



The Navigator

The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport

P.O. Box 31, Newburyport, MA 01950

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

December 2020

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President-Jane Collins, Secretary-Stuart Deane, Treasurer-Barbara Griffith, President Elect-Steve DiCamillo
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Club wraps up unusual calendar year of 2020

By Stuart Deane

In lieu of our usual holiday activities, the club has made a series of financial donations, has filled a wish list for two families at the Michael B. Christensen Community and Family Support Center, is in the process of doing the same for our Amesbury group homes with an outside drop-off instead of a party and will participate in an on-line “game night” to be organized by President-Elect (no, not Biden) Steve DiCamillo of the 15th of this month.

Thank you letters for two of the financial contributions, from the Pettengill House and Sarah’s Place, may be found on pages 3 and 4.

The bell to the right was just gifted to us by former member Ben Iacono. It was given to Ben by past member, President and New England District President Tony Fusco after the last Salvation Army “Red Kettle” bell ringing before his death.

Page 2 includes two postings on the National Exchange Club’s “Honor Wall” of veterans – yours truly and Dudley Farquhar. Members were invited to submit photos and thumbnail sketches.

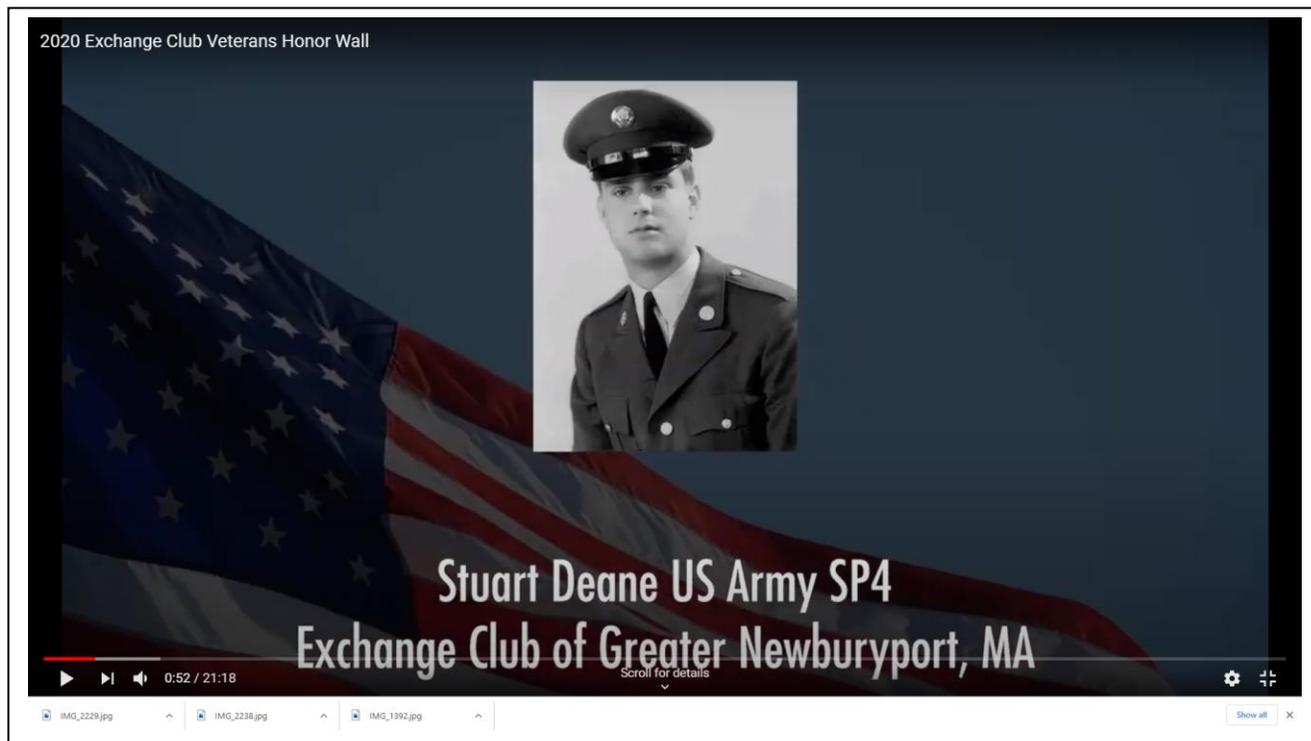
As for the group home party, the director will submit a list of one gift for each client, to be purchased on-line for safety reasons, then handed over by Santa in the yard of one of the homes as vans are driven by with the clients.

It is hoped that as we proceed into 2021, more normal activities will resume.



“Game Night”

Wrote Steve: “Our final decision for meeting in December was not to have one. I’ve been giving this some thought and was wondering if we should reconsider and have one meeting in December, making it a ‘game night’ meeting. We could play bingo, do some trivia, or play outburst (similar concept to family feud) and have a few small prizes for the winners/winning teams. I’m not sure how many people would attend, but I thought we could give it a shot. Maybe on the 15th since it will take a little planning to pull together a game night.”



National Exchange Club Website Veterans Day 2020 “Honor Wall”



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November 12, 2020

Ms. Barbra Griffith, Treasurer
Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport
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Dear Ms. Griffith: *and members*

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and board of directors of The Pettengill House, Inc. please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of \$500 from the Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport. Please know this contribution will have an immediate and direct impact on Greater Newburyport individuals, children and families in need during this most critical and challenging time

The Pettengill House, Inc. is a non-profit, community based social service agency which provides numerous programs and interventions to individuals, children and families. During FY2020 Pettengill House provided an array of basic needs, intense case management, support services and interventions to **2,944 individuals, children and families (449 of whom were deemed homeless)**. In addition, our food pantry and meals program provided **140,005 meals** while **emergency assistance exceeded \$87,804**.

Your generosity and continued support is truly appreciated and makes a difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Nigro, LSW
Executive Director

The mission of The Pettengill House, Inc. is to support and empower individuals, children and families by providing education, comprehensive case management and basic needs; and by coordinating community supports that contribute to individual and family stabilization, personal growth and development. Each year, donations like yours enable us to provide services and interventions to more than 3,000 area adults, children and families.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution

*Thank you for your support and donation and for your mission making our communities a better place to live.
Be well and stay safe.*



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November 9, 2020

The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport
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Dear Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport,

On behalf of the Sarah's Place Board of Directors, the participants and staff, I would like to thank you for your very generous donation of \$400.00 to Sarah's Place while we endure the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic. Your donation is so much more than kind and thoughtful. You have provided an affirmation that the work we are trying to do helps our community. Thank you for your support!

As you know, our Mission at Sarah's Place is to keep elders and disabled adults healthy, active and social and to remain in the community and out of a nursing home. We do so by keeping them engaged and interested in activities of their own choice. Although we can only serve a small percentage of our participants due to the current social distancing requirements. We look forward to the future when the pandemic ends and we can resume former enjoyable activities, like the Exchange Club boat trip out of Newburyport Harbor. It was always such a highlight of the year for our participants.

Sarah's Place, a non-profit organization, relies on the kindness and generosity of others to reach many of its goals. We are grateful for your support! We have started on a long road that will provide its participants, caregivers and staff a life enriching experience. Thank you for being a fellow traveler on this journey.

With great appreciation,

Amy Anwil
Amy Anwil, MSW
Executive Director

Thank you for your continued support & generosity. It would have been a great year for a boat trip. Hopefully next year! Stay well Amy

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