



# NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF BREWSTER ELDERS

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## *President's Corner*

~ Marilyn Dearborn

**Happy New Year!** Hard to believe that it is 2023 already. We hope this new year will give us even more opportunities to get together and renew old friendships... and make some new ones, too.

February, of course, brings **Valentine's Day**. We're working with the COA to co-sponsor a fun event, including live music by *Pitchfork* and chocolate, chocolate, chocolate. Complete details and information on signing up to join us are in the COA Bi-Monthly Newsletter. The event is set for February 14th, starting at 1:30 PM. Tickets must be purchased beforehand...so stop in at the COA to reserve your spot now! The Friends are also planning to have a **St. Patrick's Day** get together and we'll put all the details in our February Monthly Newsletter.

With the start of a new year, we are again looking for members to join the Board of Directors. Currently, there are five (5) open seats. Your commitment is to attend only one meeting a month and to help plan and/or organize an event during the year. With over 425 members, we would love to see more of you come out to volunteer, whether on the board, by attending events, or at the Thrift Shop. For more information, call me at 508-385-2881; e-mail me at [brewsterfriends@gmail.com](mailto:brewsterfriends@gmail.com); or send a note to PO Box 2310, Brewster, MA 02631 and I'll get back to you with the answers to any questions you may have about volunteering for this great organization.

Speaking of volunteering, our thrift shop (Sea Captains' Thrift) relies solely on volunteers who work one 3-hour shift per week. Interested in having fun and meeting new friends? Stop in and visit the shop at 66 Harwich Road -- see for yourself what a great place it is to meet some wonderful people, both staff and customers.

Best wishes to all of you for a healthy and happy 2023!!



## ***Something to Think About in 2023***

"The bad news is that time flies. The good news is that you're the pilot." ~ Michael Altshuler

"You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream." ~ C. S. Lewis

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 day book. Write a good one." ~ Brad Paisley

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.  
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# Happy New Year!

***Important News about our Bylaws & Name Change...Please Read  
(even though bylaws are typically a boring topic)***

We'll start this New Year with a flurry of administrative activity during the first quarter related to our bylaws and our name. We encourage you to participate in this important process.

During 2022, we came to the conclusion that our bylaws were a little confusing (to say the least). So, we reached out to the Lawyer's Clearinghouse to locate professional help in clarifying how they should read in order to reflect how our organization actually operates. Currently, as most realize, the board makes all the day to day decisions regarding the organization...but that isn't what the current bylaws imply. Rather, they imply that all members should be attending meetings and voting on every issue, from whether we offer bocce, to if we should hire a caterer for a social event, to what kind of ice cream we should serve (okay, maybe the last is an exaggeration!). Since we've noticed over the years that most of our members don't care to attend any meetings at all and would prefer that the elected board run the organization, we just need to change our bylaws to reflect current operating procedures.

In early February, we'll be sending individual letters and ballots to all paid members (as of January 2023) asking you to approve the new bylaws. You'll also be asked to vote on a refreshed name, i.e., ***Friends of Brewster Seniors***. You'll receive your information either via the mail or email (as you have previously chosen). We sincerely hope that you will participate in this important process by returning your ballot. The board thanks you for your cooperation.



***Join Us as We Step back in time to THE ROARING '20S!***

We'll be jumping in a time machine & traveling back to that glamorous era known as the Roaring '20s! You'll enjoy the silent screen magic of Charlie Chaplin & Buster Keaton. You'll listen to radio plays and hear dance music like the Charleston! The Friends will be supplying transportation & subsidized tickets to see this fun Cape Symphony show.

Transportation details will follow in the February newsletter, but to be sure you have a reserved seat, you'll want to buy your tickets now at \$30 each for current FOBE members and \$45 for non-members.

Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Please Enter ALL Info and Print Clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# member tickets @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ + # non-member tickets @ \$45 \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ yes I'll take the bus \_\_\_\_\_ no, I don't need transportation

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



# 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!



Happy New Year! Happy January at Sea Captains' Thrift!

As the new year begins, Sea Captains' is now on our 3 day (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) winter schedule through January and February. We re-open Thursday, January 5, 2023. Donation days are now Thursdays, 10-2 (rain or snow cancels -- please call first if in doubt).

Last year proved very rewarding at Sea Captains'. With the generous support of our dedicated, all-volunteer staff and our loyal patrons -- both local and vacationing -- our thrift shop enjoyed a banner year in 2022. After shop overhead expenses, the proceeds help fund the many programs and events of the Friends of Brewster Elders -- and many more now that we're coming out of COVID (hooray!).

### Looking forward to . . .

January & February - 50% off all winter clothing and accessories: coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, cords & woolens, etc.

January - FIRST EVER - 50% off all NEW, sterling/sterling embellished jewelry. All jewelry is NEW and an extraordinary selection of traditional and statement pieces. Something for every taste!

Wishing everyone *PEACE, PROSPERITY & GOOD HEALTH* in 2023. Donna Bowie, Manager



Memberships ended December 31, 2022 ~ Renew Now

## Friends of Brewster Elders 2023 Membership

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 to our address: FOBE, PO Box 2310, Brewster, MA 02631

## Great Membership News

By the end of 2022, we had 54 new members for a total membership roster of 425. As we start offering more programs and activities, please note that our membership runs on a calendar year. We've already got lots of events planned where you'll need your membership to be current. **Don't let this be your last newsletter! Send your dues now.**

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 - Begosh and Begorrah, it's a very green St. Paddy's Day event being planned. Details will be available in the February newsletter.
- ◆ What do you want to do in April? Let us know what you'd like us to offer.

## *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)

## Why not Indulge in Kind Acts during 2023?

Nothing in this world can make you as happy as one act of kindness. There are countless people in this world who are miserable in one way or another. *You can be their angel on earth and help them out of their problems.* Kind acts can be anything, be it monetary help or emotional support. So, what are you waiting for? Go. Help people and be a hero.

Source: [New Year 2023 Resolution: 10 Best Ideas and Quotes \(thequint.com\)](https://thequint.com)

## Have You Ever Seen ~ Author Unknown

Have you ever seen a sheet on a river bed?  
Or a single hair from a hammer's head?  
Has the foot of a mountain any toes?  
And is there a pair of garden hose?  
Does the needle ever wink its eye?  
Why doesn't the wing of a building fly?

Can you tickle the ribs of a parasol?  
Or open the trunk of a tree at all?  
Are the teeth of a rake ever going to bite?  
Have the hands of a clock any left or right?  
Can the garden plot be deep and dark?  
And what is the sound of the birch's bark?



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