



The Navigator

The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport

P.O. Box 31, Newburyport, MA 01950

Meetings on the 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m., Portside Restaurant

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Club switches from evening to noon meeting time

By Stuart Deane

With several members missing, including your president, due to previously scheduled during-the-day appointments, a small group gathered at the Starboard Galley on April 4 to experiment with our new noon format. By all accounts, the food arrived expeditiously enough that some business and a speaker could be accommodated. Further tweaking may be necessary for larger meetings. Past President Steve Di Camillo presided.

On Saturday, April 1, in the rain, Steve, Paula Cutter, Kieran Joyce and Stu Deane set up blue pinwheel gardens at the Salvation Army (top) and Central Congregational Church in Newburyport and Main Street Congregational Church (bottom) in Amesbury, followed by coffee and bagels at The Andyman Restaurant.

Scholarship recipients have been selected for graduating seniors at Newburyport, Triton and Pentucket Regional and forwarded to District for judging for further scholarships.

Please send ideas for social gatherings to our social chair, Paula Cutter, now recovering nicely from shoulder replacement surgery.

Best wishes go out to Mike Viccaro, recovering from neck surgery.

Schedule

Apr. 18: Regular Meeting, with speaker TBD and election of officers

Apr. 25: Board of Directors

May 2: Regular Meeting, with Bonnie Breen of the Salem NH club collecting bottles of alcohol for the annual golf tourney wheelbarrow raffle

May 5-7: District Convention in Portland ME

May 16: New Member Meeting???





Luncheon. District President-Elect Jen Cantwell (left) and club president Kerriane Petalidas (third from right) of the Haverhill Exchange Club welcome Erin Fournier, Jim Noyes, Stu Deane, Kieran Joyce and Steve Di Camillo from the Newburyport club for an example of how to run a noon-time meeting. Said Jen, "Great to see you today! We were really happy to have you here with us and look forward to what's to come!" The Haverhill club, which sponsored Newburyport back in 1976, has volunteered to help to help the club with networking and social media for a new-member drive.

Letters

WEDNESDAY
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Breaking the cycle of abuse

To the editor:

With April as "Prevention of Child Abuse Month," the Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport has set up blue pinwheel gardens at The Salvation Army and Central Congregational Church in Newburyport and the Main Street Congregational Church in Amesbury to bring attention to this issue.

Children are society's most vulnerable members. What happens to them in their early years can impact the rest of their lives, resulting in lost personal potential and a greater cost for society.

Child abuse can involve physical harm, sexual abuse, emotional trauma or simple neglect.

What to do? The most desirable solution is to prevent it to begin with. Stable families in decent housing with a sustainable income are under less pressure and therefore less likely to transfer stress onto a child. If, however, such an environment does not exist, early intervention may be necessary to break the cycle of abuse.

That involves helping vulnerable families with social supports and coping

skills, including both private and government programs.

Failure to prevent abuse in the first place or to remediate it along the way means that the problem continues to ripple on over time and throughout society, often at great cost to the taxpayer in social services, even incarceration.

But the deeper issue is the development and the dignity of each individual child.

STUART DEANE
President
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