



Methuen Exchange Club

October 25, 2008

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

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Upcoming:

Wed, Nov 5, Regular Meeting, Sweetheart Inn, 6:45

What a Meeting, Oct 15!

Eileen Giordano brought us up to date about the organization she and Larry Giordano work so admirably with, **Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley, Inc.** serving more than 1000 foster children in our area. We were pleased to donate \$500.



EXCEL Club. An extension of the nationwide Exchange Clubs, it is the High School equivalent. A future program for us, it gets the youth involved in community service. Key presenter was Terry Ingano, Excel Moderator from Clinton, MA High School. Terry is a teacher and now curriculum developer, and has been the EXCEL moderator for 10 years. All ears were on Terry for the fascinating Q and A that followed. Acutely interested were (from left) Dawna Perez (Pres. Lawrence XC), L. Buell (N.E. Dist. Pres), Bruce Baril (Dist. Dir.) T. Ingano & Arthur Nicholson, Methuen HS Principal



Guest Speaker presentation will be about Neighbors In Need. Another very worthy group in our community.

Wednesday, Nov 12,
Special Board Meeting (Pre-Award Planning)

Tuesday, Nov 18, Awards Night, 6PM, Methuen
Knights of Columbus

NOTE: Meeting date change. There is NO 3rd Wednesday meeting in November. The Tues, Nov 18 Awards Night is the regular meeting. Mark your calendars.

Awards Night tickets.
Please get your tix asap. We need a good count. \$30 each. A great event for the community, family and friends. Tix at next meeting, Nov 5th. Or Call

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And thank you Sweetheart Inn, who went all out with prime cuts of pork, veggies and deserts.

What a meeting! What a meal! Why do we only do this twice a month??

OCT 7 Mini-Golf and an Ice Cream Sunday

And the 50 kids from St. Anne's Home had their fill of both. Great night for the friends and family of XC. Thanks to Jay Gee's owners and XC member Giuffrida family (Dan, Joe, Rich, Rob), this fund-raiser is always a plus for us. Thanks guys.

October 1 is Fire Prevention Month and more

October 1st meeting Guest presenter was Captain Michael Buote, Methuen Fire Department.



Captain Buote, as well as Methuen XC member, Fire Chief Cliff Gallant, will join us in our Oct 25 XC Day of Service. Captain Buote stated that the greatest area of need is with our senior citizens with the danger on Carbon Monoxide. We are working with the MFD to start installing CO detectors in the community in coordination with the Senior Citizens Center.

Wanting to get involved further were members: Linda Firth, Dottie Avery, Andrew Whalen, Ken Leone.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome our 3 newest members. Two were inducted by Past President, Ken Leone. All attended the Sep 17 Anniversary and Membership function and heard the details of what we accomplish in our community. We also re-signed an old friend and former member, **Jim Wright.**



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Appearing in picture below from left, Jack MacLeod sponsor for **Paul Smith**; **Andrew Whalen** with sponsor Brad Jones, and Ken Leone.



25 Anniversary & Membership Drive

Sept 17: Another, WHAT AN EVENING! About 78 attendees. 2/3 of our own members showed. Guests from all around clubs with great attendance from our original sponsor club, Lawrence, some 25 years ago.

Guest speakers carried the night about who we are and what we do. They brought the message with facts and figures. Some of the facts were happy and funny ones, and some were the sad type that goes along with our reasons for Child Abuse Prevention programs.



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Linda Soucy, Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc. detailed the food basket programs we participate in for Christmas, Thanksgiving and the Santa Claus Party.



Susan Mitchell,

MBC Family Support Center, kept everyone's attention with heart rendering stories of the work they do and we support in helping families both emotionally and monetarily. Also that evening we loaded up Susan's car with \$250 of diapers and miscellaneous baby supplies.



Joanne Cottam

From St. Anne's Home for Children in Methuen spoke of the work of the Home and our Picnic we do for them at their site, The Lowell Spinners' game we take about 40 of the kids to and the FUN Day and Jay Gee's where the kids get a round of Mini Golf and a super size ice cream Sunday.



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(25th Anniversary & membership continued)



Bonnie Breen

Past District President kicked the night off with a beautiful a capella rendition of "What a Beautiful World." It got everybody in the mood to understand just exactly it is that we contribute to the community.



Arthur Hutton entrusts Mike Condon with the 25th Anniversary Plaque Listing the name of each President since 1983. The Methuen Exchange

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Club meets at the Sweetheart and the plaque will be proudly displayed for all to see.



What's a toopher?

Ken Willette receives his Past President plaque from Arthur Hutton, President. This is Ken's 2nd Award serving as President. 2 Years in a row! We hear that Ken is fond of toophers (Patriot rings, Red Sox World Champs ...and a special toopher in December for Ken and Dawn. Note: Is Arthur also going to give Ken that box of goodies in the right corner of this picture?).

Trauma Intervention Program

We were pleased to hear the latest in the programs that they perform. We are truly fortunate to have a resource available to us when a family or a group faces a tragedy or traumatic events. We presented a check for \$250, from left Kathy Larocque and Jayan Landry, CEO/Executive Director.

