



# NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF BREWSTER ELDERS

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## *President's Corner*

~ Marilyn Dearborn

**Happy Valentine's Day – Happy President's Day!** And if you are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, hope it's a happy day, too!

Like chocolate and good music? Join the Friends and the COA on **February 14** when we celebrate **Valentine's Day** with music and treats at the COA building. Haven't gotten your ticket yet – stop in at the COA today, space is limited. And may you enjoy Valentine's Day with the ones who are truly special to you.



The Friends have also brought back our **St. Patrick's Day luncheon** – see more info in this newsletter and sign-up soon as there's limited seating. Hope you'll wear your **green** and join us!

With the good weather ahead of us, we're looking into activities to offer our membership. If there is something you would like us to try to schedule, please let me, or any board member, know. Your input is always welcome. I can be reached at 508-385-2881 – you can always leave a message and I will get back to you.

Oh...and remember that your vote is very important, so please cast your ballot relative to changing our by-laws to better reflect how the group is actually run and also our name change to "Friends of Brewster Seniors," thus including anyone over the age of 55. The ballot is being sent to all current 2023 members either via the US Postal System or via email as per your registered request.

*Have a great month!*



If you have the time and desire to help, please contact Marilyn Dearborn @ 508-385-2881

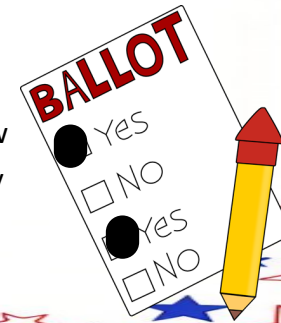
### **2023 FOBE Board Members**

Donna Bowie, Thrift Shop ❖ Suzanne Dean ❖ Marilyn Dearborn, President  
Ronnie Dickens ❖ Elizabeth "Sam" Gardiner, Secretary  
Jane Hester, Treasurer ❖ Jim King, Website ❖ Kathy Macdonald, Membership  
Jeanne Morcone ❖ Meg Morris, Newsletter ❖ Joyce O'Neil ❖ Linda Wood

Open monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday monthly at 9:30 AM, Brewster Bible Alliance Church, Rte. 6A.  
[www.friendsofbrewsterelders.org](http://www.friendsofbrewsterelders.org) ❖ [email brewsterfriends@gmail.com](mailto:brewsterfriends@gmail.com) ❖ visit our Facebook pages

**Please watch your mail or email for your **BALLOT**  
to vote on our new bylaws and our new name!**

Once ballots are submitted, they'll be counted, tallied and the vote recorded. Subject to a quorum being met, the board will then vote at the March meeting. So please **VOTE!** We believe a new name is very important in today's world, and the new bylaws simply reflect how the organization already operates!



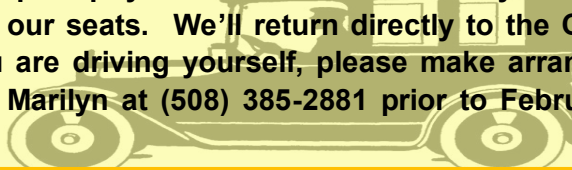
We appreciate your attention to this operating detail.

*ARE YOU JOINING US AS WE STEP BACK IN TIME  
TO THE ROARING '20S?*

If you already purchased tickets to see Cape Symphony's The Roaring '20s on February 12th through FOBE, here's the information you'll need regarding ground transportation.



We'll meet at the COA parking lot promptly at 11:15 AM on February 12th in order to arrive in time to get settled into our seats. We'll return directly to the COA following the end of the concert. If you are driving yourself, please make arrangements to pick up your tickets by calling Marilyn at (508) 385-2881 prior to February 12th.



**Beat the Rowdy Crowds!  
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Friends  
at Noon on March 16, 2023  
400 East, Route 137, East Harwich**

B'gosh an' begorrah, sure enough the food and entertainment will be better than the silly jokes to the right! In addition to the traditional corned beef and cabbage, we'll have a delectable fish entree as well as veggies, salad, dessert & coffee/tea! And you won't need to spend much green (unless you're partaking of an Irish beverage) but you should be wearin' some! Reserve your place now!

