

Mission

It is the mission of Seventy-Five State Street to promote the independence, dignity and individuality of older people of all financial abilities by offering stimulating and supportive programs and services in a gracious urban residential setting.

Seventy-Five State Street offers independent and assisted living opportunities in the heart of Portland's historic West End. Established in 1854, it is one of the oldest not-for-profit charitable institutions in the city.

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The Spirit of 75

A Dedicated Board of Trustees

All members of the Seventy-Five State Street **Board of Trustees** are generous volunteers who work diligently to support our mission of housing and services to the elderly of all financial abilities. Trustees are recruited by a nominating committee and serve up to two, three year terms.

Peter Bass was elected and welcomed to the Board of Trustees in January. He joins the following Trustees who will continue their service: Elizabeth Boynton, Edward Donohue, Frank Fowles, Elwood Foye, Benjamin Geci, Jane Hubbell, Janet Ingalls, Hall Thompson and Ron Thurston.



2010 Officers of the Board of Trustees
(l-r) Hall Thompson, Chair • Ben Geci, Treasurer
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Newly Elected Trustee
Peter Bass

Peter Bass was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He resides with his wife in Gorham, Maine, and has two college age children. Peter is a musician (guitar and banjo) and an avid bicyclist. He was the founder and owner of Buckdancer's Choice Music Company from 1976 to 1986. He owned and operated Vega Property Services Home Inspections from 1989 to 2000. He has been a real estate developer since 1986. We are very pleased to welcome Peter to the Board of Trustees.

Changing of the Guard

In January, Edith McCormick turned over the gavel to the new Chair of the Board of Managers, Jane Hubbell. During Edith's two years as Chair, she did much to foster a strong sense of commitment and energy amongst the members of the organization. Residents, staff and fellow board members are very grateful to Edith for her diligent leadership and unwavering dedication.

Jane Hubbell first became acquainted with Seventy-Five State Street while visiting her friends who were in residence, Betty and Bill Adams. Two years ago, upon Betty's suggestion, Jane became a member of the Board of Managers. Jane recently accepted the nomination to Chair this volunteer group. Barbara Anderson, a member of the Board of Managers for over 30 years, has kindly offered to assist her as she familiarizes herself with the structure of the organization. We welcome Jane to her new position of leadership. As Chair of the Board of Managers, Jane will also serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.



Edith McCormick & Jane Hubbell

The Board of Managers meets monthly. Members serve in various ways by doing such things as welcoming new residents, planning interesting programs and events for the residents' enjoyment and raising funds by conducting craft fairs and other sales. Their volunteer efforts do much to promote a sense of community and enhance the lives of residents at Seventy-Five State Street. If you are interested in learning more about the work of the Board of Managers and how you might become involved, please contact Jane Hubbell at 655-5354 or janehubbell@maine.rr.com.

Remembrance Service

On January 26th, residents, family members, staff and friends gathered at a Remembrance Service to honor former residents who died during the last six months of 2009. Music, inspirational readings and the sharing of personal stories served to honor the memory of the following who are truly missed at SFSS: **Thelma Dyer, Florence Honquest, Timothy Jensen, Sally Kane, Margaret MacVane, Rita Qualey, Gladys Rikert and Doris Thomas.**

Our sincere appreciation goes out to former Trustee, Rev. Betty Gilmore, whose piano selections added much to the service. These heartwarming and uplifting gatherings are held in January and July each year.



Birthday congratulations to Mae McMillan who was 102 years old on January 20th.



Thank You, Trudy and Debbie! By Tony Forgione

Trudy McNulty and Deborah DiDominicus have served as extremely valuable members of our Board of Trustees for the past six years. Trudy has served on the Marketing Committee and the Resident Life Committee. Her professional background as a tourism CEO and consultant along with her "joie de vie" have brought informed creativity to our discussions. And, not to be forgotten, Trudy has fought a bull in Mexico and was a Rockette at Radio City Music Hall.

Debbie DiDominicus has chaired our Human Resources Committee and served as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. She is a well known licensed social worker who advocates for the elderly as Deputy Director of Southern Maine Agency on Aging. Debbie's passion for helping people who have the greatest need is well known in Augusta and throughout the provider community. We will miss our good friends Trudy and Debbie.

Tony's Fireside Chats

In early January, C.E.O. Tony Forgione held his second SFSS Fireside Chat, a non-mandatory, conversational meeting with employees, which he now schedules every other month. Sixteen employees attended and were encouraged to discuss any concerns they may have. The conversation touched briefly on some bad news, i.e. a proposed 10% cut in MaineCare payments from the state which could result in a \$60,000 reduction in revenue for SFSS. Tony then went on to present several pieces of good news. He stated that revenues are exceeding expenses. He credited high occupancy levels and tight management of expenses by department heads as leading factors. He feels SFSS will "continue to be challenged but is in a different place from a year ago."

