

On the Prom

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Good-bye Winter – Hello Spring



View from Promenade Towers on a Snowy Day

Doesn't the snow in the picture above look pretty? Not much fun, though, was it? The snow, the ice, the wind, the sub-zero temperatures!

It's been a difficult winter, but look on the bright side; it's almost over. Joe will bring out the pool furniture in May. Let's start daydreaming about lounging by the pool, grilling out back and playing croquet on the lawn. Picture green grass instead of that white stuff!

Check Out Our Website

Would you believe there are people living at Promenade Towers who have never visited our website? They don't know what they're missing. They can go to www.promenade-towers.org and visit the *Property* page where they'll find floor plans, ideas for renovations and diagrams showing how units are stacked. Here's a test: Does the door next to yours belong to the unit next to yours or the one above or below you? Go to the site and have an "ah-ha" moment.

But wait! There's more! The *Neighborhood* page has links to places on Munjoy Hill and downtown Portland including restaurants and art galleries. Among others, there are links to the Portland Public Library, Metro Bus and the parks and trails.

On the *Residents Only* page are minutes of Board meetings, the Association's budget, phone lists, past newsletters and more. Go check us out.

Meet Our New Property Manager



Karen Goodwin, R & E Associates

"Promenade Towers is a very well-run association," said Karen Goodwin, our new property manager. Karen works for R & E Associates, Inc., the company that has been managing our property since the first of the year. Have you met Karen? She says, "I meet new residents when they come in for orientation and I've met others who have stopped by the office and at the monthly Board meetings." Besides attending the Board meetings, Karen is on-site in our office on Monday mornings from 8:30 to 12:30 and on Friday afternoons from 12:00 to 4:00.

R & E's office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00-5:00 and Friday 9:00-4:00. If you have any questions or concerns, you may email Karen at kgoodwin@r-eassociates.com or you can call **985-9740**. After hours you can leave a message at that number. If your call is an emergency, you will be directed to an emergency number. For non-urgent matters Karen prefers email and says she has gotten positive feedback from residents who have emailed her.

Residents Celebrate in Community Room

Ajay & Deepika Mothukuri held a party recently in the Community Room for their daughter, Akshadha. Shown in the above photo are Jenika and Aria Patel, Komala Ramesh and Deepika with Akshadha.



Quarterly Profile



Carol Patterson #242

Carol Patterson has traveled to Paris and London. She visits friends in Florida and in Santa Fe and San Francisco. One trip that stands out in her memories, though, was a road trip years ago from Ohio to Seattle with her husband, John, and their two children. “It was the first time we drove across country,” said Carol. “John drove a U-Haul and I drove a Volkswagen Bug. We had a kid in each vehicle. We loved seeing our great big beautiful country.”

Carol and John met in Cambridge when he was a student at Harvard. They got married in Cambridge, and their daughter, Christina, was born there. After John graduated, his work as an architect took them to Springfield, Ohio. Carol said, “Our son, Benjamin, was born in Springfield in the same hospital where I was born.”

John and Carol also lived in Seattle and in San Francisco where they owned a condo. Carol said John died 18 years ago when they were in San Francisco. “We were married over 33 years,” she said. “It was always a great friendship.”

Carol says she doesn’t travel as much as she used to. When asked about her hobbies and other interests, she said her hobby is her volunteer work. Until it closed in December, she volunteered at a shop at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke. She co-managed the shop for seven years. Here at Promenade Towers she has served on the social committee for almost three years.

The Portland Museum of Art is another place where Carol volunteers. She has been a docent at the museum for nine years and says, “I give tours

and gallery talks, and I’m a Winslow Homer Studio Guide. I love it! There’s always something new to learn, and I work with such a nice group of people.”

Carol is a big fan of our city. Besides the Art Museum, she enjoys the symphony and the excellent restaurants. She says she hesitated to move here, though, because of the winter weather. When she left San Francisco, she moved to Cape Cod. She said, “I had the idea that the winters would be mild. My second winter there we had a tremendous amount of snow, and I thought if I can handle this I can handle Portland.”

In 2010 Carol bought her Promenade Towers condo. Her beautifully decorated unit has new flooring, and the kitchen and both bathrooms have been renovated. She likes our location and says, “The building is very well-managed and has wonderful people.” Another of her comments is one you have often heard: “I love the views!”

Group Enjoys a Night Out



Here’s Mike McDade, Mark Rockwood, Tom Leonhardt and Bruce Hopkins at Bowling Night.

They were among a group of Promenade Towers residents enjoying food, drinks and bowling at one of the activities arranged by our social committee. The committee sends announcements about group events to those who have signed up to receive the emails. To be added to the list, email tammymcdade@me.com.



Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new residents: Margaret Mayers-Israel; Sassia Nelson; Kelly Scanlan; Megan Ladd; Amy Baugh; and Andrea & Gregg Turley