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MIDWINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PEAKS ISLAND

January 24  Next Lecture in Father Lanie's series on "Christian Spirituality"  
            Series continuing through Feb.  St. Christopher's Hall  7:30 p.m. 

January 27  Town Meeting Committee Meeting  Peaks Island Library  7:00 p.m. 

February 2  Rummage Sale for Famine Relief  Community Room  11:00 - 3:00 

February 10  Pot Luck Supper  Friends Worship Group  Betty VanWyck's  6:00 p.m. 

February 13  Parent-Teachers Organization Meeting  School  7:00 p.m. 

February 27  Senior Citizen Monthly Meeting and Luncheon  Community Room  Noon 

February 28  Parenting Workshops begin  Peaks Island Child Development Center 

SPECIAL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Date omitted: January 25th, this Friday evening -- the Pot Luck Supper of the Peaks Island Child Development Center. This is a family supper with lots of good food! Come and bring your favorite dish and a friend to share it and all the other good foods found there. A good bargain - 2.00 for adults, 1:00 children and Seniors, 1:60 for the family. 6:30 p.m.

Please remember the RUMMAGE SALE, Sat., February 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The proceeds will go toward Famine Relief in Africa. To make this a successful fundraiser contributions are needed - clean clothing, or other items no longer needed. Contributions may be dropped at the McCains, Luther St. (6-3334) the Kaynors, Elizabeth St. (766-3348); Betty VanWyck, Island Ave. (766-2959) or better yet, dropped off at the Community Room between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 2nd. Sponsored by Peaks Island Friends Meeting.

There will be a Children's toy and clothing exchange at Virginia's house (Old Inn on Peaks) on February 2nd, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Peaks Islander, Roger Richmond, winner of the design contest for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Augusta!
In January many of the favored activities at the Center focus around snow. Despite the frigid temperatures we try to spend as much time as possible sliding, building snowmen and just generally enjoying winter weather. There are some days, when the cold has kept us in the Center. These days turn out to be productive ones as long put off projects can be accomplished.

Indoor projects this month have included making bird feeders out of pine-cones and milk jugs. We have hung the birdfeeders in the tree we used at Christmas time which has been set up behind the building. We have had a lot of fun observing the birds discover this new food source.

We have taken a few mini-field trips recently. In mid-December several children went into Portland to see the Christmas decorations. Other children took a trip to the Maine Mall to buy some fish for our aquarium.

A Reminder - Parenting Workshops will be starting on February 28. More specific information will be mailed to the general public in the near future. This promises to be a rewarding learning experience for all who attend.

Happy New Year from the Staff and Students at Peaks Island School! The Legion-Lions Christmas party sent us on our Holiday Vacation in highest spirits. We thank all involved in the organization of that Party. We are glad to share our facilities and pleased to be included in community events. We hope we can make a tradition of these parties at school.

Students and teachers returned eager to get back to the business of learning. Karen Grear, assistant teacher, has taken the position of 1st grade teacher after Thea Palanza-Parker left on child-rearing leave. (Thea delivered a healthy 7 lb. 8 oz. boy the day after the Christmas Party!) Cheryl Coltharp and Laura Hammell have joined our staff as assistant teachers. Marianna Rowe and Sam McCain will volunteer their time one morning a week. They will work with students in small groups and on an individual basis. This kind of Volunteer work enriches the instruction of our students. We welcome other community members to join Marianna and Sam (and Marie Kilday and Roberta Deane - long-time volunteer leaders of Junior Great Books!).

The great number of preschoolers present at the Christmas Party gives us assurance for the future of the school. Growth is something we're big on! We look forward to seeing these preschoolers become students at Peaks Island School. We welcome parents to become acquainted with us by visiting the school anytime. We're very proud of a good record in achievement test results. Peaks Island School has Spring '84 scores higher than other schools in the City and across the Nation. We will share these results with parents at the February 13th PTO meeting (7:00 p.m.).

The February monthly meeting and luncheon will be held one week later than usual because of Ash Wednesday. It will be held on Wednesday, February 27th at noon, a pot luck lunch at the Community Center.
NEWS FROM THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY

With Christmas over and the long cold stretch until spring ahead don't forget to look to your Library for reading entertainment. We have all kinds of subject interests, crafts, gardening, boat building, history, biographies, computers and exercise to name a few and novels. It's all here at your Library. For all the people who find it difficult to visit the Portland Public Library they can still have access to all the books by just asking us. Since we are a branch, we can borrow any circulating book in their collection. And if they don't have the book we can request it from any Library in the U.S. If you have interest in a subject area or a particular author and you need more than our shelves contain, just ask us and within a week we can have it here for you. Our deliveries are not brought to the Island anymore by my backpack, they are shipped through Casco Bay Lines.

Other services which we offer are the use of a new electric typewriter and our Radio Shack TRS-80 computer during Library hours. To be checked out for 3 days is our Commodore VIC-20 micro computer. Please stop in and find out what your Library has to offer.

Our copier is always busy. We have over 400 copies made on it each week. It is still 5¢ per copy. It can be used when the Library is open. The only times we ask that the copier not be used in during our movies program and our pre-school story hour. Those times are Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30 and Wednesday morning at 10:15 - 10:45.

Our hours are Tues. noon - 8, Wed. 10 - 4, Thurs. 5 - 8 and Sat 10 - 1. Phone 766-5540.

MORE SPECIAL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

THE COMMUNITY ROOM - A CONTINUING REMINDER

The Community Room, located in the Community-Public Safety Building, is open for use of Island residents. It may be booked in advance by calling Ruth Woodbury. It has tables and space for large and small groups and kitchen facility for light cooking. Call Ruth at 766-2545.

