Service Agencies of the Island
PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

At their final meeting for 1994 the Peak's Island Lions Club, in gratitude for the support and help of the people of Peaks Island, voted to disburse over Seven Thousand Dollars ($7000.00) to various organizations on the island, including the churches, Little League, the Library, Peaks Island Star, the Community Center, Senior Citizens, the Music Association, Health Center, and the Animal Care group. Also benefiting are Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, Bruce Roberts Fund and Lovision.

The Club continued its support of the Food Pantry through Feeney's Market. The Peaks Island Lions continue their Scholarship Fund for which Island high school graduates planning to attend college may apply.

Contributions for the printing of the STAR are always welcome. Deadline for February Star: Wednesday January 25. Bring articles to library, copy ready. Please include name and phone number.
PIHA PARTICULARS

Gleanings from the General Meeting

Some 30 members turned out for the PINA General Meeting on December 13. Of paramount interest was the discussion with State biologist Phil Bozenhard regarding our deer.

Some of us are convinced we have a deer problem; others of us aren't. Bozenhard says it's a toss-up! We'll have better information if we get a foot or more of snow this winter so the State can do an aerial survey.

Speaking of four-footed inhabitants, PINA members unanimously voted to donate $50 to Friends of Peaks Island Animals in appreciation for their skunk removal efforts.

Other Committees, Other Concerns

As unwelcome as the skunks are the brown tail moths. Jeff Tarling, City arborist, suggests that islanders might want to cooperate to arrange spraying of individual properties.

According to Mike Richards, chair of the Human Services Committee, we should see a number of desired changes at the ball field: bleachers, safety fencing, dugouts, benches, maybe even port-a-potties! Discussions regarding a T-Ball field and a hockey rink are also underway.

The Public Safety Committee, chaired by Charlie Hale, is working with City officials and members of the Public Works Department on snow plowing and parking, car registration, and other vexing problems (such as boats parked in the right-of-way). Stay tuned!

And there's a new committee! CCC (Friends of the Community Center). Denise envisions the committee as serving as a clearing house to coordinate volunteer efforts and to provide ideas for improving the center, both physically and programmatical-ly. Get involved: come to the group's first meeting Wednesday, January 18, 8:45 a.m. at the Community Center.

Remember: all PINA committee meetings are open to all islanders. And all islanders are members of PINA if they just sign up. The next PINA Steering Committee meeting is Tuesday, January 10 -- 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

The next General Meeting will be in February (tentatively the 14th -- watch Feeney's board and read The Star). Mary Ann Theriault, Principal Traffic Engineer, will report on and discuss with us island lighting.
Peaks Island Garden Club
The Peaks Island Garden Club is on vacation. See you in March!

Recently, Fay Garman, Bob Love, and Carolyn Ladd met with the gardening department of the city and they have agreed to provide lots of flowers and bulbs for planting on the island in the spring.

Gardening Hint: The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service, Cumberland County Office will be beginning correspondence courses in gardening and master gardening courses. Give them a call soon at 780-4205 for further information.

Please note that the next meeting of the Friends of Peaks Island Animals will be on Tuesday, March 21, 1995. We are taking a winter break from meetings only. We remain available, as always, for animal rescues, information, and assistance with reduced-cost spaying/neutering. We are pleased to report that of the approximately 45 cats and kittens rescued by our group this year, about 80 percent were adopted. A little less than 20 percent of those cats had feline AIDS or leukemia or other severe, infectious illness and had to be euthanized. All five of the dogs we were asked to assist with have been adopted, as has the abandoned rabbit rescued by our group. And nine skunks have so far been trapped and released unharmed in appropriate areas of the mainland. We thank all those who support our efforts and hope to see you in March!
Welcome
We welcome Rose Ann Walsh as a permanent library staff member. Rose Ann has been working at the library as a shelver for several years and has been filling in since summer at the circulation desk. In addition to her knowledge of the library and its collection, Rose Ann brings a wealth of knowledge about the Peaks Island community from growing up here and from her volunteer work at the Peaks Island School library. We are fortunate to have her in this position. Welcome, Rose Ann.

Thank You
A hearty thank you to the Peaks Island Lions Club for their substantial donation to the library. Their generosity through the years is greatly appreciated.

And Thank You, Too
Tom Bergh has donated a large wall chart of Casco Bay to be hung in the library. We thank him for the gift and invite everyone to use it.

Some New Books
(This is only a partial listing. Complete listing is on the wall by the door in the library.)

