

On the Prom

Winter Edition

Promenade Towers Quarterly

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Residents Enjoy the Holiday Season



Volunteer Bartenders Dave Mathieu and Tom Leonhardt

On December 8 the Front Lobby at Promenade Towers was filled with residents for the annual Holiday Party. Some of our new residents, including Dick and Carol Joyal, spent the evening getting to know their neighbors. “We love it here,” said Carol. That’s Dick and Carol along with Louise Backer and Nick Ciciretti in the photo below.



Each year we celebrate the season with fine food and drinks and enjoy excellent service by our regular volunteer bartenders Dave Mathieu and Tom Leonhardt.

“This party is so nice,” said Elena Molokova. Vladimir Koulchin and Elena, who have lived at Promenade Towers for nineteen years, appreciate our strong sense of community. Along with other residents, they recognize the combined efforts of the Social Committee members Neila Smith, Dave and Sheila Mathieu, Megan Ladd, Howard Lowell

and Mark Rockwood for bringing us together for this party and the annual Lawn Party in July.



Vladimir Koulchin and Elena Molokova with John Rastl



In the photo above is unit owner Sunnam Allende in front of one of the wreaths in the lobby windows. The holiday decorations, an evening with friends by the fireplace—another great party!

The Elevator Modernization Project Begins

Something we’ve all been looking forward to, the modernization of our elevators, begins this month. Only one elevator will be available during the project which will last up to four months. In order to provide for residents’ need to get to and from their units, it’s important that we all follow the elevator use rules that are included in the updated Rules and Regulations that went out in December. Since unit owners may be fined for violations by their tenants, guests, contractors, etc., owners must ensure that they also follow these rules.

When this project is complete, our elevators will have modernized electronics, new motors and new controls. Promenade Towers keeps getting better.

Quarterly Profile



Kathleen Kerr #133

In 1992 Kathleen Kerr and her dad backpacked through Europe. “That was really super, going from country to country,” said Kathleen. “It was an awesome trip.”

Since that trip with her dad, Kathleen has traveled to many countries. She was in Haiti in 2003 building houses with Partners in Development. In 2005 she spent two weeks in Tanzania for HIV/AIDS awareness training. If you’d like to read about the nonprofit she and a friend created to support Tanzanians in the fight against HIV/AIDS, visit the website: pointofprevention.org.

In 2012, through the Harpswell Foundation, Kathleen and a friend traveled to Cambodia and spent nine weeks as volunteer residents in dormitories for Cambodian women. The Foundation built two dormitories, providing housing for women from rural areas, women who would otherwise be unable to attend university. “Now they house almost 100 girls,” said Kathleen.

Kathleen helps people both through her volunteer work and her business. “I’m a career and professional development leadership coach and have my own practice, KMK Coaching,” said Kathleen. “I also have a contract with the Maine Department of Labor.”

Prior to starting her business five years ago, Kathleen had twenty-five years of experience in information technology management. In 1996 she worked at the White House as an information technology analyst. Later she worked as a contractor at the U.S. Coast Guard and for eleven and a half years at Martin’s Point Health Care as Director of IT Operations.

Of all of the places Kathleen has traveled and worked, her favorite place is Maine. Asked what she likes about living in Portland, Kathleen said, “Oh, I like the music, the culture, the food. It’s a walkable city; it’s easy to get around.”

Two years ago Kathleen sold the house she owned in Portland and bought her condo here. After months of renovations, she and her daughter, Maddie, moved in. The beautiful renovations were all done by her partner of five years, Steve Reny. Steve, who has renovated other units in our building, also did our pool house and the kitchen in the Community Room.

There are many things Kathleen and thirteen-year-old Maddie like about Promenade Towers. Kathleen uses the fitness room and says Maddie loves the pool. They like the security of living here, too. Kathleen said, “Maddie also likes being able to cat-sit for other people in the building.” What else do they like? What’s that answer we’ve heard many times before? Oh, yes, the view and the people!

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Welcome to Promenade Towers in Portland, Maine

Do you have a question about the Association’s budget or about Time Warner Cable services here? Would you like to find out how to reserve the Community Room for a family party? The answers are on our website along with Board and Annual meeting minutes, unit floor plans, renovation photos, office hours, property manager contact information and more.

Our website had a makeover this year. Check out our new look and all the available information at promenade-towers.org.

Hello to New Neighbors

Welcome to new resident: Laurie Raba