

# On the Prom

Winter Edition

Promenade Towers Quarterly

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## Hanging of the Wreaths



Nan, John, Sheila and Dave Hang the Wreaths

It's become an annual tradition. The week after Thanksgiving Nan Dewing, Bill Fulton and John and Judith Rastl hang Christmas wreaths in the big windows in the Front Lobby. This year Bill didn't make it back from the Bahamas in time, but Dave and Sheila Mathieu stepped in to help (this year and all the years to come).

After the bows are on and the wreaths are up, the second phase of the tradition is to enjoy wine by the fire and solicit compliments on the decorations from residents who come in the front door. The lobby decorations and lights around the pool brightened the holidays at Promenade Towers.

## Annual Holiday Party Held on December 13



Neila and Tom ham it up at our Holiday Party

Arla Amara moved into Promenade Towers on the day of our annual Holiday Party and dropped by to meet some of her new neighbors. "I've been here two hours," said Arla, "and I've never felt such a wonderful sense of community." Resident Nick

Harding echoed Arla's sentiments. Nick said, "Everybody is so great. It's a little community in itself."

The Social Committee—Tom Leonhardt, Neila Smith Rockwood, Sarah Burke, Pauli Daniels, Carol Patterson, and Dave and Sheila Mathieu—organized another successful party. "Everyone seemed to have a great time," said Tom.

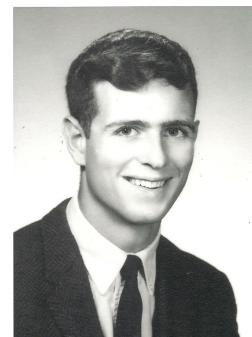


Nils Ferm, Pauli Daniels and Cole Nadeau

Neila said, "I want to thank everyone who brought such delicious food to our party." Promenade Towers residents enjoyed the food and drinks and the chance to visit with their neighbors. Arla said, "I'm really excited to be here and get to know people."

## Know Your Neighbors Contest

Neila Smith Rockwood won the prize drawing in last edition's contest. Neila guessed that the young sailor in the photo was Einar Juhlin. The only others who recognized Dr. Juhlin were Len Ney and Cynthia Widdows. Take a good look at the familiar face in the photo on the right and you're sure to guess who this is. Call or email your guess to Judith Rastl (775-1190 or [jrastl@earthlink.net](mailto:jrastl@earthlink.net)).



## Quarterly Profile



**Pauli Daniels - #132**

Louis Armstrong played at the Bangor State Armory in 1953. “That was a highlight during my dancing days,” said Pauli Daniels who danced next to the stage that night. She and her friends loved to dance, and they would often take the train from Waterville to Old Orchard Beach where they would dance on the Pier to Big Band music. “I would make a new dress every week to go dancing,” said Pauli, “and I’d wear white high heels and dance all night.” Sometimes she and her friends would spend the night at the Brunswick Hotel where the four girls would share a room. Pauli said, “It would cost us \$2.50 each,” and added, “They weren’t fancy rooms.”

After graduating from high school, Pauli worked in Waterville for the telephone company. Like many of you, Pauli Daniels has a smart phone that allows her to take pictures, listen to music, text messages and browse the web, as well as make phone calls. Unlike Pauli, though, unless it was in a movie, most of you have probably never heard a telephone operator say, “Number please.” Pauli said she worked at a switchboard for the phone company. “I was one of those *Number please* operators,” she said. Through the years she worked in retail and in offices for various companies, but she worked off and on for the phone company for 29 years.

Pauli has four children and four grandchildren. After her children were grown, she decided she was ready for a change. She sold the condo she owned in Waterville and found a winter rental beach house in Saco. She spent that winter shopping for a new home in the Portland area, and in April of 2001 she found her condo in our

building. She said, “The minute I looked out the window and saw the view, I knew this was it. I always wanted to live near the water, and it’s so great to go out the door and be on the Prom.” She also appreciates the security and says that is one thing that convinced her to buy in this building.

There are many things Pauli likes about living in Portland. She likes getting on a ferry to Peaks Island or Great Diamond. She loves the theatre and the symphony and is on the Executive Board of the Maine State Music Theatre. She’s also a volunteer for Portland Stage Company and for Portland Players.

Here in our neighborhood she’s an active member of Friends of the Eastern Prom and is one of the founders of Hidden Gardens of Munjoy Hill. She was on the Promenade Towers Board of Directors, but had to resign when she accepted the job as our office manager in January of 2002.

Pauli keeps the office running smoothly and handles emergencies day and night. She says, “As an employee and as a resident, I like the people here.” The people here like Pauli, too. We are fortunate to have someone with so much energy and dedication as a friend and neighbor and the face of our Association. She’s just the right person to represent Promenade Towers.

### **What are you waiting for?**

A realtor who recently listed a unit in our building visited our web site and said, “This is great. There’s so much good information.” If you are new to Promenade Towers, you may have heard longtime residents talk about the transformation of our building. On the web site you can find before and after photos, as well as newsletters going back to 2007 with articles chronicling the construction project and renovations. You can read about the history of the building and view unit floor plans and pictures of our property and our neighborhood.

Like that realtor said, there is so much good information. Go to [www.promenade-towers.org](http://www.promenade-towers.org) and see for yourself. What are you waiting for?

### **Hello to New Neighbors**

Welcome to new residents: Peter & Judy Foster; Larry & Barbara Morse; and Bob McCue & Arla Amara