# March/April 2008

## *An Irish Blessing For March*

Sunshine on your way,
Many friends to love you,
Joy in work and play-
Laughter to outweigh each care,
In your heart a song-
And gladness waiting everywhere
All your whole life long!

## *Editor's Note:*

**For one day in March we are all Irish. We therefore would like to join the many members of our club who have ancestors from Ireland in saying a hearty – Erin Go Bragh! During March and April, in addition to our regularly scheduled events, we are planning a day trip to the Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, a Spring Wine Social (formerly referred to as Wine & Cheese) and our Second General Club Meeting at the Sandwich Glass Museum featuring a very interesting speaker from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.**

# Special Events

## *-Tower Hill Botanic Garden Boylston Sunday, March 30th*

**This is their Annual Spring Open House and the drive to Boylston is a little over 2 hours. However, those who journey up to Boylston should be rewarded**

**with being able to view spring flowers, especially daffodils. Anyone interested in going, please call Judy Larocque at 508 833-0373.**

***-Second General Club Meeting at the Sandwich Glass Museum Thursday, April 24th at 6:00PM***

**Our speaker will be Tim Shanks, who a marine scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. His presentation will be on deep sea explorations and also ice covered oceans and beautiful slides will be shown. If you're available on April 24th, you will not want to miss this presentation!**

***-Spring Wine Social***

**We would like to hold our Spring Wine Social on either, April 4-5th, 11-12th or 25-26th. This event will celebrate our having braved another winter of cold and snow, however, we need a host for this event. Anyone interested in hosting, please call either Beth or Ed Houlihan at 508 833-9144.**

## Regularly Scheduled Events

***-Book Club (2nd Tuesday Evening of Each Month at 7PM)***

**March 11th "The History of Love" by Nicole Krauss. Please call host, Pat Maguire, at 508 420-5854 if you plan to attend.**

**April 8th "The Master Butchers Singing Club" by Louise Erdrich. Please call host, Phyllis White, at 508 833-0385 if you plan to attend.**

***-Men's Bridge (Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month)***

**Anyone interested in being added to the meeting list, please call either Dick Clabault at 508 420-0282 or Frank Bernard at 508 833-9710.**

***-Daytime Book Club (formerly Brown Bag Book Bunch) (3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 10AM)***

**March 18th "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson.**

**April 15th "We Need To Talk About Kevin" by Lionel Shriver.**

**Please call Althea Brabazon at 508 428-5274 if you would like to attend either the March or April gatherings of this group.**

## -*Casual Gourmet (3rd Saturday of Each Month)*

**There will not be a dinner in March due to a lot of members being away. However, the next dinner will be on April 19th. Please don't let "Gourmet" make you feel uncomfortable because the gatherings are actually very casual and the meals are quite easy to prepare. As a matter of fact, casseroles are being considered for April 19th. Those who attended the first two dinners in January and February really enjoyed the conversation and the friendships and would love to have as many members as possible join the dinners, especially first timers. Depending upon the number of members planning to attend, two host homes may need to be arranged. Please call Althea Brabazon at 508 428-5274 or Judy Larocque at 508 833-0373 by April 12th if you would like to attend the April 19th dinner.**

## -*Mah Jongg (Every Tuesday at 1PM)*

**Mah Jonng is played every Tuesday at 1PM at the Sandwich Council On Aging (C.O.A.). Please call Jennie Zantuhos at 508 833-8243 if you have any questions.**

## -*We're In Stitches*

**The next meeting will be on Friday, March 21st from 1-3PM. Please call host, Sharon Lowberg, at 508 888-5362 if you plan to attend. The April meeting details will be decided at the March gathering of this group.**

## -*Ladies Who Lunch*

**The next gathering of Ladies Who Lunch will be in either April or May and information will be reviewed separately at a later date.**

***-Brunch At Home***

**The brunch will be hosted by Althea Brabazon on Thursday, March 13th starting at 11:30AM. Please call Althea at 508 428-5274 by March 10th to let her know what you will be bringing to the brunch.**

## Looking Ahead

***-Annual Installation Luncheon May 15th at the Brookside Club on Route 28 in Bourne (Noon to 3PM)***

**Our gala luncheon will recognize the outgoing officers/activity chairpersons and install the incoming officers/activity chairpersons for the new club year. Hopefully, spring weather will be firmly in place by May 15th and the Brookside Club should be a perfect venue for thoroughly enjoying it. The menu is reviewed as –**

