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Sheila Lyons Joins Board American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter



Hyannis, Mass., June 27th, 2010 — The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is pleased to welcome Sheila Lyons of Wellfleet to its Board of Directors. She was voted in during the Annual Meeting at the Hyannis Chapter House earlier in June.

Sheila says: *"When I was asked to be the Honorary Chair for this year's Heroes Breakfast, I did not yet realize how important the American Red Cross mission is to our residents and our community. They make a difference, every day, thanks to a small staff and great volunteers. All without funding from town, state or federal government. Now serving on their board, I will make it my mission to ensure that more people are aware that everything the Chapter does is only possible thanks to the donation of time and money from our residents"*.

Sheila (Rafferty) Lyons was elected Barnstable County Commissioner and took office Jan 2009. Prior to this, she served on the Assembly of Delegates as the Wellfleet Representative. She holds a BA in Business Management and a Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland. Sheila's professional focus was in the field of Gerontology and issues that face the senior population. She has worked extensively in the public sector as an outreach worker and community organizer and in the private sector, primarily in the long term health care industry. She is currently running for the State Senate seat.

Sheila Lyons joins **Sheriff Jim Cumming** of Falmouth, **Maiza Eloy** of South Yarmouth and **Maureen McNamara** of Sandwich as new members of the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter Board. Continuing board members are: **Hilary Greene** of Centerville, Volunteer Coordinator at Habitat for Humanity (Board Chair), **Deirdre Casey** of Yarmouth Port (Secretary); **Enzo Allegretti** of Brewster (Vice Chair), Dean & Professor Emeritus CC (SUNY); **Steve Lowell** of Hyannis, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Executive at Cape Cod Cooperative Bank, (Finance Chair), **CDR Elizabeth Young** of Marstons Mills, U.S. Coast Guard, **Patrick Foran** of Dennis, VP of Finance for EBS Foran Insurance and Advisory Services, Inc. , **Leslie Marsh** of Mashpee, Vice President of Sovereign Bank; **Rev. Bill Barker**, D. Min., D.D. of South Wellfleet; **Raymond Partridge**, MD, of Marstons Mills, Rheumatologist Cape Cod Hospital; **Ann Hunt** of Edgartown, Vice President of Sovereign Bank; **Richard Williams** of Chilmark, Economist; **Rev. Bernard Harris, Sr.**, M. Div. of Hyannis, Zion Union Church, Senior Pastor.

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