

# On the Prom

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## Promenade Towers Management Team



Pauli Daniels – Office Administrator

Rick Lank, our Association's Maintenance Superintendent is camera-shy. When he sees a camera, he says, "Whoa, I'm outta here!" That's why this article doesn't include a picture of him along with the one above of Pauli Daniels.

As Office Administrator, Pauli is the face of the Association to people inside and outside Promenade Towers. When someone calls, she takes whatever action is needed. She also keeps Association records, does the bookkeeping and so much more. Both she and Rick get calls to handle emergencies during the day and night.

Rick is responsible for the maintenance and repair of our building. You may see him clearing the steps and parking areas during a snowstorm and cleaning the pool in the summer. What you don't see is Rick working behind the scenes in the generator room, stairwells and other common areas.

Describing Rick, owners Leonard and Belinda Ney say, "We are fortunate to have such a talented, MacGyver-like individual associated with Promenade Towers. Rick Lank has demonstrated an unusual capacity to make do with little to achieve the goal. He is truly an unsung hero in the success of our recent condo construction and renovation project. We all owe Rick a great amount of respect and gratitude for his ongoing work."

Both Rick and Pauli have many fans. Nan Dewing praises Pauli, saying, "She is a cornerstone that gives vitality to our home. Her offerings of spirit,

endurance and resilience are to be recognized. Wrap this package with her smile, enthusiasm and a never-ending helping hand." Promenade Towers is fortunate to have Pauli and Rick, our talented on-site management team.

## East End School Wind Turbine Proposal

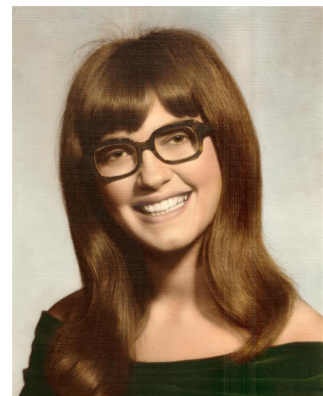
In a January letter to owners and residents, the Board of Directors expressed its concerns over the health and safety aspects of a proposed 250-foot wind turbine at East End Community School. Our concerns about a wind turbine near homes and a school were also expressed at a City Planning Board meeting where the school requested a zoning change that would allow the installation of a temporary 100-foot tower. The tower with an anemometer to record wind speed would be a step toward installing a wind turbine on the site. After our opposition was reported in local news stories, the school tabled its request to the Planning Board until it has had time to meet with area residents.

Doug Sherwood, Facilities Director at Portland Public Schools, spoke at our March board meeting in support of the temporary tower and said it would be an educational opportunity for the students. He acknowledged our health and safety concerns and said he wants to work with us and hold a full neighborhood meeting before taking the next step. Board members continue to monitor this issue and invite you to contact them if you have any comments or questions.

## Know Your Neighbors Contest

Does the girl in this picture look familiar to you? If you think you know who she is, send or call your

guess to Judith Rastl ([jrastl@earthlink.net](mailto:jrastl@earthlink.net) or 775-1190). There were several guesses in last edition's contest, but only Margie Thomsen and Gunnel Hansen recognized Tom Erskine in the photo. Gunnel won the prize drawing.



## Quarterly Profile



**Manjula VK - #127**

Manjula VK said that when she moved into Promenade Towers, she fell in love with the place. “It was not like when I lived in other apartments,” she said. “It was like I was coming home.”

Manjula, a software consultant, was born in India and first came to the United States in 2005 when the U.S. company she worked for in India sent her to Hartford, Connecticut. At the end of a two-month project, she went back to India for a short time before returning to Hartford on another project. In 2006 she took a job with a different company and relocated to Portland.

“I love my job,” said Manjula. A recent promotion has added to her responsibilities, and depending on the project, she sometimes works twelve-hour days, six days a week. She still finds time, though, for other interests and spending time with friends. She enjoys dancing and performed in the popular *Holiday Burlesque* at St. Lawrence Center. All six performances of the December show were sold out. More recently she danced in *Reawakened*, also at St. Lawrence Center.

Besides dancing, Manjula likes to travel and learn languages. She is currently studying Spanish and French and is planning a trip to Paris in the fall. Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, D.C. and Las Vegas are some of the cities she’s visited in the short time since moving to the U.S., and she expects to visit San Francisco and Seattle soon. She enjoys taking day trips in Maine, especially in

the summer, and says, “Bar Harbor is one of my favorite places any time of the year.”

Manjula thinks Portland is amazing and says, “I like the ocean, the islands, the arts and culture. There’s always something to do.” She likes Portland’s restaurants and often dines out with friends. She emphasizes that she does not cook, but that didn’t stop her from volunteering food for the Association’s holiday party; she picked up some appetizers on her way home from work that night. Not long after moving in, Manjula also volunteered to be on our library committee.

Asked what she likes about living at Promenade Towers, she said, “The people, definitely,” then added, “and the view is so beautiful. When I first came here, I knew this is the only place in Portland I wanted to live.”

## Stairwell Painting Project Continues

Now that spring is here, the stairwell painting project will resume. Last fall a group of residents who volunteered their time and energy saved the Association thousands of dollars while improving our building. If you would like to volunteer to join the next painting party, please contact John Rastl.

## Board of Directors Meetings

All owners and residents are welcome to attend the monthly Board of Directors meetings which are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. These meetings are on the **third Thursday of the month** with two exceptions. One is in September which is the month of the Annual Association Meeting. The other is when the November/December meetings are combined due to holiday activities. Meeting notices are posted on the bulletin board.

## Automatic Payments Are Encouraged

Have you ever been so busy with work or other responsibilities that you forgot about your monthly Association fee? By setting up automatic payments with your bank for your check to arrive in the office before close of business on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, you will never have to remember to pay your fee and never be assessed a late fee. Many owners take advantage of this service that is offered free by most banks.

## Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Dara Ching & Matthew Fannin (222); and Alexis Versace (244).