

Friends
of
Brewster
Seniors

MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

May 2024

President's Corner

~ Marilyn Dearborn

Spring is here – flowers are blooming, birds are singing & hopefully the temperatures are warming up. May is an important month as it gives us a chance to draw attention not only to ourselves as mothers but also our own mothers, mothers-in-law, grandmothers & great grandmothers, and anyone who might be celebrating as a mother for the first time. We hope you'll have the chance to spend a wonderful day...all the "hoopla" is well deserved – enjoy!

May is also the time when we remember those who gave their lives to serve our country and guarantee our freedoms. Remember those they left behind, too, who also sacrificed for all of us. Without them we would not have all the freedoms and advantages we now enjoy!

I know I must sound like a broken record, but the need for "new faces" to serve on our Board is reaching a critical stage due to the loss of two board members recently. Fresh ideas can only make our group better so join us and share yours. Contact me if you would like to get involved in the direction the group is heading.

Just a reminder - you should thoroughly read our Newsletter every month so you don't miss out on some of the wonderful trips we are planning for 2024. Mark your calendars especially for Sept. 29th when we will again hold our "Taste of Crosby Mansion" social event.

Oh, I almost forgot, but how could I? On behalf of the Friends of Brewster Seniors, I am pleased to announce that our Volunteer of the Year for 2024 is... (find out on Page 2)!

With our thanks... On June 13th we will be sponsoring a wonderful luncheon to honor and thank the many volunteers who give of their time and talents especially at Sea Captains' Thrift Shop. Invitations will be sent out around the beginning of May. We ask that you send your reply card back by the date indicated even if you will not be able to join us. You too could be joining us next year – just contact us if you would like to sign up to be a volunteer.

THANK YOU JOYCE O'NEIL FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SERVICE TO THE FRIENDS BOARD!
We'll miss your help, especially with the St. Paddy's Day event. Enjoy your free time!

Wop! Wop! It's the Sound of Spring Pickleball Training! Start Warming up your Racket!



We're trying to gauge interest in how many Friends would like to learn, re-learn or just practice pickleball with wonderful instructors and other Friends members. **Interested?** You'll need to contact Nancy at mathlc@aol.com if you are. Once we know there's interest, more details will become available. Fun instruction is meant for new and not-so-new players! Please be sure that you've become a Member first! It's only \$10 per year, with so many great benefits!



2024

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Volunteer
Of the Year!

The Board of Directors has unanimously agreed that our faithful Treasurer, Jane Hester, deserved this coveted title: 2024 Volunteer of the Year. Jane has been a vital part of our Board serving as Treasurer since 2017. She has diligently handled all aspect of our finances – bill payments and deposits, working with our accountant on filing tax returns, working on the many forms necessary to change our name and ensuring that the sales taxes collected at the Thrift Shop are paid to the state



in a timely manner. On top of that, Jane is also one of our fabulous Thrift Shop volunteers!

Before moving to Brewster, Jane lived in Boston for 20 years working on Beacon Hill for Union Boat Club. Before Boston, Jane lived in Chatham for 14 years enjoying life with her daughters and son and their growing families, including 7 wonderful grandchildren.

When not “managing our accounts,” Jane also works on researching and organizing many trips, including our most popular, the concerts at the Cape Cod Symphony. She also participates in many programs at the COA. Jane likes to walk on Brewster’s local trails, as well as gardening, cooking and taking good care of her cat.

The Board is extremely grateful for all she does for our membership and we look forward to having her continue as Treasurer for years to come. Thanks, Jane, you are truly appreciated!



Remember when rock was young?



You won’t want to miss this one! CapePOPS! presents “**Remember When Rock Was Young: The Elton John Experience**” with the award-winning entertainer Craig A. Meyer and his electrifying tribute to the Rocketman on **May 19th at 3 PM**.

Highlights include “*Benny and the Jets*,” “*Philadelphia Freedom*,” and “*Crocodile Rock*” among many others. We have a limited number of tickets and also limited transportation available on the wheelchair accessible COA van (leaves COA at 1 PM)! First come, first served. **Get and reserve your tickets now at Sea Captains’ Thrift.**

-----PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY and SAVE THE TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECEIPT-----

Name: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Day of event Phone: _____

_____ # tickets @ \$35/each (member) = \$ _____ # tickets @ \$45 (non-member) = \$ _____

Additional Donation = \$ _____ Total Enclosed for Cape Pops Rocketman \$ _____

yes, I need a ride
 no, I’ll get there on my own.

