



The Navigator

The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport

P.O. Box 31, Newburyport, MA 01950

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

April 24, 2019

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A farewell, an old/new member, a guest speaker...

By Stuart Deane

The April 16 meeting was a pleasing mix of good-byes, hellos and information as we said farewell to the Dare House staff and program, welcomed back long-ago member and president Scott Berkenbush and heard Jessica Olson, president of the Friends of the Newburyport Youth Services, outline both the programs for youth and the role of the Friends in supporting those efforts.

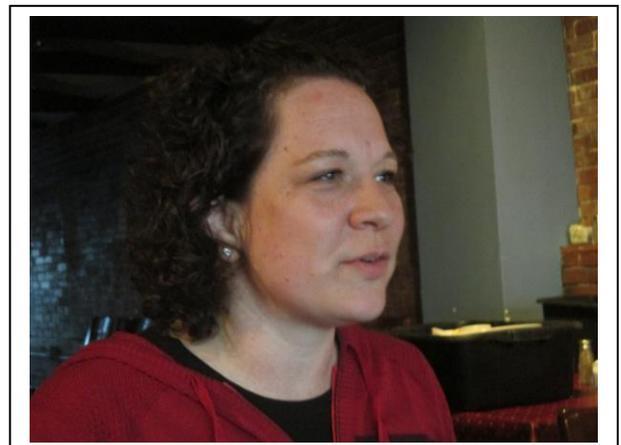
As we awaited (for quite some time) our entrée choices of tips and shrimp, shrimp scampi or Cajun chicken over a Caesar salad, Patty McGrath, chair of our annual holiday party at the house for teen mothers, presented director Kelly McMahon with a dozen roses, saying, "Thank you for everything you've done. It's been incredible to find people like you who share our values. We appreciate your extraordinary talents. You've given so much to the community. We'll miss you."

"It's awful," admitted Kelly (with roses) if the end-of-the-month closure of the program. "We were heartbroken."

She herself will now become director of Emmaus House in Haverhill.

"New" Member

Club members were delighted to welcome Scott Berkenbush (right, middle) back into membership after a decades-old sabbatical. Two further members, sponsored by Patty McGrath and Barbara Griffith, are poised on the doorstep as well. With a solid program of service and a growing membership, plus a brand-new incoming president and president-elect, the future looks bright for the Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport.



Schedule

- Apr. 24: “Bowling Social” at Leo’s in Amesbury, 6 p.m. (right)
- Apr. 25: Triton “Freedom Shrine” rededication (next page)
- May 2: “Trivia Night” at Am Vets Hall, 576 Primrose St., Haverhill, 5 – 8 p.m.
- May 3-5: N.E. District Convention in Hyannis
- May 7: Regular Meeting, with speaker Corrine Corso, Board of Directors, New England Exchange Clubs Foundation
- May 21: Regular Meeting
- June 4: Annual Scholarship Meeting
- June 18: Installation of Officers (tentative)
- June 27: President’s Program Development Meeting (tentative)
- July 17-20: National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia

Speaker

“Our mission is to advocate and raise money for the Newburyport Youth Services,’ began Jessica Olson, noting the upcoming “PlumFest 2019” celebration of music and community on May 18 on Plum Island.

Formed in 2017 as a 501(c)(3), the group “really got moving” in 2018 to support NYS’s approach to Positive Youth Development by involving youth, families, schools and the wider community.

NYS started in 2005 with one room and one staff person, but now occupies the ground floor of the old Brown School with five staff people, serving 2,000 youth from Greater Newburyport.

The goal is to help young people reach their full potential by valuing engaging, empowering, supporting and inspiring them.

When youth thrive, so does the community, as today’s youth are our future.

NYS services include recreation, enrichment programs and social services.

As the Brown School is proposed for private development, the NYS is looking at a potential new home at the old Emergency Management facility on Low Street, nearby to city schools. The Friends group is hoping to raise \$1,000,000 for renovation and expansion of the building.

In this effort, the Friends are looking for a network of community partners.

Scenes from the alleys...



Time = 6:35

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Re-dedication. Exchange Club member Barbara Griffith, Triton students Jordan Frasca and Aidan Gay-Killeen, presenter Stuart Deane of the Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport, Triton principal Kathryn Dawe, Triton students Brandon Baletsa and Joseph Bradanese and Exchange Club president Jim Noyes gather in front of the Triton Regional Freedom Shrine.

Exchange Club re-dedicates Triton Regional “Freedom Shrine”

Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport members Stu Deane, Jim Noyes and Barbara Griffith met with Triton Regional High School principal Kathryn Dawe and four high school Honors United States history students on Thursday, April 25, to re-dedicate the school’s “Freedom Shrine,” installed by the club in 1985 on the Town of Newbury’s 350th anniversary.

Four plaques – an account of the trial of Susan B. Anthony, the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, John F. Kennedy’s “Ask not what your country can do for you...” inauguration speech and Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I have a dream” speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial – were added to the original installation just outside of the school office.

Freedom Shrines were modeled after a “Freedom Train” that traveled the country after WWII to inspire the American spirit with documents from the country’s history. Americanism is one of four service areas of the Exchange Club. The local club also sponsors the annual “Field of Honor” on the Bartlet Mall in September to honor those who have served in response to the attacks on the World Trade Center – fire, police, EMT and military.

“Triton is proud and honored to have been chosen for this project,” said Principal Dawe.

The club also has a Freedom Shrine at Nock Middle School in Newburyport and a few years ago traveled to Athol to rededicate a Shrine at Athol High School, Stuart Deane’s alma mater, in honor of the now defunct Exchange Club of Athol. Also attending that event were Stu, Jim and Barbara.