Dear Residents:

Despite this year’s long and often cold winter, we are finally seeing a few shades of green outdoors. And in just a few weeks, Island’s gardens will be in full bloom with patio seating ready for your outdoor lounging.

But our gardens are not the only place in which you will find some sprouts of green. Island’s leprechauns had plenty of green-themed activities to keep you busy indoors throughout the month of March. Our favorite traditional Irish duet, Celtic Reel, returned to Island Shores on March 12 with their fiddles, reels and folksongs in tow. Lead singer Valerie Gates — who hails from Dublin — introduced the myths and facts behind each piece that she and fiddler James Cleveland performed.

And then on St. Patrick’s Day, we had a full day of Irish-themed events. In the morning, there was an Armchair Travel to Ireland presentation followed by historian Pat Salmon’s lecture, The Irish of Staten Island. Then before Bingo, we sampled some delicious Irish cheeses from Tipperary, Dublin, Kerry, Skellig and Cork. And no Irish celebration would be complete without a few Irish brews. Our resident and proud Dubliner, Anna K., assured us that the Irish beers we chose to serve this year were good choices.

So was March a green enough month for you all? I surely hope so!

Slan Go Fóil, Margaret

Welcome Aboard!

NEW RESIDENTS

Catherine Allessandro
Ann Curiale
Joseph Lennon
Peter Livorsi
Mary Lomonaco
John O’Dowd

Island resident and Dublin native Anna K. wears her green proudly at our annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration.

Important Dates and Holidays

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THINK GREEN IN MARCH!
NEW READ ALOUD PROGRAM AT ISLAND SHORES

This month, Jordana Gross, Senior Librarian at the South Beach branch of the New York Public Library, initiated a new Read Aloud program for Island residents. Many of you already know Jordana as the facilitator of NYPL’s Adult Coloring activity that she has been conducting monthly in the Admiral’s Quarters.

After chatting with our folks during the Adult Coloring sessions, Jordana thought it would be a nice idea to offer a Read Aloud program here at Island Shores. On March 2, Jordana conducted her first Read Aloud session to a large group in the Library. Jordana not only read works by various authors but also encouraged our folks to share their ideas about these works.

For March’s visit, two members of the NYPD — both of whom were being trained to provide community outreach programs to seniors, youth and other members of the Staten Island community — accompanied Jordana.

Jordana will be back in April for her second session of Read Aloud. I hope more of you will join this lovely lady for an enriching and educational program.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MAC O’CALLAGHAN 3/3
JOSEPH MURNANE 3/3
MADELYNE HARTE 3/4
SANDY TAVERNA 3/13
TERRY COVELLO 3/14
HERBERT CANGIANO 3/16
ED KESSIG 3/20
MARILDA LOGERFO 3/26

MARCH IS BINGO BONANZA MONTH!

Our first winner of this month’s Bingo Bonanza was Joe D. And as you can tell by his photo to left, Joe was very happy after receiving his Bonanza prize basket and winner’s certificate.

Way to go Joe!

More lucky Bingo Bonanza winners will be posted near entrance to the Island Bistro throughout the month of March.
On March 1, Resident Bill Thomas gave a presentation about the **SS United States** — an ocean liner on which he worked in the late 1950s — to residents and staff gathered in the Computer Room. Before Bill’s presentation, most of us had never heard of the **SS United States** even though it was larger and faster than the well-known but ill-fated **Titanic** — which sadly never completed its first voyage across the Atlantic. The **SS United States**, on the other hand, successfully traversed the Atlantic at least 800 times upon completing her maiden voyage on July 3rd, 1952.

Upon her delivery to the United States Lines, the **SS United States** was the most graceful, modern, powerful and sleekest vessel in the world. With her two oversized red, white and blue funnels, she projected a powerful and romantic image of maritime travel, one that recalled the first great record-breaking liners of the twentieth century.

Throughout the 1950s, people from around the world booked accommodation on this iconic ship. Familiar names of the day, including Bob Hope, Princess Grace of Monaco, Salvador Dali, Rita Hayworth, Harry Truman, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and America’s own Duke Ellington, headlined the ship’s passenger lists. For those far inland or disinclined to travel, the **United States** came to them through news reports and even the cinema: the ship became a ocean-going movie set for feature films such as Walt Disney’s Bon Voyage, Gentlemen Marry Brunettes and Munster, Go Home!

Bill worked on this wonderful vessel during a time when she known as “America’s Flagship.” And from what we learned, she is still a sight to behold after all these years. It was so nice of Bill to share this important piece of American history with us. Thank you Bill!
PUP THERAPY

After a few months break to play in the snow and help her human “mom” Helene with some house repairs, adorable pup Lady returned to Island Shores in March to bring some joy to our residents and staff. Well, at four years old, Lady isn’t really a pup anymore. But because she has so much energy beneath her paws, Lady could easily pass as a puppy.

As always, Lady lavished all with whom she interacted with wet kisses and companionship. And for a few tasty treats, Lady will do almost anything you ask: twirl, roll over, bark, run in circles and so much more.

For those who enjoy their furry fixes, Lady will return to Island Shores again in May. We can’t wait!

Woof! Woof! Hurrah!

CORNER OF FAMOUS QUOTES

“Love is never defeated, and I could add, the history of Ireland proves it.”

LUNCH OUTING TO IRISH PUB

It was the luck of the Irish for the eight residents who ventured to Joyce’s Tavern in Eltingville on March 22 for an Irish-themed lunch. Joyce’s Tavern, as some of you native Islanders know, has been an Irish favorite on Staten Island for over 40 years.

Residents, along with Margaret, enjoyed corned beef sandwiches, Irish beer, pub grub, Irish coffee and more. Our folks seemed to enjoy both the food and drinks — the latter being the most important part of the meal, of course. ;)

Next month, our Polish native and expert Krystyna, will take interested residents back to Terminal One in South Beach. Anyone up for some delicious Polish food?
ST. PATRICK’S DAY MEMORIES: 2017
Residents Fran M., Anna K., Carl M., Mary Ann C. and Nata C. look very happy on the bus trip back to Island Shores after their meal and beverages (ahem) at Joyce’s Tavern on March 22.