



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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Meeting collects for June MBC fundraiser raffle

By Stuart Deane

The May 6 meeting featured an appearance by Bonnie Breen of the Salem, N.H., club to gather “libations” for the June 5 wheelbarrow raffle at the annual Michael B. Christensen golf tournament fundraiser at the Windham Country Club to help prevent child abuse (see next page).

Citing the National Exchange Club model of intervention, Bonnie said, “Most abusers were abused themselves. We try to break the cycle by teaching parents the skills that they need to be better parents.”

The Michael B. Christensen Community & Family Support Center in Lawrence, working closely with the state Department of Children and Families, is our local Exchange-supported prevention of child abuse center in the Merrimack Valley.

In 2022, 432 adults and 645 children in 292 families were served through the program. Of 89 referrals to the parenting program, 76 completed the training.

“The things these people do to help children...” mused Bonnie, her voice trailing off in admiration.

Last year’s golf tournament raised more than \$23,00 according to Bonnie.

In attendance at the meeting as a potential member was Mike Earabino, a Coffin Street neighbor of West Newbury member Jim Noyes.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting, on May 16, will be a special new-member meeting with buffet to introduce attendees to what we do – giving back to the community while having fun with a group of close friends.

The format will be a welcome and the usual pledge and invocation, followed by the buffet and then the presentations:

- Much like the last meeting, a brief introduction by members of who they are and why they joined Exchange
- An overview of the local club by Stu Deane
- An overview of the New England District by newly-installed District President Jen Cantwell and President-Elect Sarah Westcott
- A word from outgoing District President Rick Lunetta
- A word from Past National President Bob Harb
- Questions from the attendees
- Possible sign-ups

Current members are asked to sit at lunch with attendees and, most important, to bring someone as a guest. The Newburyport Bank will be sending five potential members, and we hope to swell the crowd with your connections. Members will still pay the usual dinner fee, but all guests will be paid for by the club (to be re-imbursed by District). If all goes well, we will install new members at our annual installation of officers on June 20 at the 44 Coffin Street, West Newbury, home of Paula Cutter, though new members may still attend the June 6 scholarship meeting.

Schedule

- May 16: New-Member Meeting
- June 6: Scholarship Meeting
- June 10: Annual Hines road race
- June 17: Stu’s 80th Birthday Celebration at the Senior Center from 4 to 7 p.m.
- June 20: Annual Installation at 6 p.m.
- June 27: 2023-24 Program Development Mtg



Wheelbarrow Raffle. Joe Murphy, Scott Berkenbush, Kieran Joyce, Russ Liddle, Bonnie Breen, Stu Deane, Steve Di Camillo, Dudley Farquhar, Steve Chanin, Jim Noyes and Mike Earabino pose with some of the donations to the MBC center golf tournament fundraiser.



Convention. President Stu Deane and Jim Noyes, representing Greater Newburyport at the N.E. District Convention in Portland on May 5, are flanked by District President-Elect Sarah Wescott and incoming President Jen Cantwell of Haverhill and outgoing President Rick Lunetta of Needham. The complimentary evening banquet was garden salad, lobster stew, sea scallops and, finally, cheesecake.

