

# On the Prom

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Promenade Towers Quarterly

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## Meet Your Board of Directors



At the Association's Annual Meeting on September 9, 2009, President Jim Zafirson (at left) was reelected to the Board of Directors, and Mike Lincourt and Karen Winslow were elected to fill two open seats.

These two seats were vacant because Cynthia Widdows chose not to run for reelection, and Stewart Peller recently resigned because of schedule conflicts between Board meetings and meetings related to his expanding business. Stu, who served many years on the Board, and Cynthia, who joined the Board in 2005, were applauded at the Annual Meeting. They both are especially appreciated for all the hours they spent at many extra meetings during the construction and renovation project.

Other Board members include Treasurer and Acting Secretary John Rastl; Past-President Bruce Hopkins; Margie Thomsen and Len Ney. Len joined the Board in 2008. Before retiring in 2006, he worked 40 years as an educator, the last 28 as Superintendent of Schools. He also served as president of the Maine School Superintendents Association and adjunct instructor at the University of Maine Graduate School of Educational Leadership.

Margie Thomsen joined the Board in 2007 and was elected Secretary that year. Prior to moving to Promenade Towers, Margie lived in Hampden, Massachusetts, where she worked in the public library. Before that she was a teacher and then worked 9½ years at Shriners Hospital for Children.

Bruce Hopkins was first elected to the Board in 1996. He has served both as President and Treasurer during his years on the Board. Before retiring, Bruce was a turnaround manager for a Fortune 500 company and then owned his own company for 10 years. Since 2003, he has been a massage therapist specializing in working with cancer patients. He founded the Mercy Hospital

Oncology Massage Program and is Founder/Director/Webmaster of the Society for Oncology Massage. Bruce is also webmaster for Promenade Towers ([www.promenade-towers.org](http://www.promenade-towers.org)).

John Rastl, a former Air Force fighter pilot, moved here from Arizona in 2004 when he retired from his second career as Director of Test and Evaluation for the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. John joined the Board and was elected Secretary in 2005; then Treasurer in 2007.

Though Karen Winslow, who has a background in management and marketing, is beginning a new term, she was first elected in 2002. She served as Treasurer until her resignation in 2007 when she moved to Texas. We're glad to have Karen back in Promenade Towers and back on the Board.

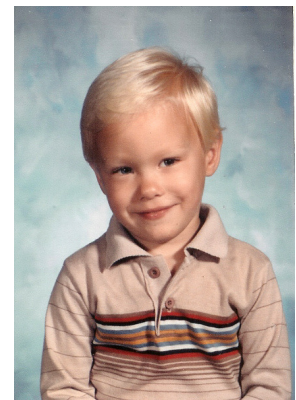
New Director Mike Lincourt has lived here since 2003. He is a physician and commutes daily to Sanford where he works in private practice in internal medicine. Mike is also on the staff at Goodall Hospital in Sanford.

Jim Zafirson was elected to the Board in 2003. He grew up in Saco and played football at Bentley College. Jim currently splits time between Portland and Boston where he has worked in the marketing field for over ten years.

Next time you see any of these Directors, let them know that you appreciate the work they do for the Association. They volunteer their time and talent and help make our home the envy of many in Portland.

## Know Your Neighbors Contest

That cute kid in the photo in last edition's contest was Steve Thomsen. Only three people recognized Steve. They were Einar Juhlin, Bonnie Adams and Len Ney. A drawing was held and the prize went to Len. Here's another cute kid in a photo from the past. Email or call your guess to Judith Rastl ([jrastl@earthlink.net](mailto:jrastl@earthlink.net) or 775-1190).



## Quarterly Profile



**Brad and Tanner Herget - #228**

Brad Herget started his first business when he was in high school in North Conway, New Hampshire. “It was a DJ business,” said Brad. “I started it and got it rolling and then I sold it to Tanner for \$1,200. He made it four times more profitable than I did.” His 27 year-old brother, Tanner, is the owner of 51 Wharf, a Portland restaurant and night club with great food and entertainment. Tanner said they have closed the restaurant for the fall and winter, but the night club remains open. Next spring and summer they’ll go back to serving lunch and dinner with expanded hours. Visit their web site at [www.51wharf.com](http://www.51wharf.com) for an inside view and see why this spot is so popular with both tourists and locals.

Tanner said he originally started 51 Wharf as a tapas and high-end martini place where people could stop in for drinks and appetizers or dessert. “The place gradually changed with late night entertainment,” he said. In the summer of 2007 Brad, who had been working at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Hawaii, joined him and they put a lot of money into lights and the sound system. Tanner said, “We have done two major renovations and one expansion. We do most of the work ourselves.” Brad, 30, said his brother thinks of things from the business side. “I have ideas,” he said, “and Tanner makes it work financially.”

Tanner said he learned about business from his father who owns a company that supplies lumber to contractors. “My dad always said cash flow is what matters.” Besides working part of the time in the restaurant, Tanner teaches Introduction to Business at the University of New Hampshire. He splits his time between Portland and Dover where

he owns a house and spends time with his son, Tavin, who was born in July.

Brad, who says he always worked in restaurants while in high school and college, majored in aeronautical science at Embry-Riddle in Florida and is a licensed pilot. He lived in Florida, then Hawaii before moving to Portland and now manages 51 Wharf.

Tanner and Brad enjoy travel when they can find the time and said their family traveled quite a bit while they were growing up. “Our parents have been married 40 years,” said Tanner. “They took us to 49 states and a couple of times to Europe.”

Both brothers enjoy living in Portland. Tanner compares Portland to San Francisco with all the incredible restaurants. “There’s always a place to go,” he said. “Florida and Hawaii are great,” said Brad, “but here we have the seasons.”

Tanner says he likes living at Promenade Towers away from the party atmosphere at work and adds, “I like the security here. I love the water views and the deck.” He agrees with Brad who says, “This is one of the best spots in Portland. The community we have here is amazing.”

## Library Renovations

Promenade Towers residents are excited about the condo library renovations—new carpeting and paint colors and additional bookcases. The library looks more spacious and now has a non-fiction section. There’s also more shelf space for fiction, including a stack of bestsellers recently donated by new resident Jeff Sherman.

Your book and movie donations help make our library an amenity that brings compliments from visitors and realtors. The library currently needs more DVD donations to add to our movie collection. We’re also in need of a computer to go along with a recently donated monitor. If you’re buying a new computer and want to donate your old one, high-speed Internet access in the library will be another amenity we can offer to residents at Promenade Towers.

## Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Jeff Sherman (116); Alex Koocher (126); and Durand & Renee Wagner (144)