**Appetizer platter – Spinach, artichoke and crab dip. (Please be sure to look around for this platter to enjoy with your beverages before the main luncheon begins).**

**Buffet Entrée Choices - Grilled Salmon Provencal or Breast of Chicken Picatta with Vegetable Medley and Wild Rice Pilaf.**

**Dessert - Double Fudge Brownies a la mode**

**Please send your check for $35.00 (this includes tax and gratuity) to Judy Larocque at 8 Holder Lane Sandwich, MA 02563. Please note that checks made out to "Sandwich Newcomers" need to be received by Judy by April 24th.**

***-Cape Cod Symphony - Van Cliburn Gold Medal Winner Performance on Sunday, May 4th***

**The pianist who won the Van Cliburn Gold Medal Contest will perform Verdi/Brahms/and Beethoven's piano concerto "The Emperor". Judy Larocque has been able to place a hold on 20 seats located in about the same location as when we went to the Holiday Pops Concert in December. The dynamic conductor, Jung-Ho Pak, will again be conducting. Tickets are $28.00 each and please call Judy at 508 833-0373 to let her know if you'd like tickets earmarked for you and to make arrangements for getting your check (made out to Sandwich Newcomers) to her.**

***- Board Meetings in April and May***

**The final regular meeting of the current board will be on Friday, April 25th 2PM at Joy Dawson's home. The first meeting of the new board will also be held at Joy Dawson's home sometime during the week of May 19th (perhaps on May 20th or 21st) and the exact date will be determined at the April 25th board meeting. <u>Both</u> outgoing and incoming officers/activity chairpersons are cordially invited to attend the May board meeting in order to help ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities.**

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## -*New Club Officers and Events/Activity Chairpersons*

**The below members will be installed in their positions at our May 15th Installation Luncheon-**

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| **President -** | **Joy Dawson** |
| **1st V.P. & Newsletter Writer -** | **Steve Nakata*** |
| **2nd V.P. &Events-** | **Maureen Pronovost** |
| **Secretary-** | **Susan Federico*** |
| **Treasurer-** | **Sharon Lowberg** |

**Events and Activity Chairpersons**

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| **Publicity-** | **Linda Kilelee** |
| **Membership-** | **Lorraine Jablecki*** |
| **Website-** | **Dennis Daudelin*** |
| **Social Events-** | **Judy Larocque and Patty Williams*** |
| **Wine Social & Parties-** | **Margo Mancinelli** |
| **Brunch At Home-** | **Barbara Morgan*** |
| **Casual Gourmet-** | **Althea Brabazon and Judy Larocque*** |
| **Ladies Who Lunch-** | **Joanne Westerhouse** |
| **We're In Stitches-** | **Tricia Daley*** |
| **Hospitality-** | **Penney Cullen and Kay Norton*** |
| **Evening Book Club-** | **Sheryl Lajoie** |
| **Daytime Book Club-** | **Pam Mittendorff*** |
| **Mah Jongg-** | **Jennie Zantuhos*** |
| **Men's Bridge-** | **Dick Clabault and Frank Bernard*** |

**Photographer-** **Betty Mazzone**

**Past President-** **Beth Houlihan**

***These members have volunteered to serve another year in these positions.**

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***-Identity Theft Prevention***

**Many members probably received a pamphlet in the mail recently from the US Postal Service reviewing steps which can be taken to deter/detect and defend against identity theft. Please note that an additional source for information on how to put a "security freeze" on your credit files to protect against thieves being able to apply for credit using personal information stolen from you is available at www.consumersunion.org/learnmore/003484indiv.html.**

***-Hospice And Palliative Care Organization***

**This organization, who spoke to us last year, is looking for volunteers to help them continue their wonderful work. They will offer a 20 hour patient care training program from April 11-25. Applications are being accepted. Volunteer opportunities are also available at the Hospice Thrift Shop in Barnstable Village. Interested Newcomers should contact Hospice at 508 957-0280 or email kknaub@hospicecapecod.org for further information.**

## Many Thanks To:

**-Viv and Whitey Kellerman, for graciously stepping forward to host the marvelous Wine & Cheese Party on February 9th. We all felt cupid amongst us in your very lovely home.**

**-Althea and Ed Brabazon, for hosting a convivial and tres delicious "French Night" gathering of Casual Gourmet on February 16th.**

**-Carol Polidoro, for hosting We're In Stitches on February 18th.**

**-Henry Jablecki, for advising that helpful information about arranging a "security freeze" on your credit files is available at Consumer's Union.**