Fiction:
Ellen Gilchrist  Anabasis: a Journey to the Interior
Stephen Greenleaf  False Conception
Jeremiah Healy  Act of God
William Kotzwinkle  Game of Thirty
Susan Power  Grass Dancer

Nonfiction:
Body Shop Book: Skin, Hair, and Body Care
Jack Canfield  Chicken Soup for the Heart
Rushworth Kidder  Shared Values for a Troubled World
Doris Lessing  Under My Skin: Volume One of My Autobiography
Lawrence Magid  Cruising Online: Larry Magid's Guide to the New Digital Highways

Adult Book Discussion
The book group will meet Tuesday, January 3, at 7 PM, in the Community Room to discuss Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel. Please join us.

Friends of the Library
The Friends of the Library State Book Sale is going very successfully. If you or your family have not bought a state and would like to do so, the following states still are available:
Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming. State books are $20 and will be inscribed as the donor wishes. For details, check at the library.

The library staff wishes a Happy, Healthy New Year to all.

Yoga Classes Offered
A Free Yoga Class will be offered in the Community Room, Wednesday, January 4, at 6:30 PM, for anyone who would like to participate. The instructor is Rebecca Stephans, a certified Kripalu Yoga instructor, who teaches regular classes on Peaks Island. The next session of classes is 12 weeks, January 9 - April 5; Mondays, 6:30 - 8 PM at the Child Development Center or Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8 PM in the Community Room. For fees and other information, see bulletin boards at Feeney's or the Community Center, or call Rebecca at 780-6617.
Peaks Island Senior Center News

We had our annual Christmas Party last Monday, Dec. 19th. Twenty eight members attended and enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner.

To the Senior members who prepared the meal and those who brought delicious dishes, pies, cakes, etc. to enhance the turkey dinner—Thanks to everyone.

Later, the Day Care Children joined us and received their home-made mittens, boxes of animal crackers and fruit drinks, then sang carols for the gathering.

Thanks to Jan Sullivan, who played the piano and Sherrie Cline who sang for us.

Jan. 16th will be our next Pot-Luck Luncheon—12 noon at Brackett Friendship Hall.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH
Pastor - Father Chris Piselli - Tel. 766-2585
St. Joseph's Convent - SND-de Namur

January

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM - St. Joseph's Chapel
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM in the church

Activities: Social hour in Parish Hall after 9:00 AM Mass.
Beano - Beano will be cancelled until further notice.
Prayer Group - Thurs. 9:45 AM Erico home - open to all.
50/50 Club - For more information call Jim or Joyce O'Brien 766-2001. Blood pressure readings after Mass will be terminated but will continue to be read the first Wed. of the Month 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon at the Senior Citizen's Center.

Religious Education Classes: John Flagler and Diane Mulkern are heading a very successful program starting with children from pre-school through Grade 5, entitled Gospel Weeklies and Reflections. These classes meet during Mass at homily time.

Regular religious education classes for youngsters grade 2 through Confirmation will begin in January. Watch for letters which will be mailed soon.

Adult education classes: Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures for those interested in studying the Bible and Inquiry Classes for both Catholics and interested non-Catholics. Watch for further announcements.

Upcoming events: The choir will be singing at the Mass of the Epiphany on January 8th.

The council would like to thank outgoing council members, Bob Cary and Sister Mary Janice for their outstanding service. They will be missed. A sincere welcome to the newly elected members Vivian Parker and Peter Donnelly.
Our warmest thoughts for a Happy New Year. We've had some delightful times to lead us into this new year...we enjoyed our gathering with the seniors on December 19 and thank them for the wonderful mittens that were made for each child in our center. We also enjoyed making pinecone bird feeders and a wreath of our hands to share. We welcomed the solstice with a winter picnic on Centennial Beach and have been star gazing in our science area. Our school age crew made their own winter feltboard...we can make it snow whenever we want!

Portland Public Health provided hearing, vision and lead screenings for our preschool program...we appreciate this important service.

As the new child care center building progresses, we know that this year will bring exciting changes for our center. We thank all of you who have made this possible...contributions can still be mailed to the Peaks Island Children's Workshop.

Remember...our Community Playgroup continues each Wednesday morning from 10:15-11AM on a drop in basis...a great cabin fever cure!

We are looking for individuals for occasional substitute teaching at the center...please stop by and pick up an application if you are interested.

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STAR OF THE SEA THEATRE
AND DANCE CO.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL. THIS MONTH OF DEC. HAS BEEN A VERY HAPPY AND BUSY ONE WITH OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, GOLDILOCKS AND THE CHRISTMAS BEARS, THREE PERFORMANCES, INCLUDING OUR NEW INTRODUCTION AS OUR "STAR OF THE SEA ENTERTAINERS" AT THE B. & M. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. MANY MORE OFFERS WERE PLANNED FOR THE COMING YEAR.

