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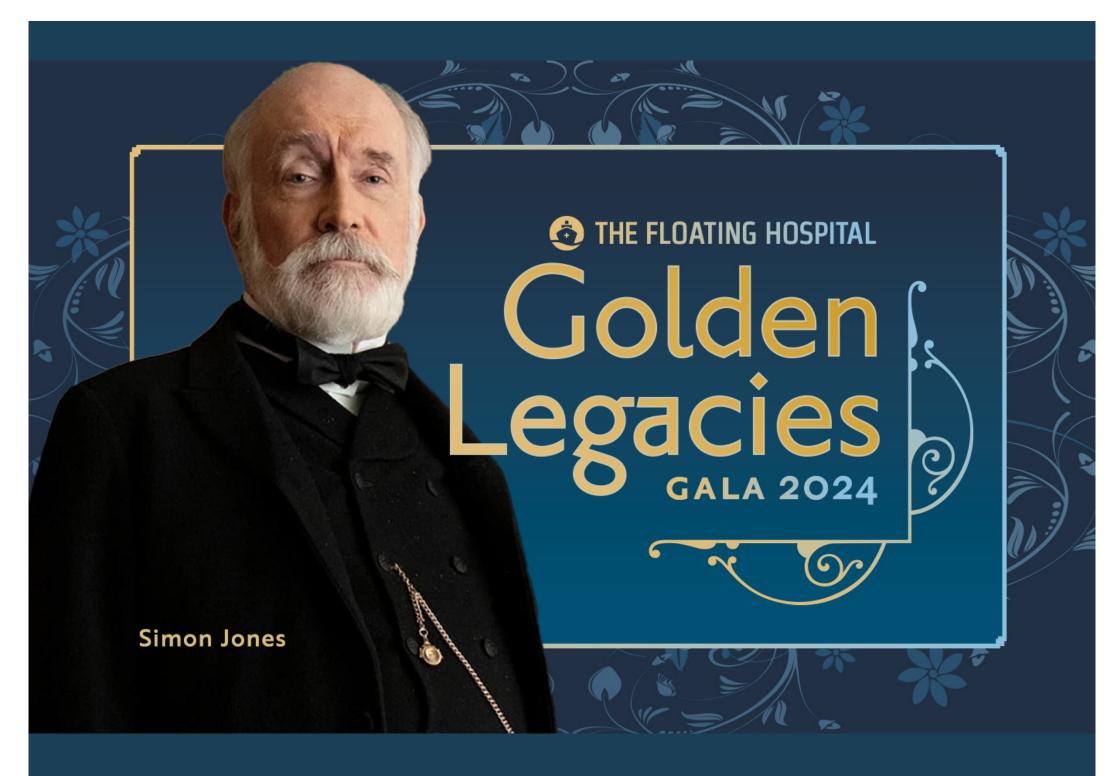
The influenza virus, called highly pathogenic H5N1, can be transmitted by wild birds to domestic poultry and other bird and animal species. **Dr. Seung Kang**, The Floating Hospital's infectious disease specialist, said sporadic cases of infected mammals have been reported, but its spread among cows was unexpected. "Scientists are concerned that bird flu in cattle could become a permanent reservoir for the virus, giving it more chances to mutate and spread to humans."

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Harry Santa-Olalla puts the fun in fundraising

Bringing a wealth of energy to the benefit scene, **Harry Santa-Olalla** is a one-man distillation of enthusiasm and showmanship when he takes the stage to ensure guests are having a blast as they open their hearts (and wallets) to support worthy causes around the world. On June 4, he will take the same spirit to The Floating Hospital's Golden Legacies Gala as the evening's auctioneer. (**Simon Jones** of HBO's The Gilded Age, will serve as MC. See related news article).

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Breaking news — we can now announce that **Simon Jones** will serve as **The Floating Hospital's Golden Legacies Gala** MC. As such, the actor, who is part of the ensemble cast in HBO's *The Gilded Age* series, will add some lively authenticity to the evening's own Gilded Age theme.

The series was created and written by **Julian Fellowes**, who also created the ever popular *Downton Abbey*, set in Yorkshire during the early years of the 20th century. Jones played King George V for a recent film sequel to that show, which ran from 2010 to 2015.

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Tuscan villa on the block

The Golden Legacies Gala will evoke the Gilded Age in all its grandeur and generosity. But why limit the indulgence to one night, when a weeklong "dolce vita" experience in Tuscany is up for bidding?

Included in the evening's celebration is an auction for a seven-night stay in a luxury villa outside of Cortona, a Medieval hill town that *Condé Nast Traveller* dubbed the "Queen of Tuscany." A perfect combination of old world charm and modern conveniences, it accommodates up to eight guests with housekeeping, concierge service and a chef-prepared daily breakfast enhancing the property's comfort and beauty.

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Let's go Mets!

The Floating Hospital provides much more than healthcare. Whether it's baby needs and personal care items or food, the hospital aims to supply its patients with basic tools of survival, and often a little more.

