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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
RESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Harriet Ketover and Jean Chamberlain, representatives from the American Cancer Society, were present for the Summer Town Meeting last month. The focus of their presentation was the residential campaign to raise funds and distribute information on the colorectal screening test and other educational materials.

The American Cancer relies on donations from people all over the world to fund its projects and research. There is no national television campaign to raise funds. Most of the donations come from the residential campaign conducted throughout each individual state. The campaign on Peaks Island will be conducted throughout the end of August.

There will be money jars in most of the stores on the Island. There will also be individual solicitation door-to-door and on the boat. Each individual will have an official packet of information and receipts available. If they do not, contact Irene Fitzgerald to ensure that they are the volunteers.

KNOW CANCER'S WARNING SIGNALS:

- Change in bowel or bladder habits
- A sore that does not heal
- Unusual bleeding or discharge
- Thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere
- Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing
- Obvious change in wart or mole
- Nagging cough or hoarseness

If you have a warning signal, see your doctor.

Please give generously when approached...THANK YOU!
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

HOURS
TUES 12 - 8
WED. 10 - 4
THURS. 5 - 8
FRI. 10 - 1

REMEMBER our winter hours will start September 2. We will be open Saturdays from 10-1 and closed Fridays.

Story Hour will remain Wednesday at 10:15. Our Tuesday afterschool movies will change time to 3:15.

Thank you to all who attended the Panel Discussion on Exploring Children's Books held at the Brackett church July 30. It was, I hope, the first of many more panels. So many parents ask us if reading to infants and older children is really important. I say over and over again, YES.

The original plan of the discussion was to have each of the audience share ideas of how books influenced their lives, but it was obvious that much more was desired. During the Fall and Winter months we will try to have book talks on Saturday mornings for all interested in learning about the different children's books.

If you are at all hesitant about reading to your child once they have started reading on their own, please stop in and browse through two books we have on loan from the Portland Public Library. The first, by Dorothy Butler, "BABIES NEED BOOKS" explains why it is important to start very early reading out loud and why to continue. The second, also by Dorothy Butler "CUSHLA AND HER BOOKS," it is the story of Cushla who was diagnosed as being severely retarded at an early age. Her parents read to her because Cushla could do little else. By the time Cushla was age 3 she was found to be well above average in intelligence.

Why not start out this Fall by finding a good book to read out loud before bedtime and see your child's imagination grow.

We still have 10 boxes of books which did not sell at our book sale. If you would like to take them off our hands we ask for a donation of $1 per box. Our book sale made $181.

DAY CARE CENTER NEWS

We have been so busy at the Center that it is hard to believe the middle of August is here.

We would like to say Thank you to everyone who attended our Family Picnic at Centennial Beach. It was lots of fun eating, swimming, and playing.

Also, thank you to Sam Powers for repairing one of our tricycles. And to Carol Alie for the donation of wall paper sample books. The children have been doing some interesting easel paintings with these sample books.

Sally Green took some of the children to the Maine Mall to get some fish for our fish tank. We now have 8 fish.

We are looking for people who would care to donate babyfood jars with lids. Also any volunteer who could make two wooden signs for our playground fence.

DON'T FORGET THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 25 AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S YARD ON CENTRAL AVENUE. THE PARADE STARTS AT 11:30 FROM THE WHARF. THE GROUNDS OPEN AT NOON. ALL AGES INVITED.
NEWS FROM DOREEN McCANN DANCERS AND CHORUS

Our 1985-86 season will start rehearsals next month, September. A very exciting program is underway, starting with the Christmas Coffee on December 1 sponsored by St. Christopher Women's Council and an Irish Hour sometime in March. With plans for a Musical Comedy in early summer. Anyone interested in joining our chorus for singing or theatrics call Doreen.

We need young talent willing to give their time and enjoy learning the art of theatrical entertainment. Acting, scenery, costumes, etc. All proceeds will be used for community purposes plus a student scholarship.

Dance classes will start Tuesday September 6.
Pre-school thro 6 yrs 3:30 pm-4:15pm
Beginners thro. 7 - 11 4:15pm - 5:00pm
Intermediate 12yrs -18 yrs 5:00 pm-6:00pm.