WE SINCERELY THANK OUR SPONSORS, THE PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB, ST. CHRISTOPHERS PARISH AND ALL OUR PATRONS WHO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS.

NEXT SEASON (1995) WILL START ON TUES. JAN. 10th IN THE STUDIO ON WELCH ST. POSTERS ARE OUT, OR CALL 766-2727. RIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER ON WED. JAN. 3rd. AT 55 OAK ST. PORTLAND ON SAT. JAN. 7th. AND MON JAN. 9th.

"THE STAR OF THE SEA ENTERTAINERS WILL BE PERFORMING DURING THE COMING YEAR WITH "THOSE FABULOUS YEARS!: AVAILABLE FOR FUNCTIONS AND NURSING HOMES.

WISHING EVERY ONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR
DOREEN AND CO.

Gardening hint: Drying many flowers is easy. Collect like ones. Put a rubber band around them. Hang them upside down and they are ready to use for decoration when dried.

Gardening hint: There are many very helpful gardening books and magazines in the library to help you with planning or answering specific questions.
The Health Center will be closed Monday January 16th in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday. We will be open on Tuesday January 17th from 8:30 until 4:30.

The Peaks Island Dental Clinic will be coming down in January, for an appointment call 874-1025 speak with Rena.

REQUEST FROM FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM
284 Danforth Street  Portland, Maine 04102 773-0202 United Way Agency

The Foster Grandparent Program is actively seeking adults aged 60 and over to volunteer at the Peaks Island Elementary School.

Foster Grandparents children in schools by offering support and guidance by listening to children read, playing games and working on group projects. They meet one-to-one with children and boost children's self-esteem, academic and social skills.

What do they get in return? A chance to be needed and to share their knowledge and skills once again. We also offer ongoing training for income-eligible seniors who have time to give, love to share and a need for some extra income. There are material benefits as well: a bi-weekly nontaxable stipend, liability insurance, paid vacation, holidays, and sick leave, a daily meal, transportation reimbursement, an annual physical, supervision and training.

The Foster Grandparent Program's staff is also available to give presentations about our program to your community group or organization.

If you are interested in joining over 100 adults who are Foster Grandparents in Cumberland County, call 773-0202 today!
JANUARY ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND
Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve the Community Room, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. Do not leave a message on the machine. If Denise is not available, please call 874-8793 during regular business hours. Please note: The Community Center is in use every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evening, and the first and third Tuesday of the month (evenings).

** ISLAND ACTIVITIES - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS **
Pre-registration appreciated as some of these events depend on the weather. Please call Denise at 2970 (ans. machine)

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS
Easy Crafts to Make
Wednesday, January 4
1:30 to 2:30 pm
Community Center
Relax after the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season. Join us and share your ideas.
(Ideas will be available for those who need help!)

LUNCH: KELLER’S BED & BREAKFAST
Tuesday, January 24
Meet at Keller's at 11:45 am
Pre-registration required.
Deadline to register is January 19.

"EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW..." Lecture series
Any and all ideas for this winter series would be appreciated. Leave a message for Denise.

Car Emission Testing: An Update
Guest Speaker: Scott Bauman
Wednesday, January 18
1:00 to 2:00 pm at the Community Center

The Golden Age of Radio
Guest Speaker: Harry Hults
Thursday, February 2
1:00 to 2:00 pm at the Community Center

**OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES for ADULTS**
Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Sign-up sheets are at the Sr. Center and on the blue door of the Community Building. Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required, unless otherwise stated. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 766-2970.

GONE WITH THE WIND and LUNCH
STATE THEATER
Wednesday, January 11
Boat: 10:00 am/5:30 pm return
Approximate cost: $8.50
(Movie starts at 11:00. Soup and sandwich will be served during intermission)

FALMOUTH TRIP*
Shopping at RICH’S or SKILLINS’ LECTURE on BIRD FEEDING
(to start the day, a visit to a bakery)
Tuesday, January 17
*Deadline to register is Jan. 12
Boat: 8:15 am/2:15 pm return

MYSTERY TRIP and LUNCH
Wednesday, January 25
Boat: 10:00 am/no later than 3:15 pm return
Approx. cost: $5.00 (lunch extra)

SHOPPING TRIP and LUNCH
FREEPORT OR WAL-MART
(depending on the weather)
Wednesday, February 1
Boat: 10:00 am/no later than 3:15 pm return