Tony next reported on a number of extraordinary gifts and donations which were recently given to SFSS: two vehicles, a bequest, a large monetary gift, memorial and tribute gifts, and individual contributions to the Annual Appeal. Staff, along with the C.E.O., expressed great appreciation for this very generous support.

As the meeting drew to a close, the long-standing issue of limited parking spaces was discussed. A few helpful suggestions were made which will soon be implemented.

Employees are encouraged to attend Tony's Fireside Chats and bring with them any questions or suggestions they would like to put before the group. Meanwhile, Tony's door is always open to residents, staff and family members. Good communication promotes a healthy community.

Staff Appreciation

A scrumptious holiday buffet was prepared by Executive Chef Jonathan Brown and his culinary staff for all employees on December 16th. Following the luncheon, C.E.O. Tony Forgione expressed appreciation for the dedicated service continually demonstrated by our exceptional staff. Special recognition and congratulations were given to the following employees who reached milestones in their length of service. **20 years: Susan Amoroso 10 years: Margo Bedell, Claudia Monsell, Mark Honan, Pamela Wood, Julie Lemieux 5 years: Greg Collins, Linda Melillo, Susan Cook, Lynn LaRochelle, Angela Cardona**

Seventeen employees were recognized for perfect attendance during the past year. It was noted that 38% of current employees have been on staff for five years or longer. This type of commitment greatly enhances the services SFSS provides.



Susan Amoroso & Tony Forgione

A Bequest to Seventy-Five State Street

Seventy-Five State Street has gratefully received a bequest of \$5,000 from the estate of Nancy ("Ping") Drake. Mrs. Drake had been a member of the Board of Managers for many years. She co-chaired the Building Committee, along with Betty Adams, in 1975 when construction began on the present complex. She continued her support in recent years with contributions to the Annual Appeals and sponsorship of a tree for the Tribute Garden.

The trustees, staff and residents of Seventy-Five State Street greatly appreciate Mrs. Drake's dedicated service, her gifts over the years and her generous bequest. The care and concern she showed for others serves to honor her memory in a very special way.

Special Gifts from Special People

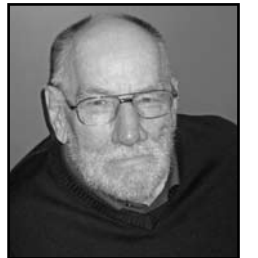
Our immense appreciation goes out to two residents who recently gave impressive gifts to Seventy-Five State Street. **Joe Kocknavate** very generously contributed an unrestricted gift of \$30,000. As this not-for-profit organization deals with the harsh economic climate, there could not have been a better time to receive such an extraordinary gift.



Frank Fowles

Frank Fowles, a resident and a member of the Board of Trustees, knew of the great need to upgrade our fleet of vehicles for the residents' transportation program. He decided to offer to SFSS his Volvo station wagon, which is a used vehicle in excellent condition. It will be very helpful for transporting residents to and from medical appointments, shopping trips and outings.

Joe and Frank understand the needs of a not-for-profit organization and have made gifts which will benefit the residents of SFSS for years to come. We wish to express our deepest gratitude to them both.



Joe Kocknavate

With Gratitude

SFSS wishes to express deep appreciation for the following gifts received from **November 1, 2009 to January 30, 2010:**

Residents' Benefit Fund

Gifts in memory of **Thelma Dyer**
Philip & Norma Jean Belyea
Thomas Benoit & Kathleen Nawn-Benoit
Edward & Jacqueline Harmon
Maureen Nortridge

2009 Annual Appeal

Gifts to our 2009 Annual Appeal, which was launched in August, continue to arrive. For this, we are most grateful. As of **January 30th, \$9,413.75 has been contributed by 70 generous donors.** Gifts received from **November 1st to January 30th** are listed below.

Gifts of \$500 to \$999

Wright-Ryan Construction, Inc.

Gifts of \$250 to \$499

Anonymous *in honor of Tony & all the staff*

Anonymous

Elizabeth Boynton

Gifts of \$100 to \$249

Evelyn Arsenault *in memory of Theresa M. Butkis*

Judy Knight & Al Rank

in honor of Jean & Fletch Knight

Rick & Ann Meinking

Gifts up to \$99

Anonymous

Sally & Ron Bancroft *in honor of Betty Adams*

Kathy & Chuck DeGrace *in memory of Charlotte Corey*

Mary Ellen Deschenes

in celebration of Helen Deschenes' 95th birthday

Deborah DiDominicus

Christine Corcoran Cantwell

Hillary Cantwell

Jane Corcoran

James & Mary Catherine Freilinger

in memory of Otto & Paulette Freilinger

Gifts in memory of Eldrick Morin

Elizabeth Adams

Nancy & Brian Atkinson

Stephen Harding, Oest Associates

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Patricia Paull

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