PEAKS ISLAND TAXI - A MESSAGE FROM TIM

ATTENTION -- ALL RIDERS OF THE PEAKS ISLAND TAXI

To improve my mental health -- Starting February 1, 1985 the cab will not be running between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily. Also, it will not be running on the first and third Tuesday of the month between 8:30 a.m. and 2:50 p.m.

Also, you can by-pass the answering service by dialing the 'voice beeper' yourself, which does not cost us as much as every call to the answering service (15 cents per call!) Just call 761-3088, wait for the beep and then give me your message. Usually calling twice with the same message will insure that I have gotten your message!

ANOTHER CELEBRITY

Phil Laughlin, Senior at Springfield College and captain of their football has made All-American list for small colleges! Congratulations to our native son!

PLANNING YOUR GARDEN?? On Saturday, January 26 from 10 to 12 at the Library we will have the FEDCO Seed order forms available for anyone interested in ordering. FEDCO offers quality seeds at lower prices. An explanation of seed varieties can be found in Johnny's Seed catalogs, Burpee's and Parks. Please bring those catalogs to the meeting to help you decide. Any questions call Louise at 766-4466 or 766-5540. (Bring your checkbooks along.)
DOREEN MCCANN DANCERS - 1985 SEASON

The 1985 Season for the Doreen McCann Dancers will resume classes Feb. 5th. It will be focusing on the theme for the next show, "A Little Bit of Tap - A Little Bit of Jazz" with excerpts from My Fair Lady.

Workshops for a chorus will start at a later date. Anyone interested in joining the school as a member of the chorus, contact the studio at 766-2727. New students for dance classes please call before Feb. 5th.

Dance Class Scheduled: ALL ON TUESDAY - Preschool (3 - 5 years) 3:30 p.m.; Beginners (6 -11 years) 4:00 p.m.; Intermediate (12 yrs - 16 yrs.) 5 p.m. The above will include Tap, Jazz, and Aerobic Ballet. Adult classes in Tap and Jazz will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Aerobic Classes start Sunday, Jan 13th Every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. Tuition - 2 weekly classes - $12.00; 3 weekly classes - 14.00 per month.

Dance Classes: 1 weekly class - $10.00 per month. Preschool class for more than one student enrolled in the school.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Happy Dancing
Doreen McCann

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

St Christopher's Church

Father Lange's Lecture Series on Christian Spirituality continues every Thursday evening at 7:30. Anyone is welcome to any one or all of the remaining 4 talks even if they have missed the previous ones.

Brackett Methodist Church

The people of the Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church will be joining with the parishioners of St. Christopher's Church in the second phase of the RENEW program that will begin in the Lenten season.

In small groups discussion will center on how we can and do respond to the Lord's call. Anyone desiring to join a group, contact either Father Joseph Lange or Rev. Phyllis Dodd.

In early March the churches will unite in a World Day of Prayer service. Further details will be given through each parish bulletin.

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. Child Care is provided.

Friends Worship Group

The Friends Worship Group on Peaks Island is having their Winter Pot Luck Supper on Sunday, February at 6:00 p.m. at Betty Van Wyck's (next to the Senior Citizen Center).

The Worship Group Meeting takes place every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at the same location. You are welcome to attend.
RENEW to resume
RENEW -- the three-year program for the spiritual growth of the Peaks Island community -- will resume in February.

Organized by members of Saint Christopher Parish, the program got underway last fall. Members of Brackett Memorial Church will join in planning activities for the Spring Semester, and all islanders are welcome to participate. Activities will focus on the Spring Semester's theme: "Our Response to the Lord's Call."

A 12-hour Prayer Vigil at Saint Christopher's Church on Friday, February 1, from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, will be followed by Sign-Up Weekend -- an opportunity to sign up for a small discussion group after Saturday and Sunday Masses.

These groups will meet in home settings for about one hour, once a week for six weeks beginning the week of February 17. Sister Marie Henry and members of her committee will contact as many islanders as possible who have not yet signed up. Small Group Chairperson, Kay Godet, will organize as many such groups as interest warrants. For further information, contact Kay at 6-2828. RENEW calls YOU!

THE ISLANDS HEALTH CENTER

We would like to remind everyone again that we are now open on Thursday evenings until 7 pm and therefore the office will be open on Thursdays at 12:30. Also our Saturday morning office hours have proved to be very busy, and it is obvious to us that this has been an arrangement which has been needed. We will continue to be open on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:00 to 12:00 noon.

After our earlier temperate weather, we are now all well aware that winter is really here. The deep cold, accompanied by the severe winds we have been experiencing, is a very real danger, and we once again caution against going out without being properly dressed. Head covering of some kind is of the utmost importance since we lose a great part of our body heat through our heads. Also two or three pairs of socks is a very good idea. Children, particularly, tend to be very active out of doors and often when they are heated up will remove some of their heavy clothing. It only takes a couple of minutes in this extreme weather to develop a bad case of frostbite. Stay warm!

Remember our 24-hour telephone is 766-2929

FEBRUARY- CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

To help your child have the best possible teeth:

Thorough brushing after meals and snacks
Diet as recommended by your physician
Limited eating of acid-producing foods—especially sweets
Daily fluoride as prescribed
Regular visits to physician and dentist

Dental neglect is more expensive than dental care.

James A. Myles DDS
Peaks Island Dental Center
766-2445, Mondays, 10 am to 7 pm