



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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President-Steve Di Camillo, Secretary-Stuart Deane, Treasurer-Mary Sortal, President Elect-Open
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Club inducts member, fills stockings, watches show

By Stuart Deane

The December 8 meeting, a Wednesday trial run at the Portside Restaurant in Salisbury, saw a new menu with such choices as fish sandwich, Caesar salad, hamburger or macaroni and cheese.

But more importantly, we inducted a new member – retired school teacher Judy Corsetti of Newburyport. She was sponsored by Barbara Griffith. The two are shown to the right.

President Steve Di Camillo commented on the loss of the group home and the DARE House parties due to COVID and a facility closure, “Things have changed. We hope to get back to normal.”

Steve also announced that the club would start a one-meeting-a-month schedule in January on the third Tuesday, with Board meetings on the first Thursday.

The club covered two Saturday morning bell ringings for the Salvation Army Red Kettle program (next page, second column).

The club’s April 30 health fair at the Elks Club with the Lions Club has been postponed.

Financial contributions have been made to the Emaus, Marist and Pettingell Houses, Community Service and Wreaths Across America.

The District Education Conference is January 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Haverhill Country Club.

The meeting ended with a Field of Honor slideshow by yours truly (next page, first column) and a packing of Christmas stockings for area veterans (right).



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Group Home

Again because of the pandemic, we were unable to hold our annual group home party with Santa, a buffet and caroling.

In lieu of all that, Barbara Griffith and Stu Deane (below) dropped off gifts for distribution to the ten residents in three homes.



Wreaths across America

Member Barbara Griffith places a wreath on a veteran's grave at the Byfield Parish Cemetery in Newbury on Saturday, December 18.

The laying of the wreaths was preceded by a ceremony at the Byfield Community Arts Center (top).

Wreaths across America is a national program to honor veterans with spruce wreaths from Maine. The local program is organized by veteran Don Jarvis, who has been a speaker at past Exchange Club functions.



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year