



MARCH 2026 NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

A message from the President – Marilyn Dearborn

Wow! What a way to end February! Between the snow, cold and, for most of us, a lack of power and internet, it was quite the event! Not sure about you, but I've been cooped up too long, so I'll be headed outside despite the snow still on the ground. I know the fresh air will do me a world of good. Maybe if we have a warm day, I might even catch a glimpse of an early crocus. Spring is coming no matter what the groundhog said earlier this year!

Top of the Morning to all our Friends!

Remember, you don't have to have Irish heritage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day – on March 17th the whole world is Irish! I know it's been a challenge with the snow and ice and that the thrift shop and the post office have been closed, but you've still got time to sign up for the "wearing of the green" luncheon at Jake Rooney's on March 16th. You'll enjoy good food, good music, some Irish humor and especially seeing some good friends. If you are still snowbound, you can always sign up online at <https://www.friendsofbrewsterseniors.org>. Sea Captains' will be open as of March 2nd, so there's still time to drop off a reservation. Do you have questions about the event? Call Paula @ (508) 208-9144.



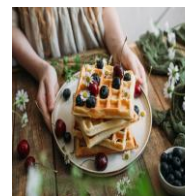
The Most Iconic Diner in Massachusetts (per Trip Advisor)

The Breakfast Club

"Named after one of the most iconic '80s flicks, **The Breakfast Club** in Boston's Allston neighborhood is a haven of nostalgia, with movie posters tacked to the wall and menu items named after the film's characters. Get there early (they're open only from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and dive into one of the "Library Specials" like the Basket Case, which comes with two eggs, home fries, toast, meat *and* two thick pancakes. This isn't the place for a **macchiato** (they didn't have them in the '80s!), but the coffee is great, nonetheless."

We've got some pretty iconic diners here on the Cape as well. What's your favorite? Grumpy's? The Red Cottage? Hole in One? Email fobenewsletter@gmail.com and let us know!

Source: [The Absolute Best Diner in Every State | Best Diner Near Me](#)





Sea Captains' Thrift Shop

66 Harwich Road ~ 508.896.8180

Donna P. Bowie, Manager

**We're Now Open
Monday-Saturday
10AM-4PM
Cash or Local Check only**

MARCH 4th . . . The only date that's also a sentence!

This long, snowy winter can't come to an end soon enough for most of us. Sea Captains' Thrift has the remedy for your impatience, as we will now open on Monday, March 2 for our 6-day schedule.

Our ladies' room is bursting with colorful, lighter-weight clothes of every description. Dresses, jackets, slacks (Buy one pair, get one pair FREE.), and tops are ready for our discriminating clientele. Shoes, handbags, scarves and jewelry to complement your choices are available.

The gentlemen have not been forgotten. Anticipating the coming of outdoor sports, gardening and exercise, the men's section offers many choices, especially golf/polo shirts by the top brands. Name brand dress shirts (Brooks Bros., Lauren, Boss) are ready for those special occasions ahead. With weddings and graduations coming up, it's time to refresh the wardrobe. Slacks (Buy one pair, get one pair FREE.), suits, and sports jackets are available at great prices, and wouldn't a beautiful silk tie complete the look?

Don't miss looking in the ANNEX, "an eclectic assemblage of great stuff," as we call it. With the frequent addition of household goods, small furniture, yarn, backpacks, toys, etc., the ANNEX is a "don't miss." One day it's framed art & the next it's gardening tools or Paul Revere pots & pans; all at great prices.

Donations of spring/summer clothes are now being accepted . . . rear door, 11-2. Please note that only items that are CLEAN, CURRENT & COMPLETE can be donated. No winter items will be accepted -- no exceptions. Our donation wish list for spring: current books, (especially novels, biographies & autobiographies), jewelry, yarn, bedding & towels (in EXCELLENT condition) and beach items.

SPECIAL NOTE: ALL DRESSY LADIES' CLOTHES & ACCESSORIES ARE 50% OFF!!!

Spring and summer special occasions are coming up, so think "glam" and shop Sea Captains' first.

Volunteers are always needed. Consider joining our fabulous corps of volunteers and give back to your community by giving just 3 hours per week. Call for an application packet (508-896-8180) or drop by (66 Harwich Rd.) and pick one up at the front desk while you're shopping for a new spring wardrobe.

