



Mission Collaborates with LifeFlight Maine

Representatives of the Maine Sea Coast Mission joined with LifeFlight Maine representatives and Diane Barter, an EMT on Isle au Haut on August 14, 2008 to explain the continuum of health care services that are available to residents of Isle au Haut. Almost 100 year round and seasonal residents heard presentations by Gary DeLong, Executive Director of the Mission, and Norm Dinerman, Medical Director of LifeFlight Maine. Diane Barter explained to residents how she could connect with LifeFlight Maine in life threatening situations to arrange for transport by helicopter to an appropriate hospital for care. Also participating in the briefing and tours were Sharon Daley, Mission Island Health Services Coordinator, and Dr. Scott Schiff-Slater, who assists Isle Au Haut patients from his medical office in Hallowell through the telemedicine equipment on board the *Sunbeam V*.



LifeFlight Maine helicopter flying over *Sunbeam V*.

Tours of the LifeFlight Maine helicopter and the telemedicine facility on the *Sunbeam V* followed the presentations and discussion. After the tours, everyone enjoyed a cookout and potluck dinner arranged by Isle au Haut residents, Alice & George Wallis and Nancy & Bill Calvert where the dialogue regarding access to health care on Maine islands continued.



Lee Judd, Board President, and Gary DeLong, Executive Director

Mission Accomplishments Highlighted at its 2008 Annual Meeting

The 103rd Maine Sea Coast Mission Annual Meeting was held on July 17, 2008 on the Mission's back lawn, overlooking Frenchman Bay. Henry Schmelzer, Treasurer, reported that the Mission is in excellent financial shape. He noted that 86% of the Centennial Capital Campaign's \$12 million goal has been met and that the campaign will close at the end of 2008.

Leading the Maine Sea Coast Mission for the next year are: H. Lee Judd, President, Joseph M. Murphy, Vice President, Henry L. P. Schmelzer, Treasurer, and Chadbourn H. Smith, Secretary/Clerk. Board members re-elected to a third three-year term are Cornelia Greaves Bates and H. Lee Judd. Re-elected to a second three-year term are Lester Coleman, Monika Heimbold and Tony C. McKim.

Lee Judd, President, praised outgoing president, Jill Goldthwait, for the wonderful job and steady hand that she provided during her tenure. She was instrumental in completing the Mission's strategic plan and strengthening board governance. Lee Judd also recognized the many contributions of retiring board members, Alan Baker and Chet Norris.

Lee reported that the state of the Mission, measured by all the institutional indicators, is solid. He said, "We have refined our goals and vision for the future and we have a very clear sense of what we are trying to accomplish." Gary DeLong, Executive Director, reminded us that "in the end, the state of the Mission is measured by the impact that our programs have on the lives of the people we serve."



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

Mission Honors Bordeaux and Dimond



Gary DeLong and Charlotte Bordeaux

Charlotte Bordeaux of Bar Harbor and Richard Dimond of Southwest Harbor were honored at the Maine Sea Coast Mission 5th Annual Sunbeam Awards Gala at the Bar Harbor Club on August 22, 2008.

Charlotte Bordeaux is a quiet philanthropist who simply likes making a positive difference in lives. In his remarks regarding Charlotte, Gary DeLong, Executive Director, observed, “She has quietly, with little or no fanfare, made desperately needed services available that simply would not have been there without her vision and generosity.”

Dick Dimond was honored for the pivotal role he played in organizing and ensuring the viability of the Hancock County Deferred Sentencing Project, an initiative of the MDI Drug and Alcohol Abuse Group. When presenting Mr. Dimond with his award, Gary noted: “Dick’s combination of compassion and activism has been a life jacket for many in our county whose life threatening disease is the disease of addiction.”

The evening is the Mission’s main fundraiser for its general fund. It raised almost \$100,000 from sponsors and patrons. The gala’s lead sponsor was Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. Other major sponsors include The First, Jasper Wyman & Son, and Prime Buchholz. Another 14 area businesses also served as sponsors.

Mission Scholars Recognized

Seventy-five Maine Sea Coast Mission scholars and their parents attended a reception in their honor on the grounds of the Mission’s Colket Center on July 18, 2008. In addition to receiving scholarships of \$1,000 each, the scholars engaged in roundtable discussions about their college hopes and concerns. A total of 103 scholarships were provided this year.

Fred Hutchinson, former University of Maine President, and Tony McKim, Executive Vice President of The First, shared their college experiences and congratulated the students on their scholarships. In reflecting upon the reception, Tony McKim observed, “Anytime we have the opportunity to share our past with young people, we should do so. Such information is useful to them and can be used as a tool to propel them forward. We owe the next generation our stories, our experiences, and our insight. The scholarship reception is a great environment for that active listening.”



From Left: Lee Judd, Board President; Gustavo Ortiz and Carolyn Rittenhouse, EdGE scholarship recipients; and Gary DeLong, Executive Director