our clubs, our members, and our projects. We will be consistent in this quest.

If something always happens or if it never happens, our Clubs develop an identity that people count on and will talk about. Be sure it is what you want people to say about you.

Our Kiwanis clubs will achieve Growth.

By concentrating on these areas, we will address the needs and wants of our customers—our Clubs, our members—and we will proudly encourage new members to join our clubs. When you stir positive emotions and attitude you send a message that there is more where that came from. They will come back for more.

A year from now we will realize **Growth**. Personal Growth as well as in membership growth. This will put us in a better place for the future. Keep in mind that growth requires risk. **Unless we do some things differently than what we are doing now, we will never reach our true potential.**



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.

Andrew Ely (cont from page 1)

served as Deck Watch Officer and First Lieutenant aboard CGC RELIANCE, in Portsmouth, NH. He next served as Platoon Officer and Chief of Nautical Science at Officer Candidate School, in New London, CT. During that tour he spent one year as the School Chief of the Chief Warrant Officer Professional Development Course and Administrative Officer for the Leadership Development Center. Andrew returned to operations as the Enforcement Division Chief, Law Enforcement Officer, and Public Affairs Officer at Sector Baltimore, in Baltimore, MD. Most recently, he served as Commanding Officer of Station New London, CT.

Andrew holds a B.A. in History and Social Science from Thomas Edison State College, an M.S. in Quality Systems Management from the National Graduate School, an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and an M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Connecticut. He is the recipient of several personal military awards and was also recognized for his inspirational leadership by the Navy League of the United States with the Captain Jarvis Award in 2008.

Andrew has many personal interests and hobbies including racing triathlons, sailing, stained glass, cooking, and a lifelong commitment to community service. He began his involvement with Kiwanis in high school as a four year member of the South Glens Falls High School Key Club in New York where he served as President in 1989. Andrew resides in Mystic, CT with his wife Laurie and their three children: Aidan (16), Emily (4), and Madison (7months).

Incoming President Andrew Ely Addresses Club

As we move into the new year I have a few areas that I want to focus on as a club. They are preparing our future leaders, continuing our efforts to support KI and the Eliminate Project, and promoting our projects.

When I think of *preparing our future leaders* I think we all have a responsibility to help others in this way and to do what we can to prepare ourselves:

Take the initiative to volunteer to sit on a committee

Seek out roles that interest you (my story about wanting to work with Key Club)

Invite a friend to come join us

Think of ways that we can increase club morale and esprit de

corps

Our Immediate Past President, Rich Cheatham, did a wonderful job getting the club to focus on a service project, *the Eliminate Project*. This past year club members generously donated \$1800 to vaccinate \$100 mothers, in effect saving thousands of lives (children born also are protected). In partnership with UNICEF we still have a long way to go to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US\$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

My challenge to our club is to work as a team with our Circle K Club and our Key Clubs to organize a service project that will raise funds toward this important effort and to raise awareness and community involvement at the same time.

Finally we need to *promote our projects*. How do we do that? - By making the results of our efforts visible to the community, and to the Kiwanis family. There are many avenues we can pursue that require minimal effort. An added benefit of measuring and tracking our results is that this information can help guide and direct our future activities.

I look forward to the coming year, the challenges that lie ahead, and the opportunity to work collectively in service.


President Andrew

This Week's Speaker

Tony Vallambroso from CT ESGR (Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve) will be the club's guest speaker on October 20.



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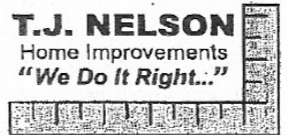
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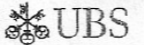

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