



# The Navigator

The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport

P.O. Box 31, Newburyport, MA 01950

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Starboard Galley

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## Holiday programs curtailed by cuts and weather

### By Stuart Deane

In a major turnaround from past years, when our December programs were our busiest and most fulfilling, this year our activities were cut back by a program closure and a winter snowstorm that brought about a city parking ban.

While we were still able to participate in the Salvation Army Red Kettle Program (right), our Christmas party for young mothers was eliminated with the closure of the Dare House in Newburyport this summer. Furthermore, a December 17 snowstorm precluded parking around the Central Congregational Church in Brown Square, so our party for clients of three adult residential homes was postponed. With the need to coordinate the facility, the availability of Santa Claus and the Steve Hines musical group and the schedules of both the group homes and Exchange Club members, the event has yet to be rescheduled – most likely in abbreviated format.

Our final holiday event will be our annual Yankee Swap at the January 7 meeting, at which those who wish to participate should bring a wrapped, unlabeled gift of approximate \$10 value, whether new or “re-gifted” (see right). Numbers will be drawn for package selection, with succeeding numbers having the option to trade for earlier choices. The first chooser than has the option of making the final swap. The format can make for a lively meeting.



**Red Kettle.** President Erin Fournier and member Mary Sortal ring the bell on a cold December evening in Market Square.

### Schedule

- Jan. 7: Annual Yankee Swap
- Jan. 18: New England District Exchange Club Mid-Winter Education Conference at the Haverhill Country Club, from 8 a.m. (social hour) to 1 p.m., with our own William Shuttleworth as guest speaker.
- Jan. 21: Regular Meeting

