Boston Loves Puerto Rico

SE benefit a success

BY MICHELE D. MARISCALCO

After Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico in September, leaving much of the island without electricity, clean water, cell phone service and transportation, South End native Tessa Kellner-Palmieri wanted to do something for the island that

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(Left to right) Jovanie Fuentes, Francisco Roque, Joanne Freeman. Photo by Michele Mariscalco

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Veterans honored at Puerto Rican SE memorial

BY SUZ O’CONNELL

On Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, a crowd of about 100 people attended the dedication of a plaque honoring Purple Heart recipients at Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square, 140 Washington Street.

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Felicidades!

IBA kicks off 50th anniversary year

BY MICHELE D. MARISCALCO

Approximately 60 guests broke bread, raised glasses and toasted IBA’s past and future at David’s, 75 Arlington Street, on Thursday, November 9 as IBA’s (Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción of Puerto Rican

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ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,
The woman who wrote to you about traveling with her dog left

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Dear Marjorie,

Thank you so much for clarifying about the comfort and convenience of checking your precious freight into the hold of major carriers. As you know, because it prompted you to write,

Dog Lady is correctly noted that all cargo areas in planes are not pressurized for dog travel in strange.

However, readers, before you blissfully book your dog for air travel, please check with your airline about the rules of loading this living baggage. For example, not all cargo holds are suitable for animal conveyance. The temperature in these spaces of an aircraft is not so simply monitored as the human passenger cabin. When it's too

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is part of her heritage. A waitress at La Motta’s on Washington Street, Kelleher-Palmira’s asked her manager about a benefit.

The Appia Group, which operated LaMotta’s, went above and beyond that and proposed a fundraiser. Boston Loves Puerto Rico, which took place on October 17 at La Motta’s. Participants enjoyed Italian-style appetizers, two included drinks and the chance to win raffle prizes.

One hundred percent of the benefit’s proceeds will go to hurricane relief to be delivered through the local, all-volunteer group Boston Mothers Care.

The fundraiser sold out at 125 tickets, with additional donors giving the $50 ticket price as a donation and more than one benefactor matching a portion of ticket sales. "So many people couldn’t make it donated ahead of time. I can’t wait to tally up the proceeds," La Motta’s manager Joyce Battipazio said.

Boston Mothers Care continued to accept donations through October 31, raising approximately $25,000 in addition to donations of supplies that were collected separately. Board members of Boston Mothers Care, which came together 7 years ago to provide support for the 2010 Haiti earthquake, will personally take the donations to Puerto Rico, where they will distribute them to communities in the northeastern area of the island.

The community really came together. It would not have been possible if not for every single person who donated items and bought tickets. We sold out in a week," Kelleher-Palmira said.

Kelleher-Palmira, whose paternal side is from Aguadilla, PR, is the cousin of Boston Mother Care founding member and vice president, Ines Palmira. South End resident Mary Kelleher, Kelleher-Palmira’s mother, beamed with pride at her daughter’s caring. “After the hurricane, Tessie called me up and said, ‘Mom, the family in Puerto Rico are suffering. I have to do something.’”

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England, Pine Street welcomes over 1,000 homeless individuals daily, providing communal basic services and long-term solutions to more people off the streets, out of shelter and into permanent housing.

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**Dog Lady**

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Hot or too cold, it’s best not to subject your animal to a temperature extreme we call a long flight.

Dear Dog Lady,

I just read your response to the woman who wrote about her hound Chaste, the dog who would only walk well with her. I had to laugh because several years ago, my hound, Precious, liked to play a similar trick on people. She would eagerly go for walks with my Mom or the dog sitter while we were on vacation, but, at some point, she would decide she was tired and no longer wanted to walk. Precious once lay down in a mud puddle and refused to budge, forcing my Mom to carry the dog for almost a mile back to the car. A few months later, she did it to the dog after, a very petite, elderly mom who thought Precious was ill, scooped her up and earned back the house. Talk about pampered pets!

