



## 2007 Annual Meeting

The 102nd Maine Sea Coast Mission Annual Meeting was held on July 19, 2007 on the Mission's back lawn overlooking beautiful Frenchman's Bay. Lee Judd, Treasurer, reported that the Mission was in excellent financial shape. He noted that Charity Navigator has again awarded the Maine Sea Coast Mission their highest rating of four stars. The four star designation indicates that the Mission has demonstrated exceptional financial health, outperforming most of its peers in managing and growing its finances in the most fiscally responsible way.

Roger Clapp, from Addison, and William Eason, from Southwest Harbor and St. Simons Island, Georgia, were elected as new board members.

Jill Goldthwait, Board President, recognized outgoing board members, Tina Morris and Lynda Tyson. Lynda served on the board for eleven years. She produced a comprehensive communications plan for the Mission and managed the Colket Center interior restoration with results being esthetically pleasing as well as highly functional. Tina served on the board for six years. Her talent and commitment while serving as a member of the Colket Center and Ed Greaves Center building committees resulted in buildings of enduring beauty which are pleasing and inspiring.



Sharon Daley, *Sunbeam V* Nurse, shares Island Health connections.



Wendy Harrington, Adult & community Coordinator, shares EdGE connections.

Gary DeLong, Executive Director, noted that the Mission is successful in its various program activities because of the many connections it makes within each program area, across program areas, and with donors. Sharon Daley, *Sunbeam V* Nurse, said, "I think that the core of what we do at the Sea Coast Mission truly is about connections." She also observed that we form lasting relationships with communities that enrich both their lives and ours. Wendy Harrington, Adult & Community Coordinator said that at the EdGE, "We build connections locally, regionally, and statewide with individuals and organizations that have similar goals." She observed that they look for connections that strengthen and enhance the program, and provide benefits to the youth EdGE serves so that each child can try something new, reach new heights, and believe they are capable.

## Sea Coast Mission Scholars Recognized

A scholarship reception for Maine Sea Coast Mission scholars was held on July 20th at the Colket Center. This year the Maine Sea Coast Mission awarded 88 scholarships totaling \$87,500 to students from coastal and island communities in Washington, Hancock, and Knox Counties. While 66 of the scholarship recipients are attending colleges in Maine, this year's recipients will be attending 36 different colleges and universities throughout the country.



Linda Thompson, Scholarship Committee Chair, and Carolyn Rittenhouse, EdGE Scholar

In addition to ongoing financial support, the Mission stays in contact with Sea Coast Mission Scholars through the annual scholarship dinner, a Sea Coast Mission Scholar internet blog, and e-mail contact throughout the year. According to Rev. Gary DeLong, Executive Director, one of Maine's most troubling statistics is the low rate of college completion. Giving students financial support is important, but there are many factors in addition to lack of funds that sabotage college careers. The Mission is committed to improving the number of students receiving their college diploma.

This year, the Mission awarded the first \$2,000 renewable EdGE scholarship to Narraguagus High School student, Carolyn Rittenhouse. As an EdGE alumnus, Carolyn stayed connected to the EdGE during high school and exemplified the EdGE

### Planned Giving Opportunities!

**Please remember the Maine Sea Coast Mission in your will!**

Check out our website at [www.seacoastmission.org](http://www.seacoastmission.org) for planned giving information, gift calculator, brochures and more! Learn how you and the Maine Sea Coast Mission can benefit from your planned gift.



The Mission Newsflash will be sent periodically as noteworthy events occur.

E-mail Addresses Needed!

We would like to keep all of our friends and supporters up to date on happenings at the Maine Sea Coast Mission. The least expensive way to do this is through e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, please send it to us via e-mail at [sclemens@seacoastmission.org](mailto:sclemens@seacoastmission.org).



*Sunbeam V*

## Telemedicine Program Featured in *Bangor Metro*

Bangor Metro magazine featured the Maine Sea Coast Mission's Telemedicine program in an article entitled "Health Care That Floats" in their August 2007 edition. Author Melanie Brooks wrote, "...3,000 people scattered across the outer islands in the Downeast area don't have to see a 'regular' doctor to stay healthy. Twice a month, their medical care comes to them aboard a high-tech boat called the *Sunbeam*." The article goes on to say that, for the past six years, the Maine Sea Coast Mission has offered telemedicine services aboard the *Sunbeam V* to island residents of Frenchboro, Matinicus, Swan's Island, and Isle au Haut. Mission nurse Sharon Daley travels to each island aboard the *Sunbeam V*, which has an examination room equipped with television and a camera, connecting Daley and her patients to an Mount Desert Island Hospital physician or other health care provider on the mainland in real time through a high-speed ISDN line. (To read the full article, go to [www.bangormetro.com](http://www.bangormetro.com).)

## Seafarers Honored

In 1985, in response to a Maine Sea Coast Mission proposal, the Maine legislature proclaimed that there would be a Seafarers Memorial each year in June to honor seafarers lost at sea. Twenty-two years later, on June 3, 2007 scores of area vessels turned out for the annual Seafarer's Memorial and the Blessing of the Fleet. This was part of Bar Harbor's Working Waterfront celebration. The Maine Sea Coast Mission is part of the Working Waterfront Committee which raises money for the Fishermen's Health Fund. The next day, at the Bar Harbor Fourth of July parade, the Working Waterfront float, featuring the *Sunbeam V* won third place.



Working Waterfront float featuring the *Sunbeam V* at the Fourth of July parade.