

# June had Rotary feeling extra generous!



Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project member Jessica Finocchiaro and MVPASAP President Cole Welch appreciate the donation.



Community Relations Director Julia Pesek accepts on behalf of the MSPCA Nevins Farm.

The Methuen Rotary Club celebrated its 2nd annual June Jubilee by giving away money to deserving non-profits in Methuen. Each organization was invited to lunch and to speak about how the donation will help the people that are served in the community. Rotary President Julie Brady had the honor of presenting \$1,000 checks to each of the following organizations: Methuen VFW Post 8349, Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley, the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project, and the MSPCA at Nevins Farm.

The Rotary always welcomes new members! Club members meet Fridays at 12:15pm at Muddy Waters Restaurant. Join them!



Commander Curt Williams accepts on behalf of the Methuen VFW Post 8349. Courtesy photos



Larry and Eileen Giordano accepts on behalf of Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley.

## Kenneally named Merrimack Valley Y CEO

The Merrimack Valley YMCA has named current Chief Operating Officer (COO) Francis “Frank” Kenneally III as its new president and chief executive officer, effective July 25. Kenneally – who has worked at the MVYMCA for 30 years - distinguished himself from a field of strong candidates drawn from across the country in a national search led by the Merrimack Valley YMCA Corporate Board of Directors. Kenneally now will succeed Gary Morelli, who stepped down in December 2018.

In his new role, Kenneally will be the permanent CEO of the Merrimack Valley YMCA (MVYMCA), headquartered in Lawrence, and consisting of the Methuen YMCA, Andover/North Andover YMCA, the Lawrence YMCA and Camping Services. He will oversee an association consisting of 700 staff, delivering more

than \$4.1 million annually of subsidized services to deserving children, adults and families of the Merrimack Valley. He will also shepherd the multi-million-dollar renovations and expansion of the Lawrence YMCA.

“This leadership appointment is the result of a rigorous and comprehensive national search conducted by a seven-member committee comprised of the volunteer leadership from the MVYMCA and facilitated by YMCA of the USA,” said MVYMCA Board of Directors Chairman Peter Lafond. “The committee placed the highest priority on finding a visionary leader to expand upon our already strong foundation, inspire organizational growth and address the most critical issues facing the communities we serve and Frank Kenneally was the unanimous choice.”

“I have a great passion for the work

of the YMCA and the Merrimack Valley community,” said Kenneally. “In my 30 years at the MVYMCA, I have been able to grow with the organization and I am excited to have the opportunity to provide the strategic vision our YMCA needs to be successful in the future. I look forward to leading our staff and expanding the reach and impact in our diverse communities.”

During his 30-year tenure at the Merrimack Valley YMCA he has held many positions ranging from Youth and Aquatics director to senior program director to executive director to district executive director to vice president of operations to chief operating officer. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Salem State College, a master’s degree from Springfield College, and a certificate in non-profit leadership from the University of Notre Dame.



Frank Kenneally

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