<p>Q. What's Irish and stays out all night? A. Patty o' furniture !!</p>	<p>Q. When is an Irish potato <u>not</u> an Irish potato? A. When it's a FRENCH fry !!</p>
<p>Q. How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time? A. He's DUBLIN over with laughter!</p>	<p>Q. What does a leprechaun call a happy man wearing green? A. A Jolly Green Giant!</p>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ (for purchase confirmation)

Event Day Phone # \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (in case of bad weather)

# member tickets @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ + # non-member tickets @ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and your check to: FOBE, PO Box 2310, Brewster, MA 02631  
or drop it off at Sea Captains' Thrift Shop, 66 Harwich Road, Thursday - Saturday.

**Reservations must be paid for and received by March 4, 2023**



# SEA CAPTAINS' THRIFT SHOP

66 Harwich Road ~ (508) 896-8180

If in doubt about purchasing or donating, please call first.  
OPEN THUR - SAT, 10 AM - 4 PM  
Winter Donation Day is Thursday  
We Don't Accept Credit Cards...Sorry!

*"Without Valentine's Day, February would be, well, just January!" ...Jim Gaffigan*

Just a few Winter Sale Days remain. Sea Captains' continues the 50% off sale of all things winter. Don't miss the opportunity to scoop up a super bargain: coats, jackets, scarves, hats, boots, gloves, etc. Winter items are going quickly, so come in soon.

We are still on our 3 day (Thursday-Saturday) winter schedule. Donation day is Thursday, 11-2 only at the rear door. Donations of spring and early summer clothing are now being accepted; no winter clothing, please! Remember...CLEAN, CURRENT & COMPLETE...thank you.

On Wednesday, March 1, Sea Captains' will officially revert to our 6 day, 10 month schedule. Donation day will return to Tuesdays, 11-2. No winter items will be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS!

With our expanded schedule, Sea Captains' needs additional personnel. Won't you consider joining our staff? You'll be part of a fabulous, friendly, fun bunch, giving just 3 hours a week (10-1 or 1-4) to support our mission of assistance to Brewster seniors in need and our COA. Call 508-896-8180 (thrift shop) or stop by Sea Captains' for a volunteer form. Stay well.



Donna Bowie, Manager

**Don't let this be your last FOBE Newsletter**  
**Memberships ended 12/31/22. Renew for 2023 now**  
**to continue receiving information, benefits & discounts**



Please Enter ALL Info and Print Clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renew \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone # \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive notices / newsletters electronically? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \$10.00 per person Please indicate: New \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I've included an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Like a membership card? Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and return with this form and your check to our address: FOBE, PO Box 2310, Brewster, MA 02631

## Membership News

Welcome to our returning and new members! This year is already proving to be a very active one and we hope that you'll join us at our events. If you're not a member, then you'll always have to pay an upcharge! This newsletter is one of the benefits, so sign up now. It could be the best \$10 you ever invested and the return is significant!

Membership Questions?

Contact [Kathy Macdonald](mailto:Kathy_Macdonald) [khelenmack@comcast.net](mailto:khelenmack@comcast.net)

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ February 12 - Cape Symphony's Roaring '20s concert
- ◆ February 14 - Valentine get-together at the COA!
- ◆ March 16 - Get your Corned Beef & Cabbage fix (or something else) at our St. Paddy's Day event. See inside.
- ◆ April/May - We're thinking about the Newport Theatre now that they're open again. What do you think?

## Want to Know an Easy Way to Start Spring Cleaning Earlier?

To instantly declutter your home, just start tossing some of these items. Some can be tossed into the trash (T), but others can go into the recycling (R) bin or put into reuse (RU). These are just a few things to think about. You'll declutter your house and they say it helps declutter your brain, too!

- Old Magazines (R)
  - Worn out shoes (R)
  - Puzzles with missing pieces (T)
  - Old Makeup (T)
  - Towels with holes (RU)
  - Holey socks (RU)
  - Clothes you haven't worn in a while (RU)
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- Old mail (R)
  - Expired food (T)
  - Ill-fitting clothes (RU)
  - DVDs, CDs that are scratched (T)
  - Outdated take out menus (R)
  - Old receipts/paperwork - shred or (R)
  - Old pillows (T or RU at MSPCA)

## The Friends of Brewster Elders or by Any Other Name

*The Friends is a 501c3 nonprofit, charitable organization whose mission is to support, promote and enrich Brewster's senior residents and the Brewster Council on Aging, through memberships, donations and fundraising. The Friends welcome new members to become involved with our many activities and events.*

Contact Marilyn Dearborn, President, at 508-385-2881 or [brewsterfriends@gmail.com](mailto:brewsterfriends@gmail.com)