Lately, the "little more" has been donations from Rescuing Leftover Cuisine, a national nonprofit based in New York City that prevents food waste and addresses food insecurity by redistributing excess food to communities experiencing hunger. According to its website, RLC has rescued more than 15 million pounds of excess food and provided more than 12.5 million meals since its founding in 2013. *More...*



On the march with the Queens Pride Parade

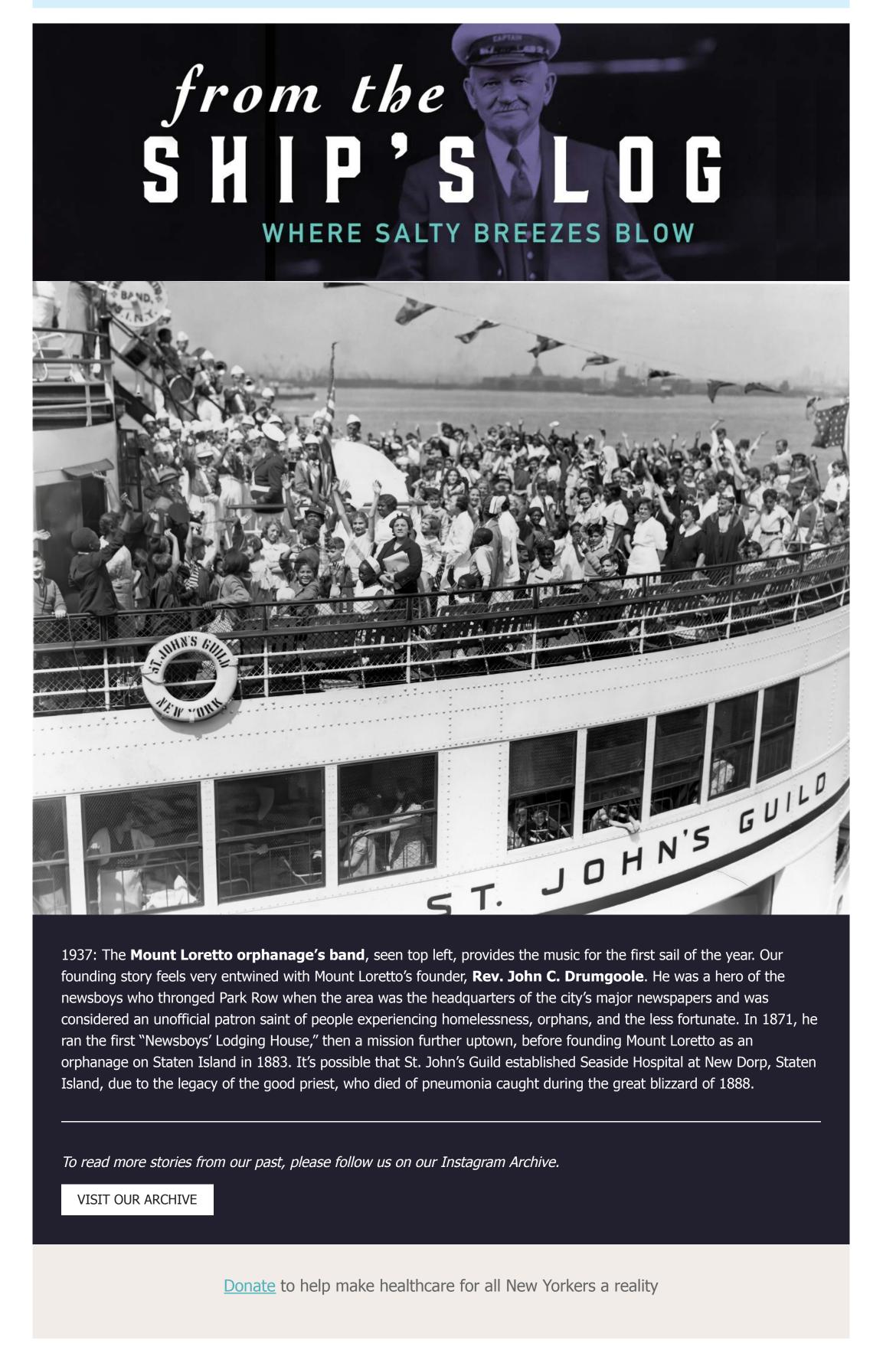
For a second year, The Floating Hospital is a proud sponsor of the **Queens Pride Parade** both as a community member in Queens, and to serve as a reminder that its services are available to everyone in that community.

The annual event takes place on **June 2** from noon to 6pm. The parade route follows 37th Avenue from 89th to 75th Street in Jackson Heights. The destination is a multicultural festival with vendors and performances at 37th Road and 75th Street, where the hospital will have a booth with information on its programs. <u>More</u>

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On April 24, The Floating Hospital joined in the worldwide observation of Denim Day, an annual event to raise awareness about sexual violence. It was a day for staff members to show their support of victims and to bring awareness to the myths surrounding these attacks by wearing denim and messages of support. <u>More</u>







Thank you from all of us at The Floating Hospital

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