It's the March Newsletter. We have to have something Irish!

What is more Irish than making a Dublin Coddle?

There are lots of variations, but this Coddle is pretty easy and sounds very tasty!

You will need the following ingredients:

1 lb sausages (preferably Irish) and ½ lb bacon rashers

2 onions, 2 lbs potatoes and 1 lb carrots

1 carton chicken or beef broth and salt and pepper to taste

Instructions: Layer the ingredients in a large pot: the sausages, bacon, sliced onions, potatoes, and carrots. Add broth: Pour in enough broth to cover the ingredients. Season: Add salt and pepper to taste. Cook: Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for about 2 hours until the vegetables are tender and the flavors meld together. PS, you can always substitute some Guinness for some broth!



Ready to get “All Shook Up”?



Elvis will be IN THE ROOM on Mother’s Day, May 10th at 3 PM. Will you? Why not take Mom -- or someone else’s Mom -- to enjoy a lively afternoon at the Cape Symphony at Barnstable HS in Hyannis? We have obtained a limited number of discounted tickets to attend this tribute to the “King of Rock & Roll.”

When the concert is over, you can head out for an early dinner at any of the great Cape restaurants! Once registered and paid, you’ll get an email about when to pick up your tickets at Sea Captains’ Thrift Shop.

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

Name: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Day of event Phone: _____ (required)

_____ # tickets @ \$50/each (member) = \$ _____

_____ # tickets @ \$65 (non-member) = \$ _____

Additional Donation = \$ _____ Total Enclosed for Elvis \$ _____

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. You may also register online at www.FriendsOfBrewsterSeniors.org. All registrations must include payment and are on a first come, first served basis! Cutoff date is May 1, 2026.

Fun Facts for Elvis Trivia Buffs

- *Elvis's first guitar cost \$7.75 (plus 2% sales tax) from his home town's Tupelo Hardware Company.*
- *As a youngster, Elvis idolized gospel group The Statesmen. According to Elvis's back-up singer Joe Moscheo, Elvis's dance moves were inspired by James 'Big Chief' Wetherington (The Statesmen's bass singer), who was famous for his leg twitching.*
- *Elvis is responsible for the best-selling single of both the 1950s (Hound Dog/Don't Be Cruel (1956)) and the 1960s (It's Now Or Never (1960)).*
- *During his two-year stint as a Private in the US Army in 1958, Elvis donated all his pay to charity. 22. Elvis also supplied the base with numerous television sets and brought an extra set of clothes (supplies were meager) for each of his fellow privates.*
- *Elvis is a direct descendant of Abraham Lincoln's great-great grandfather, Isaiah Harrison.*
- *Elvis was a Deputy Sheriff in Shelby County, Tennessee*
- *Charles Bronson starred alongside Elvis in Kid Galahad (1962). It was rumored that the two didn't hit it off. (I'm not surprised, are you?)*

Want to know more? Visit: <https://www.musicradar.com/news/73-elvis-presley-facts>

Memberships

Many thanks to those members who have already submitted their forms and checks. Do you have questions about what your membership benefits are? Contact Marilyn Dearborn (508.385.2881) regarding benefits and email Kathy Macdonald (khelenmack@comcast.net) regarding membership status. Your \$15 annual membership saves you money when buying tickets for lunches, concerts, plays and other paid events while it also helps support other Brewster seniors. What are you waiting for?

Some Upcoming Events

- ✚ St. Pat's Lunch
- ✚ Elvis! At CS
- ✚ Live Theatre
- ✚ Lobster Roll Cruise
- ✚ A Taste of Crosby Mansion 5th Anniv.
- ✚ Holiday Luncheon

Current 2026 Board of Directors

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Open monthly meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday at 9:30 AM, Brewster Bible Alliance Church, Rte. 6A.
Contact Marilyn Dearborn, President (508-385-2881) for more info.

www.FriendsOfBrewsterSeniors.org ♦ email brewsterfriends@gmail.com ♦ visit our Facebook pages

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 and 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 Anywhere Can & Should be a Friend to Brewster Seniors!

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