

# On the Prom

Winter Edition

Promenade Towers Quarterly

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## Project Celebration



Jim Zafirson accepts award presented by Bruce Hopkins

Promenade Towers residents gathered in the front lobby on December 9, not just to share some holiday cheer, but to celebrate our successful construction project. Association President Jim Zafirson said, “We are at that time when we can say we made it through and we accomplished everything we wanted to accomplish.” Jim thanked the residents for their cooperation, for pulling together to get the job done and said, “The contractors who worked here were impressed with the people who live in the building.”

Past President Bruce Hopkins praised Jim for his inspired vision as Project Manager. Bruce said, “As we began to investigate fixing 30 years of leaks and water damage inside and outside the exterior walls, we rapidly discovered how complicated this was going to be. While Jim had his own growing business to run, the building became a full-time job for him for nearly two years.” On behalf of the Association, Bruce presented Jim with a gift certificate for dinner at Fore Street and a plaque recognizing his outstanding leadership. He said to Jim, “We hope that in the years to come you will look at it with pride and think back to the adventure we have shared.”

John Rastl who wrote construction update reports throughout the project said, “We couldn’t have done it without Jim.” Len Ney agreed and said,

“Our building and grounds now look better than when the building first opened in the seventies.”

Residents attending the celebration toasted the project and visited by the fireplace in our comfortable lobby. Bruce Shaw commented, “It’s nice meeting everyone in a setting other than at a Board meeting. I enjoyed getting to know our neighbors.” Carolyn Cilley said, “I’m very impressed with the energy of the people who made this project a reality. It’s amazing to me.”

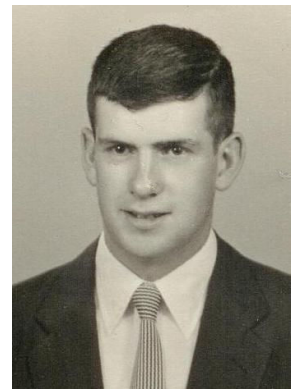
Thank you to everyone who contributed to our holiday party—the volunteers who brought the wonderful food, those who stayed and made short work of cleanup and everyone who came to the celebration, making it the best turnout ever. Your support is appreciated.

## Movies, Books and Games

Here are some things to do on a snowy day or night when you don’t want to leave the building. Pick up a book or magazine from our condo library to read in your unit or by the fire in the front lobby. Also in the lobby, you can open up the game table and play checkers, chess or backgammon with a friend. While in the library, take a look at the new additions to our DVD collection including *Fargo*, *Charlie’s Angels*, the remake of *The Pink Panther* with Steve Martin and *The Cheap Detective* starring Peter Falk.

## Know Your Neighbors Contest

Congratulations to Cynthia Widdows who won the prize when her name was drawn from the group who guessed the person shown in last edition’s contest. Cynthia, along with Margie Thomsen, Einar Juhlin, Gunnel Hansen, Pauli Daniels, Tom Erskine, Bonnie Adams and Marion Hopkins, guessed that the neighbor in the photo was Len Ney. Here’s another photo from the past.



Email or call your guess to Judith Rastl ([jrastl@earthlink.net](mailto:jrastl@earthlink.net) or 775-1190).

## Quarterly Profile



**Kimberly and Peter Doyon - #114**

It was a sunny Thursday morning when the yacht captain called the groom to say he was worried about the weather on Friday, the day of the outdoor wedding on Peaks Island. Fifty mile per hour winds were forecast. Arrangements for the wedding included use of the yacht belonging to the groom's boss for the rehearsal dinner on Thursday and the wedding night on Friday. After a moment of panic, the bride and groom, Kimberly Lunner and Peter Doyon, said, "Let's just get married today," and started phoning their guests to ask if they could come a day early. Never mind the rehearsal; the wedding would be that afternoon.

Peter said, "Only in Maine could you pull this off. Everyone helped to make it happen." In a few hours they rescheduled the musicians, the photographer, the flowers, even the trolley to transport guests from the ferry to the wedding. The reception at The Inn on Peaks Island couldn't be changed and would still be held on Friday night.

It's not surprising that Kimberly and Peter were able to reorganize their wedding on such short notice. She is the Manager of Life Enrichment Services at The Cedars, a nursing care center in Portland. Her job is to coordinate all the daily activities, arrange outings to the symphony, local restaurants and more. She also organizes spiritual programs and recruits volunteers for the facility.

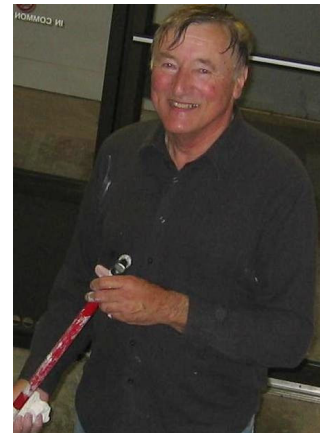
Peter is the Network Administrator for Auto Europe, a worldwide car rental broker. He designs, builds and maintains the computer infrastructure that supports the company around the world. His work takes him to London, Paris, Munich and other European cities.

Peter and Kimberly met at USM fourteen years ago. Seven years ago when Peter decided he needed "to grow up and buy a place," they moved into Promenade Towers. They both love the location. "It's the best setting you can get in town," said Peter. In the summer he walks to work on Commercial Street and Kimberly's co-ed softball team plays right across the street from our building. "We have the Eastern Prom in our front yard," she said.

When asked what they like about Portland, Peter said, "It's a small city, but it has lots of character. There's so much to do." Kimberly likes the waterfront, the cobblestone streets and the restaurants and says, "We can walk to our favorite restaurant, The Front Room." She also enjoys taking the ferries to the islands. Maybe that's one of the reasons they chose Peaks Island for their September wedding which Kimberly described as "the most magical two days of my life."

## Stairwell Painting Project

With the exception of the area from the kitchen to ground, which needs sheetrock repair, and the stairwell walls between the upper floors, all the stairwells, landings and doors have been painted and new numbers have been applied to all levels. A quote to have the stairwells painted came in at over \$50,000. This work was done for less than \$1,200 thanks to residents who volunteered their time. Congratulations to all the painters: Bonnie Adams; Don Chalmers (in photo); Da Chang; Nils Ferm; Fred Hill; Einar Juhlin; Len Ney; Derek Strout; John Rastl and Steve Thomsen.



If you want to volunteer for the painting party when it continues in the spring, contact John Rastl.

## Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Joel & Ann Ray (232); Susan Damico (223); Jessica Howard & Adam Carlow (213); Dick Dunn (113); and Eric Lewis (254).