

# On the Prom

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## Reaching Out to Our Neighbors



Louise Little and Will Gorham Collecting Redeemables

When Will Gorham moved to our building in 2009, he suggested that our Association get involved in the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization's fuel assistance program. MHNO works with Breggy Oil, a company that identifies people who need help with their heating bills.

Promenade Towers residents know they're helping the environment when they bring their redeemable bottles and cans down to the trash closet by the service entrance. They may not know that they're also helping low-income families in our neighborhood with their heating bills. Louise Little, a volunteer from MHNO, and Will Gorham collect our redeemables and put them in the green CLYNK bags. Will said, "We collect about fifteen to twenty bags every two weeks. We load them in my truck and take them to Hannaford's where we average \$5.00 to \$6.00 per bag."

The bags can only contain **redeemable** bottles and cans. CLYNK is not a program that collects and recycles cardboard, paper, food cans and glass containers that are not redeemable. Will and Louise sort through our donations and discard items that they sometimes find mixed in with the redeemables.

Will says that he and Louise are grateful to Promenade Towers residents who are reaching out and helping those in need on Munjoy Hill. He said, "Since we started here, we've raised between \$4,000 and \$5,000 for the program."

## Friends of the Eastern Promenade Event

The park across the street, the walking trails, the views of Casco Bay—what's not to like about living on the Eastern Promenade? On March 1 members of Friends of the Eastern Promenade visited Promenade Towers. FoEP, as noted on their website [www.friendsofeasternpromenade.org](http://www.friendsofeasternpromenade.org), is a nonprofit organization. Our residents had the opportunity to learn about FoEP's goals and numerous projects including the Hidden Gardens Tour that many of you actively support and the current Fort Allen Park Restoration Project.

FoEP Board President Diane Davison gave a presentation on upcoming events and the restoration project. "We're really excited to be sponsoring this program," said Diane.

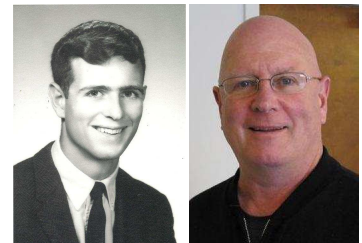


Diane Davison presents organization's goals

You can learn more about FoEP and how to become a member by visiting their website.

## The Final Know Your Neighbors Contest

Here's Joe Coyne then and now. Tom Leonhardt and Sheila Mathieu were the only readers who recognized Joe in last edition's contest.



Sheila won the prize drawing in what will be the final Know Your Neighbors contest. Many of you told us how much you liked all the color photos in the last newsletter. Now that we're printing in color, we're retiring this feature to make space for more photos.

## Quarterly Profile



**Barry Glew & Bernie Mancini #211**

One morning while Bernie Mancini was riding to work on the METRO bus, the driver overheard her telling a friend about a disappointing blind date. The bus driver, Barry Glew, thought to himself, "I can do better than that." In time, he did.

Bernie worked at a law firm where she did taxes and one day offered to do Barry's income taxes. She refused to let him pay, so he said, "Then let me take you to dinner." Next month will be the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that first dinner date.

Barry, who grew up in Cape Elizabeth, just retired after twenty-five years driving for METRO. Bernie, whose father was a District Fire Chief in Portland, grew up on the West End.

Bernie has worked in law firms since she was fifteen years old. "I worked after school," she said. "They called me a secretarial aide." Now she works for a law firm in downtown Portland where she is the Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable Manager. She has worked for this firm for twenty years. "The work is really intense," she says, "but I love the people there. They're like family."

After dating over five years, Barry and Bernie, who both owned homes, decided to buy a summer home together. The condo they found on Brandy Pond in Naples, Maine became more than a summer place, though. They liked it so much, they sold their other homes and started commuting to work in Portland. The one-hour commute proved to be a challenge. Bernie has a nine-to-five job and Barry worked 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. He had

time to kill in the morning before going to work, and Bernie had to wait for him to get off work at night before their drive back to Naples. Can you believe they did this for five years?

In 2007 they decided it was time to buy a home in Portland. They still have the summer place in Naples, but also now own a condo at Promenade Towers. The covered poolside deck is one feature Bernie enjoys about their unit, and that it is one of only four that has direct access to garage parking.

After they completed renovations on their beautiful condo, Bernie volunteered to work on our Decorating Committee during the renovations of the front lobby and other common areas. Barry helps the Association in many ways, volunteering his time when he sees something that needs to be done including helping maintain our pool.

Both Barry and Bernie like the amenities here. "I use the fitness room three or four times a week," said Bernie. Barry likes our website and says, "It's excellent." He also compliments the Board and Pauli and says, "Pauli is such a go-getter," and adds, "Thanks to the Board we feel financially secure. The Association is so well-run."

Barry says they go out to dinner at least twice a week, so in May on the anniversary of that first dinner date, you can guess how they'll celebrate. "We'll go out to dinner at our favorite restaurant," said Bernie. We wish them a happy anniversary!

### Valentine's Day in the Front Lobby

Valentine's Day was a good excuse for a party in the lobby for Promenade Towers residents.



**Mark Rockwood & Carol Patterson at the Party**

### Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Vic & Lu Laprade; Rene Johnson; Charles Rose & Alex Borynack