



# MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

January 2025

## *President's Corner*

~ Marilyn Dearborn

The Board of the Friends of Brewster Seniors extends their best wishes to all our members for a **Healthy and Happy New Year!**

In the new year, the Board will be working to set a full schedule of events and trips for you to choose from. Some are "old time" favorites such as the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, trips to the Cape Cod Symphony and Taste of Crosby Mansion. Several new trips are also being planned along with our Inaugural Golf Tourney in August. Information on all events is always printed in this newsletter or on our website ([www.friendsofbrewsterseniors.org](http://www.friendsofbrewsterseniors.org)) once we finalize the details.



As we begin 2025, we are again reaching out to our members to **join us as we plan the direction of the Friends**. Board members commit to only one meeting a month (the second Wednesday) and helping with an event or two of their choice over the course of the year. New ideas and member input are always welcome. **Please remember a Board of 8-9 members can only do so much**. We are always ready to welcome new Board members, especially those who bring new ideas along with them! With a membership of close to 300, we hope there are members out there willing to consider joining us as we move ahead. 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.



**HOPE YOU HAD  
HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!**



## You're Invited!

Join us at the COA on Wednesday, January 8th at 2 PM  
for our Van Presentation Ceremony!

We're so thrilled that the Friends were able to work through the logistics and red tape in order to present the Brewster Council on Aging with a brand new van this year. Thanks to everyone who made a special donation, participated in the Taste of Crosby Silent Auction or dropped some cash into the bucket at Sea Captains' Thrift. All those donations added up! This van will make the COA ride services more flexible for our Brewster Seniors! Thank you and hope you'll come to the ceremony!



~Friends Board of Directors

## Friends' Memberships ended December 31, 2024 ~ Renew Now

### Friends of Brewster Seniors 2025 Membership

Please Enter ALL Info and Print Clearly

...or Register Online...it's easy! Visit [www.friendsofbrewsterseniors.org](http://www.friendsofbrewsterseniors.org) today!

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

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

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

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

Would you prefer to receive notices / newsletters electronically (*it's quicker!*)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \$15.00 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

**Note:** in order to be eligible for any discounts, each individual must be a registered member.



The Friends of Brewster Seniors would like to extend our thanks, first, to **Jane Hester**. After eight years as "keeper of our books," Jane has resigned as Treasurer. We were lucky to have her diligent eyes overseeing our finances. We hope Jane will continue being an active member of Friends.

We'd also like to thank **Joyce O'Neil** and **Linda Wood** for their service to the 2024 Board. Thanks to all three for their commitment to the Friends!

## It Can't Be March Already ...Can It?

**We all know it...**here on the Cape you've got to start planning early! And we're beginning to plan a fun St. Patrick's Day party in March, with the help of one of our members, Paula. We can look forward to a great meal accompanied by lively music for you to enjoy with the beverage of your choice. So, remember to watch the February newsletter, or check online for all the details and the registration form!





# SEA CAPTAINS' THRIFT SHOP

66 Harwich Road ~ (508) 896-8180

Donna Bowie, Manager

**Sorry, We're Closed  
Until  
10 AM, March 3, 2025!**



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

While we don't like the idea of closing because we'll miss seeing our regular customers, we decided that January and February were the perfect time to refresh the shop. We'll be cleaning & painting & re-arranging & doing whatever it takes to make the shop more inviting.

During this time, you can help us by looking around your house and closets for items that you no longer need, want or can wear. In March, we'll begin accepting donations again of household items and of CLEAN, CURRENT and COMPLETE SPRING/SUMMER CLOTHING.

Another way to help would be to let us know that you're interested in becoming a shop volunteer for 2025! We're always looking for fun, energetic people to help out. Please leave a message on the shop phone (508-896-8180) if you want to learn more about volunteering at the best thrift shop in Brewster!

Everyone at Sea Captains' wishes you peace, prosperity and good health in 2025.



## Questionable Weather

Jane is arguing with her husband, Bill about the winter weather, precipitation and how they would describe the amount of moisture currently in the atmosphere.

"Well," said Jane. "This to me is drizzle." "No," Bill responded. "It's heavy mist."

This debate went on for a while and then, eventually, Jane suggested they ask the elderly man next door.

"Hey," said Jane, "Rudolf's a former Soviet communist from Russia. He'll know all about bad weather." So they went next door and asked Rudolf for his opinion.

"It is drizzle," Rudolf declared.

Needless to say, Bill felt a little put out, losing the argument in this way.

"Why should we accept his judgement anyway?" asked Bill.

Jane smiled and said, "Because Rudolf the Red knows rain, dear!"



Source: *Funniest Jokes 2023: Could these be the 5 of them?* - Roy Sutton

## Hope You're Enjoying Being a Friend!

2024 was a really great year for the Friends. We ended the year with 300+ members, many of whom participated in our trips, events & luncheons throughout the year. Your modest commitment & donations help many seniors in many ways. Complete the form on Page 2 so your membership doesn't lapse. We hope you'll commit again! Contact Kathy Macdonald at khelenmack@comcast.net or try signing up online; it's easy!

## Upcoming Events:

**January - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**March 4 - Mardi Gras at COA**

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

## Help Wanted!

We see those words everywhere! And we'd like to take our sign down...won't you donate a little time to the Friends? By getting more involved, you can develop new friendships & learn new skills. Please contact Marilyn Dearborn (508-385-2881) for more info.

### Current 2025 Friends Board of Directors

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

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

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**Need to get in touch with the Council on Aging? Simply call 508-896-2737**

*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 & fund-raising. 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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