



The Scallop

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Niantic



EVENTS

Nov. 26: Hot Cocoa Stroll
Dec. 14: Holiday Party at Langley's
Feb. 25: Italian Night

Birthdays

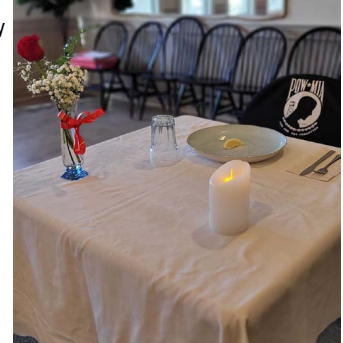
Kenneth J. Payne
November 20th
Andrea L. Barron
December 5th
Linda Barnett
December 5th
Gretchen Marvin
December 7th
Rosemary Robertson
December 11th
Gerald Gilstad
December 13th

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By Debbie Delorimiere on Sunday, November 13, 2022

Honoring **Veterans Day**, the freedom we enjoy because of those who serve in our military forces, past and present, our 11/9 meeting was filled with veteran members and guests, and a special presentation from the **Quilts of Valor** organization. The East Lyme Middle School Choir lead by Emily Renski, sang patriotic songs to start this special event. At the head of the room was the solemn reminder that not all came home from their service to this country. The **POW/MIA** table was set, and First Selectman Kevin Seary read the **POW/MIA Missing Man Poem**. State Representative Holly Cheeseman read a **Prayer for Veterans**.

Introducing the concept of the Quilts of Valor was Debra Bennett. Niantic Rotarian Laura Frisch, being their newest member, has finished her first quilt, which will be given to a veteran touched by war. Our very own **Gerry Gilstad was honored with a quilt, as well as veteran Bruce Haney**.



After lunch, the microphone was passed around to each veteran to allow them to introduce themselves and say a few words. The oldest vet in the room was **98-year-old Dottie McCoy** who served in the Women's Army Volunteer Corps., having started her military career at age 20. Her time to talk was to warn us all that "war is hell" and that we should never see it. Our **Rotarian veteran, John Harnly**, told us the heart-warming story of how he met his wife, and the room was filled with laughter and sentimental reflection as the mic was passed from veteran to veteran.

Thank you to project chair, Ginny Dishaw, who did a wonderful job of organizing this special event. More photos below!

Looking Ahead

- NO meeting on Wednesday, November 23. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving week.
- Grants Committee will be meeting next month to review the Grant applications that have been received. Deadline to submit is December 1.
- Holiday Stroll Hot Cocoa table will be set up on Saturday, November 26. Join us as we give out free hot cocoa and treats to the strollers.
- Holiday Party at Langley's on Wednesday, 12/14. No daytime meeting. More information to come. Langley's is a beautiful venue and easily accessible.
- Italian Night is BACK! February 25 at the VFW. Members and partners are welcome. More information to come on this one, too. Stay tuned!