Drop off your registration & payment (check payable to FOBS) at Sea Captains’ Thrift Shop (66 Harwich Road) or mail to FOBS, PO Box 2310, Brewster MA 02631. **Registration & payment must be received by May 1, 2024**



SEA CAPTAINS' THRIFT SHOP

66 Harwich Road ~ (508) 896-8180

Donna Bowie, Manager

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

Spring Time

Is it safe to pull up the snowplow stakes; drain the snowblower; stow the snow shovels? Let's hope so. May is at last upon us. With tulips up, forsythia bursting and robins chirping, summer preparations can begin in earnest.

What better way to prepare than checking your warm weather possessions? Are you in need of some additions to your summer wardrobe? Check out Sea Captains' Thrift for shorts, capris, swimsuits, short sleeve & sleeveless tops, dresses, slacks, golf shirts, sandals and more. We also offer beach equipment: coolers, towels, plastic ware, travel mugs, and folding beach chairs. Expecting lots of family this summer? We have 2 inflatable mattresses in our ANNEX. The early bird gets the best bargain!

Our Book Nook has been restocked with plenty of beach reads for your summer enjoyment. Many of your favorite authors are represented, some with multiple titles available. Pick a few, put your toes in the sand and RELAX. Is gardening your thing? Sea Captains' offers planters, ceramic pots, and lawn & gardening tools. Also, our Kid's Corner is back filled with puzzles, games, books, jewelry, and beach toys. Everything is "kid priced," so children can shop for themselves.

Please notice the improvements in the ANNEX and Table Top Room. We've been busy sprucing up these areas to enhance your shopping experience. Wall art, mirrors and small wall cabinetry are all on display now. Know someone who shops Sea Captains' regularly? Mother's Day is coming, so spread the word: Gift Certificates are available at Sea Captains' Thrift.

LAUGHTER: THE JOY OF SHARING

The older couple walked into McDonald's one cool spring evening. They looked out of place amid the young families & couples eating there. Some of the customers looked admiringly at them. You could tell what they were thinking. "Look, there is a couple who has been through a lot together, probably for 60 years or more!"

The old man walked right up to the cash register, placed his order, and then paid for the meal. The couple took a table near the back wall & removed the one hamburger, one order of French fries and one drink from the tray. The old man unwrapped the plain hamburger and cut it in half. He placed one half in front of his wife. Then he counted out the French fries, divided them into two piles, and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink; then his wife took a sip and then set the cup down.

As the man began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the crowd began to get restless. Again you could tell what they were thinking: "That poor old couple. All they can afford is one meal for the two of them." As the man began to eat his French fries, one young man went over to the couple's table. He politely offered to buy another meal for them. The gent replied that they were just fine as they were used to sharing everything.

Then the crowd noticed that the old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She just sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again the young man came over and begged them to let him buy them something to eat. This time the lady explained that no, they were used to sharing everything together.

As the old man finished eating and was wiping his face neatly with a napkin, the young man could stand it no longer. Again he came over to their table and offered to buy some food. After being politely refused again he finally asked a question of the old lady. "Ma'am, why aren't you eating? You said that you share everything. What is it that you are waiting for? She answered..."

Adapted from: [Best Jokes This Week: Best Jokes for Seniors - Suddenly Senior](#)

We Miss You! Do you Miss Your Newsletter?

Did a friend call you about a great trip they're taking? Wish you had the news earlier? You'll get our newsletter if you're a member; don't be left out! Your \$10 commitment helps other Brewster seniors with unexpected needs. Membership forms are available at the Sea Captains' Thrift Shop, now open Monday-Saturday, 10AM - 4 PM. Membership questions?

Contact Kathy Macdonald at khelenmack@comcast.net

Calendar of Friends' Events

May 19 - Elton John Concert
Jul 18 - Cape Playhouse:
"Beautiful: The Carole
King Musical"
Aug 21 - Cape Canal Cruise
Sep 29 - A Taste of Crosby
Mansion

Searching for New Board & Committee Members! Won't You Help Out Serving the Needs of Brewster Seniors?

Meet new people! Develop new friendships! Ply your skills!
General questions? Please contact President Marilyn Dearborn @ 508-385-2881 (home #)
or any Board Member to learn more about the Friends.

2024 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 ♦ Linda Wood

Open monthly meetings are held monthly the 2nd Wednesday at 9:30 AM,
Brewster Bible Alliance Church, Rte. 6A, weather permitting. You're more than welcome to attend!

email brewsterfriends@gmail.com ♦ visit our Facebook pages

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.

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Spring has Sprung!