—Nothin’ But A Hound Dog

Dear Nothin’ But A Hound Dog,

Wait, there’s more. Read on.

Dear Dog Lady,

I have been training dogs for nine years using reward-based methods. Your advice usually leans towards those methods too so I was surprised to read you advising the owner of Chester the hound to get a good collar “for tuggering/training him” because he only wanted to walk with the female owner and not other members

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US Senate Elizabeth Warren, Governor Charlie Baker, MA Veterans’ Services Secretary Francisco A. Urrutia, State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez, City Councilor Ayanara Presley, City Councillor-Elect Ed Flynn, and other elected officials were in attendance.

In her remarks, Warren noted, "tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans" defended the United States. "Fram Army Lieutenant Teofilo Mercado, who ordered the firing of the first American shot in World War I, to the 65th Infantry Regiment, the "Bronx penitente" to the more than 10,000 men and women who have volunteered to serve since 9/11."

Governor Charlie Baker talked about the sacrifices veterans and their families make.

..."Massachusetts is sending to Puerto Rico, as well as the effort to enroll children from Puerto Rico in Massachusetts schools."

Baker also ceremonially presented the president of the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square Association, Antonio "Tony" Molina, with a citation acknowledging his work.
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of the family.

Rather than attempting to force him to walk, the better idea is to show him why it is wonderful to walk with anyone—bring out the high-level treats and start asking him to follow others on leads for short distances for treats. In no time he should be happy as a clam to walk with anyone.

—Christy

Dear Christy,

The immediate answer reflected Dog Lady’s own intolerance with her four-legged darling when she was growing older. Aging and cranky, he moved at a woman’s pace on walks, forgoing Dog Lady to tug, tug, plead and beg. It didn’t make any difference because a dog’s gotta do what a dog’s gotta do. However, we humans can make it easier by offering positive rewards for the right moves. This means giving treats and rewarding when the dog walks the walk. If he doesn’t budge, no goodies; if he does, he is rewarded. Bear in mind, this motivation method requires lots of persistence—something many of us don’t have in abundance when dealing with our dogs.

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The city to develop Villa Victoria, the affordable housing community that sits in the heart of the South End.

Over its 60 years, IBA has evolved into a complex community development corporation offering multi-tiered services to help meet the educational, vocational, cultural and social needs of a predominantly Puerto Rican but increasingly diverse population.

The reception offered a generous buffet of cold appetizers as well as buttered small plates of gnocchi with mushrooms, steak, shrimp and a variety of desserts accompanied by complimentary beer, wine and sparkling water.

Speakers at the early-evening reception included Paul Grogan, president of the Boston Foundation; Michelle E. Springer, former aide to Mayor Kevin White and the city's first Latina deputy mayor; now New England president of Weber Shandwick Communications Group; Thomas Matzkin, investment officer at NFUS Investment Management; David CEO Steve DiFilippo and IBA CEO Vanessa Calderón-Rosado.

Spring, who came to the US from Cuba as a small child, worked closely with Jorge Hernandez and other IBA founders and planners as deputy mayor in the White administration. “I got involved because of Jorge Hernandez’s involvement in the city, but I stayed involved because of Vanessa’s incredible leadership,” Spring said.

Chairs included state senator Sonia Chang-Díaz, state representative Byron Rushing, who represents a portion of the South End; Rushing’s wife, Frieda Garcia, longtime executive director of United South End Settlements; Jay Ash, Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development; and Jose Zoil, Deputy Chief of the Massachusetts Office of Access and Opportunity.

IBA staff, including chief operating officer Mairy Negron-Rivera, IBA Arts director Elia Mosquera-Sternberg, and senior programs director Rafael Medina were on hand to talk about the anniversary celebration and IBA’s new vision.

The recent Horizon’s art project, which was expected to be a success and featured an interactive art experience, was an opportunity for the public to engage with the city’s rich history.

The event was held at the Villa Victoria Center for the Arts on April 11, 2018, which was a site for the 50th anniversary-themed Festival Reteunias on July 21 and 22.

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