



The Navigator

The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport

P.O. Box 31, Newburyport, MA 01950

Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

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Newburyport and Lawrence share FOH experiences

By Stuart Deane

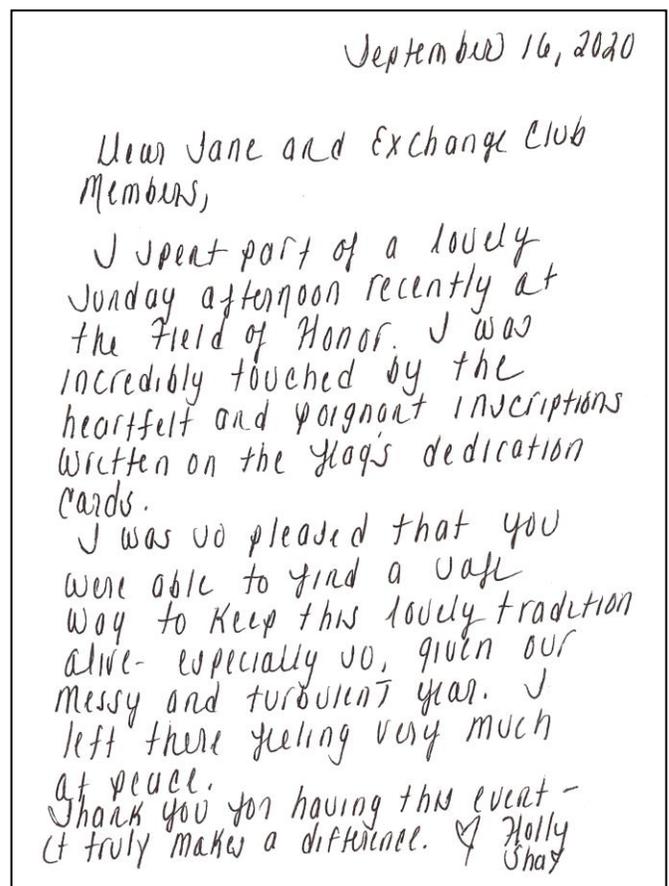
The October 20 meeting, again on Zoom, was a joint club meeting with Lawrence and the Andovers to discuss our respective "Fields of Honor." Co-presiding over the gathering were President Jane Collins of Greater Newburyport and Event Chair Rick Blain of Lawrence and the Andovers.

The primary area of mutual concern was the quality of this year's flags, which seemed "thinner" and less well put together. While Newburyport used past stock from previous events, the club did order a carton of 100 flags for future use. Lawrence used the new flags. Rick will be calling Colonial Flag in Utah to discuss the matter.

Also discussed was the difficulty in keeping up club enthusiasm without direct contact with other members and without hands-on service projects, instead relying on financial contributions.

In that vein, the club's earlier October 6 meeting, most likely the last outdoor meeting, took place in the yard of member Barbara Griffith to discuss donations to Sarah's Place in lieu of our annual harbor tour for clients of local adult day care centers, the Salvation Army in lieu of our bi-annual dinners and our favorite group home for mentally challenged adults in lieu of our annual Christmas party with Santa.

