



# 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.

September 28, 2021

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## Harbor Tour and FOH summary highlight meeting

By Stuart Deane

Finally, on a gorgeous September 20 day, we were able to return to direct service with the resumption of our annual harbor tour for clients of the nearby Sarah's Place adult day care center.

Close to two dozen arrived at the harbor to be assisted on board the Yankee Clipper by members Kieran Joyce, Jane Collins, Stu Deane, Barbara Griffith, Carolyn Perry and Jim Noyes (right), plus Joe Murphy.

Guests were treated to a cruise along the waterfront, a swing by Plum Island and a venture through the stone jetties out of the mouth of the Merrimack River before a return to port. Of special note was the hour-long conversation between member Jim Noyes and a fellow Vietnam veteran amongst the clients.

Sandwiches from Port Sandwich completed a most pleasant day on the waters.

At Tuesday's regular meeting in the yard of member Barbara Griffith, President Steve Di Camillo reviewed the just-completed Field of Honor.

The gross was \$18,500, with an approximate net of \$12,000. We will also have a head start on next year with Colonial Flag agreeing to compensate us for the 100 new flags from a new manufacturer that bled in the rain.

The club will resume inside meetings at the Starboard Galley in October, though prices will increase to \$17 per meal. The Board of Directors will decide at the September 28 meeting what to do about the dues structure.

The club also decided to resume plans with the Lions Club for a spring health fair, which has been on hold during the corona pandemic.



## Letters

# Exchange Club grateful for Field of Honor support

### To the editor:

The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport wishes to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the Greater Newburyport community for all the support that made our 12th annual Field of Honor at the Bartlet Mall on Sept. 11 such a success.

Special thanks go to keynote speaker Chief Christopher LeClaire of the Newburyport Fire Department, as well as to firefighter Michael Kent for helping to coordinate the event with us on the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and for bringing the World Trade Center sculpture for exhibit. We were also honored by the return of past member and event founder Kathleen Bailey of Savannah, Georgia.

Adding poignant insights were Mayor Donna Holaday, Richie Eaton of Newburyport Bank, Veterans Affairs Officer Kevin Hunt, state Sen. Diana DiZoglio and state Rep. James Kelcourse. Father Tim Harrison of the Immaculate Conception Church book-ended the proceedings with an invocation and a benediction.

Adding a touch of class to the ceremony were the Merrimack Valley Concert Band and soloist Kathy Peavey,

through grants from the Newburyport Cultural Council and the Institution for Savings, as well as the Amesbury Fire and Newburyport Police color guards.

Thanks to event volunteers, to those who purchased individual flags, the dedications for which created the messages of the "Verbal Wall," and to those in attendance for helping to make this such a moving ceremony, concluded by the sounds of "Amazing Grace" by Newburyport Fire Department bagpipers Jim MacDonald and Bill Shute.

Financial sponsors for the event were the Newburyport Bank, the Institution for Savings Charitable Foundation and the 1st Lt. Derek Hines Soldiers Assistance Fund. Edmund and Patricia McGrath made their annual contribution.

Also contributing were the Murphy Construction Company Inc., Blanchette Financial Group, Stone Ridge Properties and Kim and Steve Di Camillo. Additional sponsors were the First Religious Society, Unitarian Universalist, Kathleen Bailey, Telecom Pioneers of America #131, Wall's Ford Inc., Elliott Woodworth & Rogers Funeral Home, and Deb and Peter

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Also, Lombardi Oil, Haverhill Bank, the Frank Bertolino Group, Jim and Sue Noyes, the Starboard Galley, Strem Chemicals, Cataldo Ambulance Service Inc., Fitness Together Newburyport, New England Hospitality LLC, Adams Imaging Systems, Barb and Andy Griffith, the Palen family, Kelly's Hardware and Rental, and Gould Insurance.

In-kind sponsors supporting the effort were Dugan Supply Co., Seaport Signworks, The Daily News of Newburyport, the Newburyport Parks Department, Steve Swochak, Market Basket, Immaculate Conception Church, WJOP 96.3FM and Pete's Toilet Service.

The Department of Public Works set up and later took down the ceremony stage. The Essex County Sheriff's Department supplied labor for field set-up and disassembly.

All proceeds benefit the Exchange Club program of service in honoring America, helping to prevent child abuse, supporting youth activities and providing general community service where needed.

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