



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-Jane Collins, Secretary-Stuart Deane, Treasurer-Barbara Griffith, President Elect-Steve DiCamillo
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Club wraps up old year, makes plans for the new

By Stuart Deane

Twelve vaccinated members, without masks, met outside in the yard of member Barbara Griffith on May 17 to review recent activities and plan for future events.

“It’s so nice to see everyone,” said President Jane Collins.

Stu Deane reported on his Zoom meeting with National proposing a virtual peace mural program with clubs around the country attempting to bridge the gap that divides the country. The effort is based on Merle Forney’s “Kids As Peacemakers” program, which won National’s “Youth Project of the Year” in 2006. A decision is to follow.

While Yankee Homecoming plans have remained sketchy due to the pandemic, the club is exploring a scavenger hunt or peace murals as an alternative to “Kids’ Day in the Park.”

Our raised-bed community garden, under the direction of Jane Collins and Mike Vicarro, has been planted (see next page) with a maintenance schedule to be handled by assorted members.

Our annual scholarship meeting on June 8 will be held via Zoom due to the uncertainty of vaccinations of our recipients and their guests.

Our Installation of Officers will be held on June 22 at the home of member Joe Murphy with District President Sharon Birchall of Methuen presiding. Dinner will be from Giuseppe’s of Newburyport.



Two new members, Annmary Connor of the Michael B Christensen Center and retired teacher Carolyn Perry, were approved for membership and will be inducted at the installation on the 22nd by Sharon Birchall.

Barbara Griffith, Jane Collins and Steve Chanin (above) delivered \$200 worth of personal care products to Community Service executive director Ray Pillidge for use by needy families.

Plans by Dennis Palazzo for a visit by the Vietnam “Moving Wall” to the Bartlet Mall in the days just prior to our “Field of Honor” are still pending, but the latter will continue regardless, with set-up scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 7.

The club received a thank-you note from Pentucket Regional for our financial contribution to the “Senior Celebration” drug- and alcohol-free graduation party.

Our Treasurer position remains in limbo, though Past President Erin Fournier has agreed to handle the financials for the “Field of Honor.”

Condolences are extended to member Mike Vangelist for the recent loss of both parents.

Board of Directors

The Board met May 24 at Atkinson Common with member Barbara Griffith recovering from surgery and Mary Sortal away in Illinois.

Stu Deane announced that the District ACE scholarship has been awarded to a student from Needham, though our nominee was rated as “well worthy.”

Despite a recent dip, our scholarship account with Fidelity has had a banner year.

Dues will remain at \$15 per month until we resume our dinner meetings at the Starboard Galley. Jane Collins and Mike Viccaro will meet with the owner to discuss the matter.

The June 1 meeting was cancelled.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to the planning of the Installation of Officers.

Schedule

- June 1: NO MEETING
- June 8: Annual Scholarship Meeting via Zoom at 6:15 p.m.
- June 22: Installation of Officers at the 34 Meetinghouse Hill, West Newbury, home of member Joe Murphy at 6 p.m.
- June 29: Board of Directors’ Program Development Meeting for the 2021-22 administrative year – details TBA
- July 24: Annual New England District Exchange Clubs Convention via Zoom at 9 a.m.
- Sept. 7-13: “Field of Honor”
- Sept. 8-11: National Exchange Club Convention at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn.

