



Methuen Exchange Club

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Where One Member Makes a Difference ... and that One Member Is YOU

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Meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, unless notified otherwise, 6:45 at the Sweetheart Inn, Methuen. Note change for June 17 only.

Who are you inviting to the next meeting? All you have to do is ask!

Upcoming:

Wed, June 4, Regular Meeting, Sweetheart Inn, 6:45

Wednesday, June 11, Special President's Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, Youth and Service to Seniors, 6pm, Senior Center. Note changed time, date and location.

St. Ann's Cookout, Sat, June 21, 10 am

Sadly ...

We mourn the passing of our dear friend and longtime member, **Clem Bonanno**. Clemmy was always a pleasure to be with and listen to. He was a virtual history of Methuen, and seemed to always find a kind word for someone or something. As a tribute to Clem, we will name one of our Youth of the Year Scholarship Awards in his memory every year. We currently name the other in memory of Paul Kasischke.

Tasteful for Vendors

Sweetheart Inn had a delicious buffet surprise for the Taste of Methuen vendors at our last meeting. Vendors were presented with an appreciation plaque. A special award and recognition was given to Steve Whipple for his outstanding ticket sales and promotion. Then Arthur Hutton did an excellent job of detailing from memory several dozen key projects and activities we have been involved in the Methuen community over the last 20 years.

Memorial Day Parade

Great turnout and participation by members and family. Steering the lead XC vehicle was Susan Hutton with onboard GPS operator, Ted Varitimos. Also seen marching and handing out flags: Brad & Kathy Jones, Roy Nelson, Ken Willette, Art Hutton, Linda Firth with THREE grandchildren, Jack MacLeod, Cliff Gallant, Don and Linda (Dean) Campbell, Ron & Cyndi Hatem. All made the citizens of Methuen proud to honor our deceased service men and woman.

June 4, Regular Meeting

And we will welcome our newest member, **Dottie Avery**.

June 11, Special Meeting, Wed, 7pm

This is the annual PRESIDENT'S DEVELOPMENT MEETING. At the meeting the incoming President, Officers and Board members will set the goals and objectives for the new year beginning July, 1. All officers and Board members **are needed** at this very important meeting. Sweetheart

25th Anniversary

Celebration. We began 25 years ago on May 6th, 1983. We will have some words at the next meeting, but most likely will formally celebrate at 2nd meeting in September. We are trying to round up and re-activate some of the founding and former members.

Links (CTL + mouse click)

Methuen Website, soon!

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<http://www.nedistrictexchange.com>

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Senior Citizen Awards and Dinner

As mentioned above, we will combine our Youth of the Year And Senior Citizens awards at a special dinner meeting at the **Senior Citizen Center on Tuesday, June 17th, 6PM**. This is a fun event where we honor both ends of the age spectrum of our Methuen citizens. Members please get there about 5:30 to help set up. Again, please note the day and time change.

St. Ann's Cookout, Sat, June 21

At St. Ann's Home. We need cooks and helpers starting at 10 a.m. until noon- 12:30. It's a treat just to see the smile on the kids faces. Come share. See for yourself.

XC Lapel Pins

Every member upon joining was given an XC lapel pin. We ask you to wear and display it with pride. Wearing it may also catch someone else's eye and spark interest in XC. It will give YOU a chance to answer that elusive question, "What is the Exchange Club?" It will also give you an opportunity to ask that person to join us for a meeting and dinner.

So the reason we ask you to wear or display your pin to ALL our meetings is so we know you still have one and to remind you to wear it as often as you can in your regular day's activities.

Re-starting the tradition once again, you may purchase a pin for \$3 at a meeting or make a contribution to our treasurer of \$1 each time you are at a meeting without a pin.

Say What??? Sharing a kid's yogurt with my nearly 7 year old grand daughter last week, she read me the writing stamped on the torn off bottle top and asked what it meant: "*Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.*" The real joy was seeing both of us beam when we each got the full meaning!

Name that Storm? The hurricane season officially commenced this week, and you guessed it, the first powerful storm brewing up far south of us is named, of course, **ARTHUR!** An omen???