

Friends  
of  
Brewster  
Seniors

# MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

January 2024

## President's Corner

~ Marilyn Dearborn

**Happy New Year!** The Board of the Friends hopes that the new year will bring us together more often to renew old friendships and forge new ones, like we did at the Holiday Luncheon (pictures below)!



Your Board is working hard to set a full schedule of events and trips for you to choose from. Some are favorites such as a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, the Cape Cod Symphony and Taste of Crosby Mansion 2024, but we'll offer new ones too! Several are in the planning stage, so watch for more information once the details are finalized.

Planning these events takes time and energy. Unfortunately, we are extremely limited by the number of people we have available to assist us. Because of this, we desperately need to increase the number of people serving on the Board or just helping on a committee. Board commitment is one meeting a month (the second Wednesday) and helping with an event or two over the course of the year. Of course, we are always looking for new ideas and member input but remember a Board of 12 members can only do so much. With a membership of close to 400, we are calling on members to consider joining the Board and help shape the direction the Friends will take in the future. Please feel free to contact me either by phone (508-385-2881), email ([brewsterfriends@gmail.com](mailto:brewsterfriends@gmail.com)) or in writing (Box 2310, Brewster, MA 02631) if you have any questions or would like to join "your" Board.



## In Memorium...

The Friends of Brewster Seniors recently lost both a current Board member and also a past Board member.

**Jim King** served on the Board for many years and was responsible for our website. Jim was always supportive of our efforts, and you could see him at many of our events. Jim will be missed. The Friends will be making a donation in Jim's name to the Brewster Conservation Trust as requested by his family.

**Christine Rossiter** served on our Board and was in charge of Membership for a few years before retiring due to medical issues. She also was a great proofreader resulting in a -- generally -- error-free newsletter. Christine was always encouraging of our programs and events and participated when she was able.

We will miss both Jim and Christine!

## *Friends' Memberships end December 31, 2023 ~ Renew Now*

### Friends of Brewster Elders 2024 Membership

Please Enter ALL Info and Print Clearly

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

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

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

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

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

Would you prefer to receive notices / newsletters electronically (*it's quicker!*)? 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: FOBS, PO Box 2310, Brewster, MA 02631



### Things to do on a cold January day....

- \* **Cook** a new or a favorite old dish and then share or swap with someone!
- \* **Write** a letter to a family member or friend; it's always great to get something in the mail!
- \* **Become** a poet; you might be good at it!
- \* **Join or start** your own book club!
- \* **Learn** a new language online; it's fun!
- \* **Dance** a little (nothing wild or dangerous!) before you leave the house each day; it will brighten your outlook!

### It may seem like we're pushing the season...

but here on the Cape you've got to start planning early! And we're planning a fun St. Patrick's Day party in mid-March at Jake Rooney's. We'll have a great buffet and lively music for you to enjoy with the beverage of your choosing. So, remember to watch the February newsletter for all the details and the registration form!





# SEA CAPTAINS' THRIFT SHOP

66 Harwich Road ~ (508) 896-8180

*Donna Bowie, Manager*

If in doubt about purchasing or donating, please call first.  
**WINTER HOURS: THUR-FRI-SAT, 10-4**  
**Donations Accepted Daily: 11 - 2pm**  
**We Don't Accept Credit Cards...Sorry!**

## Happy New Year to ALL from Sea Captains' Thrift!

It's hard to believe that another year has passed, as we begin 2024. 2023 was a busy, productive year at our thrift shop and once again our loyal patrons from Brewster and beyond supported our mission with purchases and donations.

Our "Thrift Boutique" is always curated with quality merchandise that attracts the most discerning clientele. Many claim that Sea Captains' is their first stop for shopping. Without question that well deserved reputation may be credited to the dedicated, creative talents of the volunteer staff. Kudos to ALL!!!

Please note our winter schedule: Sea Captains' will reopen on Thursday, January 4 after our annual, holiday hiatus (closed 12/23-1/3). Shop hours remain the same (10-4) and donations are accepted each day at the rear door only. All winter items will be 50% OFF through January & February. Great bargains!

Ten new volunteers joined Sea Captains' this year, increasing our number to 43! All are energetic, fun women who are giving back to their community by generously giving of their time and talents. Some of the current volunteers can be seen here offering a toast to the continued success of Sea Captains' Thrift Shop.



We welcome anyone and everyone in the new year to consider volunteering. Just give us a call at 508-896-8180!

Everyone at Sea Captains' wishes you

**PEACE,  
PROSPERITY and  
GOOD HEALTH in 2024.**

## Some Humor for a Change

- ⇒ I said to the Gym instructor "Can you teach me to do the splits?" He said, "How flexible are you?" I said, "I can't make Tuesdays."
- ⇒ Doc, I can't stop singing the 'Green Green Grass of Home'. He said: "That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome." "Is it common?" I asked. "It's not unusual" he replied.
- ⇒ I said to this train driver "I want to go to Paris". He said "Eurostar?" I said, "I've been on telly but I'm no Dean Martin".
- ⇒ I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.



Source: [www.dailymail.co.uk](http://www.dailymail.co.uk)

## Hope You've Enjoyed Being a Friend!

Last year was a really great year for the Friends. We ended the year with 374 members, many of whom participated in our trips, events & luncheons throughout the year! Your \$10 commitment helps many seniors in many ways. Complete the form on Page 2 so your membership doesn't lapse. We sure hope you'll commit again!

Contact [Kathy Macdonald](mailto:Kathy Macdonald) at [khelenmack@comcast.net](mailto:khelenmack@comcast.net)  
or just stop by Sea Captains' Thrift for an Application

## Upcoming Events:

January - **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

March - **St. Paddy's Day Luncheon**

## We Need More Board Members! Won't You Help Out?

It doesn't really take that much time, meanwhile you develop new friends and even learn new skills. Please contact Marilyn Dearborn @ 508-385-2881 or any Board Member to learn more about it.

### 2023 Friends Board of Directors

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

Open monthly meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday at 9:30 AM,  
Brewster Bible Alliance Church, Rte. 6A.

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**COA Office Hours: 9:30 - 11 AM on 3rd Tuesday each month**

*The Friends of Brewster Seniors is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to support, promote & enrich Brewster's senior residents and the Brewster COA through annual participant support, donations & fundraising. The Friends welcome you to become involved with our many activities and events. After all...*

***Everyone and Anyone Can & Should be a Friend to Brewster Seniors!***

*Happy New Year to All!*

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