Adult class, Jazz & Tap call for further information. All classes: 1 weekly class $10/month with special price for family participation. Aerobic Exercises will start on September 5 Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:45 pm $14 per month. Studio 766-2727 Happy Dancing
Doreen McCann

ART ASSOCIATION NEWS

August 18 Art Association Meeting at Betty Beane's Cottage at 2:00 pm

FIFTH MAINE NEWS

August 23 Annual Meeting of Fifth Maine at 7:30 pm
August 24 Contra Dance at the Fifth Maine. Island Musicians - lots of fun for all ages 8:00 pm

SENIOR CITIZENS

August 21 Lobster Bake for Senior Citizens at Lion's Club at 12 noon

ST. CHRISTOPHER’S CHURCH

Masses Saturday at 7:00 pm Sunday at 9:00 am

August 23 Las Vegas night at St. Christopher's Hall 7:00 pm - midnight

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church service is Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Coffee hour follows. Child care is provided.

CASCO BAY HEALTH CENTER

The Casco Bay Health Center will have its Annual Meeting at the Senior Citizen's Center, Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. All interested, please attend.
Important notice for parents of Kindergarten age children:
Children becoming 5 years old by October 15, 1985 are eligible for Kindergarten.

Developmental Screening tests are being held at the school August 19, 20 & 21. This screening is required for admission to Portland Public Schools and is best done prior to school opening. Please call the school on the screening dates. Please be ready to register your child. You will need an immunization record and a birth certificate (hospital certificates not accepted).

The school office opens for the school year on Tuesday August 27 and is open between 8am and 3:00 pm. All new students registering should do so at this time. Birth certificates and immunization records are required. School office phone 766-2528.

LEARN MORE ABOUT NICARAGUA, Tuesday evening August 20 at 7:00 pm in the Community Building. Nidia Bustos, Nicaraguan woman, member of MECATE will speak, show a film and be ready to answer questions. Everyone welcome.

NEWS FROM YAP: ISLAND TO ISLAND

History: Yap State has a total of 12 island groups with people living on them. These include Yap proper, nine atolls and two single island formations. Yap proper is made up of four major islands that are separated by narrow passages of water. The total area of these four island is about 38.7 square miles.

The traditional cultures of the islands are still very strong. In fact, they are probably the least changed cultures in Micronesia. The importance of the family unit is closely tied to the land they hold. Land ownership and kinship determine an individual’s role and status within the family and community.

The islanders depend on an economy of gardening, harvesting, and fishing. Crops include taro, yam, sweet potatoes, bananas, breadfruit, papaya, coconut, pineapples and other imported goods.

Except for the common use of western clothing in the State center, most people continue to wear traditional clothing. The traditional dress of the male population is an ankle-length grass skirt. Mature women also wear black cords around their necks. In the neighboring islands young girls may wear either grass skirts or lava lavas.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS: I am living in Colonia, the capital village, which consists of small houses situated around a tidal lagoon. I have my own room in a brand new house that my host, Wayan, is building for his own family. It does not yet have electricity and the inside is mostly poured concrete and wallboard. So far he has furnished it with a comfortable couch, made me a shelf for my clock, mirror, books, etc. Made me a bedside table and hung a small clothesline for towels and put up nails for coat hangers. Yes, the toilet facilities are a "two-holer" way out back near where they tie the pig. Also, the oddest thing is that the "shower" is a big oil drum that catches the rain water from the roof in front of the house—about 40 ft. from the road. It is surrounded by movable walls about chest high. There seems to be plenty of water as it is the rainy season. The trick is to take a shower in the morning just after the working people have gone off in the multiple pick-up trucks that take them into "Dang Nuch" (which means "into town").

Each morning I go into "school" about 8:30 and we study language. I do find it difficult. It is Yapese and is not like any language that I ever studied. It has no familiar roots and the tenses are particularly annoying.
More next month. — Marianna H. Rowe, Peace Corps, Colonia, Yap.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to the Lion's Club, Barbara Goelman and all the many talented participants who helped make this variety show so successful. Thank you to all who attended.

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