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The ladies of Schooner's knitting group

Join in, every Monday at 2:15 p.m. in the Study.

# **THE SCHOONER FLASH**

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## AND THE AWARD GOES TO ...

A special recognition goes out to Schooner resident, Dot Larrabee. In December, she received the student advocate award during the "College for Maine Higher Education Awards Luncheon". Dot was a social worker for the State of Maine. She was, and still is, held in highest regard as a truly inspiring champion of children and families during her career. Years later, she was a board member and advisor for New Beginnings, an organization helping at-risk and homeless youths. She also worked tirelessly to establish youth scholarships funds for college. Congratulations Dot, you certainly deserve it!



## **CENTENARIAN CLUB INDUCTEE**

Schooner had the honor of welcoming a new member to it's distinguished Centenarian Club. A very special resident, Eleanor Ness, was inducted into the club in December. Despite being the center of attention during meal time, Eleanor was awarded and graciously accepted an engraved plaque and a delicious birthday cake. Fellow residents and Schooner staff were there to join in the celebration.

This inspirational club was created several years ago to recognize all of our residents as they reach the wonderful milestone of 100 years of age, while residing in our community. Congratulations Eleanor! We all look forward to celebrating future birth-days with you!

Pictured to the right, Eleanor Ness and Resident Services Director, Mark Prevost.



Who's New in the Neighborhood



- Joy Andrews to Residential Care C103B
- Wanda Beaudoin to studio 105
- Kate Marmaras to apartment 417
- Annette Ouellette to apartment 302
- Florence Webber to Residential Care A106B

# PIANO CONCERT EXTRAORDINAIRE

Schooner is the place to be for superb entertainment. Our monthly calendars are packed with

concerts, outings, lunch outs and much more! Residents were treated to a stunning classical piano perfor-



mance in December. Tamara Poddubnaya, one of Russia's foremost pianists and master teacher was accompanied by

two of her amazing students, Veselin Ninov of Bulgaria (well known to Schooner residents), and a newcomer to Schooner, Mark Demidovich, a native of Russia. They performed works by Chopin, Liszt, Gavrilin and Rachmaninov.

Tamara Poddubnaya will be performing at the Franco American Center in Lewiston on March 24th, 2012. Schooner will provide a shuttle to her concert. Details to be announced in early Spring 2012.

# **2011 HOLIDAY EVENT PHOTOS**

Say goodbye to year 2011 and welcome a brand new year, 2012! Below are a few photos of our 2011 holiday parties and events! Are you in the picture?



Resident Jim Williams broke his own record this week on the video "Wii Game" of bowling. His score of 290 is just 10 points shy of a perfect bowling score of 300! Jim is a

regular at our weekly Wii bowling sessions and the other players envy his skill. Well done Jim!



## MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Schooner residents raved about their trip to the Portland Symphony Orchestra's "Magic of Christmas" concert. This year's show



featured aerialists performing stunning acrobatics, right above the audiences' heads. One resident was quoted, "It's the best show I have seen in my twenty year history of attending".

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

It's almost that time of year again...Mardi Gras will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. As usual,



Schooner will celebrate with food, decorations, a parade and lots of fun! Seating times, the menu and event dates, everything you will need to know to prepare, will be listed in your February calendar.

## THE WINNER IS...

In case you haven't already heard, Alice Cooper, our Schooner evening receptionist & part time driver, was the lucky winner of this beauti-

ful, reversible handmade quilt. The quilt was donated by a very generous, anonymous person. Raffle tickets were sold and the winning name was drawn during the apart-



ment Christmas party on December 13th. All donations, which totaled \$228.00, were sent to Camp Sunshine through the Schooner Tenant Council. Thank you to all who contributed towards this very deserving cause!