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Beach Ball Fundraiser

marsh from Blakeman's and can watch the waves crash over the dunes in the bigger storms.

Where are you originally from?

Chuck grew up in Wellesley but has summered here all his life. I grew up in Allentown, PA, and have only summered here since 1977. Our children were born in Chicago but have summered here all their lives; we built a little summer house here on family property in 1981. In 1991 we moved back to the Boston area, and in 2012, we built our year-round house here and sold our Dedham house.

What is your favorite aspect of living in Duxbury?

We love the small-town feel, the multiple generations of families who live here, the ocean, the bay, and the view across the marsh from our home. Our grandchildren's favorite spots in town include Farfars and French Memories, with Rock Paper Scissors close behind.

How did you get involved with the Reservation?

Maggie Kearney gave a presentation to the Duxbury Garden Club years ago and I was intrigued by the history of the beach. In 1919, 18 summer families purchased the beach property from a developer who had plans for about 260 cottage lots. The vision was to save the beach for the enjoyment of everyone. Now, it is up to us to further that vision.

Why should town residents educate themselves on the importance of preserving the beach?

It is important for everyone to know that the town of Duxbury does not own the



Teak and Chuck Hewitt

beach and is not responsible for maintaining it or repairing it when the larger storms wash over. In addition, the protection of the piping plovers and least terns is not discretionary; their protection is mandated by state and federal regulations.

The Cliffords

How long have you lived in Duxbury?

I have lived in Duxbury 59 years since I married Fred and he lived here as a child in the summer. His parents bought our present home in 1942. Although he grew up in Weston, there was no question where he wanted to raise his family. I was born in beautiful Carmel, CA, and have lived in the beautiful town of Duxbury these many years. How lucky am I?

Where is your favorite spot in town?

One of our favorite places to spend time in the summer was the Miles Standish Monument. It seems to be less accessible today than it was in the past, and that is too bad as there is always a wonderful breeze there and the views were spectacular.

How did you become involved with the Reservation?

We have always known about the reservation and have admired those of our friends who have for many years worked tirelessly to keep the beach healthy. Our children always participated in the beach cleanups and grass planting. We used to keep our Christmas tree for use on the beach and tried to follow the directions of my good friends Kay Foster, Shawn Dahlen, or Maggie Kearny and support their projects. I think we got involved about 20 years ago when Fred was asked by Maggie Kearny to join the committee.

The Earles

What brought you to this town?

Our families live on Cape Cod, and at the time we both worked in Boston. It was a perfect town in between our families and jobs. At the time, 14 years ago, we had a 3- and 1-year-old and were looking for a great school system. We mostly moved here for the beach, its charming history, and Duxbury Bay.



Adam and Pam Earle

What is your favorite aspect of living in Duxbury?

Duxbury Beach and Duxbury Bay. We feel very lucky to be given the choice to drive out on a sandy beach for the day or go for a boat ride around our beautifully protected bay. Our favorite spots in town include Island Creek Oysters and the Winsor House; we live next to both and love having them as neighbors!

How did you get involved with the Reservation?

For the 100-year anniversary, I designed the logo, marketing material, and impact report. Our family learned about what was involved in the reservation and has been volunteering since.

How would you describe the mission and its importance?

The beach is not only there for its beauty and nature, it is there to protect Duxbury and the South Shore. It is a barrier to the mainland. Raising money for the beach is important to restore dunes, rebuild roads, mend fencing, plant vegetation, and replace sand to extend and elevate the beach.

Many thanks to the Hewitts, the Cliffords, and the Earles for sharing their stories with us. Clearly, preserving Duxbury Beach is of utmost importance to residents (and non-residents) of all ages and backgrounds. We thank them for their dedication to our community, and for taking such great care of our beach.