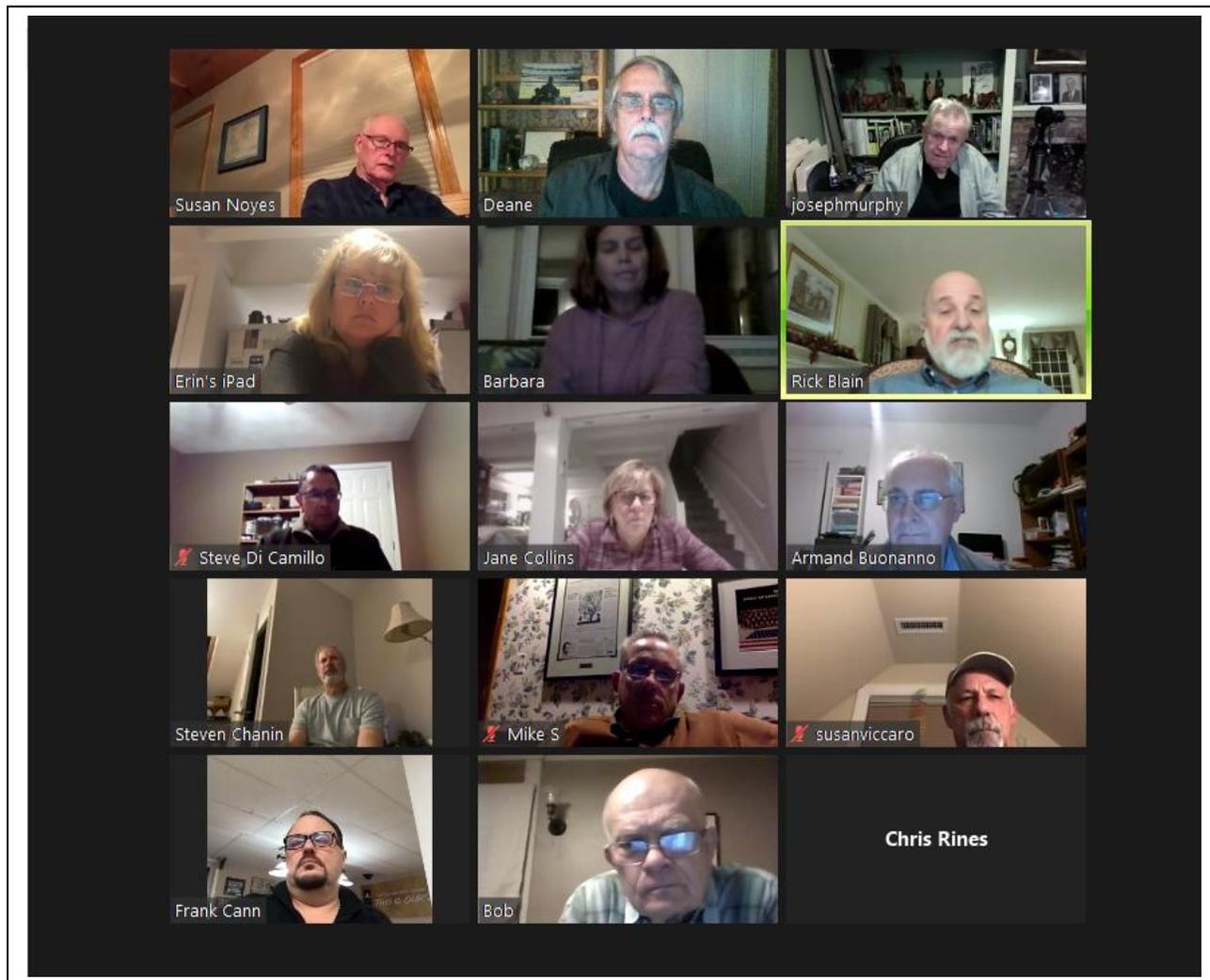
The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, the 27th at 6 p.m. via Zoom due to increasing cold and decreasing light.



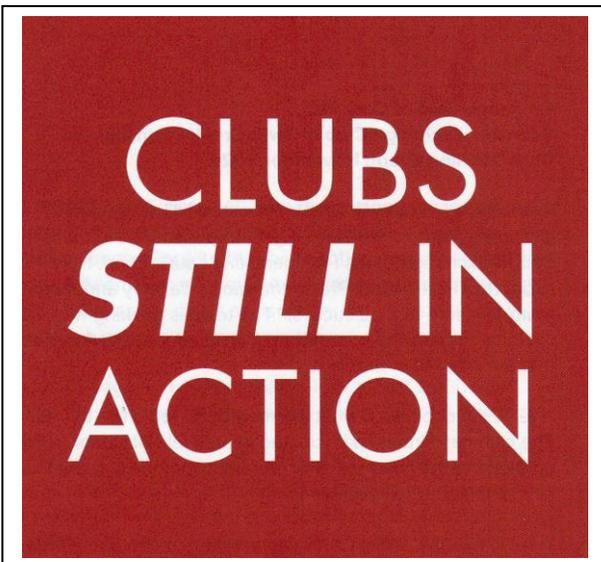
The above note came from our friend Holly Shay, who lost her son Jordan Shay in the Iraq War. She is an annual participant.

Special thanks go to member Joe Murphy and son Matt for the inspiring "Field of Honor" virtual ceremony that appears on the club's website. If you haven't taken a look already, you should do so.

Zoom Meeting with Lawrence and the Andovers



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The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport, MA, displayed more than 300 American flags at the Bartlet Mall September 9-17 in special tribute to healthcare workers, first responders, essential workers, and those affected by COVID-19. The club's 11th annual Field of Honor, it was a memorial which honored a "different type of hero" and recognized the amazing sacrifices people have made this year. The event concluded with a virtual ceremony with each honoree's name being read aloud.

Club's new truck (parked in the Noyes's driveway...)



...and an early predecessor

