



Malibu East Dialogue

February 2000

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Sen. Carol Ronen sworn in at MECA

MECA hosts political ceremony

By Jack Winans

Sunday, Jan. 2, the Windjammer Room was the scene of the swearing in ceremony of longtime Malibu East resident Carol Ronen as our newly appointed Illinois senator (D-9th). Rep. Ronen was appointed to finish out the term of next-door Malibu neighbor state Sen. Arthur Berman, who retired after serving us in the General Assembly for the past 31 years. Ms. Ronen previously served this community as our Illinois state representative (D-17th) in Springfield.

Former Illinois Sen. Berman has ac-

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cepted a position as the Director of Labor Mediation Services at the Chicago Board of Education, continuing his commitment to children's education. Sen. Berman has been active in Chicago Park District issues, transportation and other causes.

Ms. Ronen had served as our state representative since November 1992. (See page 3 for the official bio.)

Ms. Ronen was sworn in by U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Evanston, Illinois Rep. and House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie served as master of ceremonies.

Mr. Harry Osterman, son of the late Kathy Osterman, was appointed by vote

of Democratic committeemen to fill the one year remaining of Ronen's term as representative.

The ceremony was proceeded by a reception. The party room was filled to capacity with neighbors, friends, family, supporters and political colleagues including:

House Majority Leader

Barbara Flynn Currie (D-25th)

Illinois State Representatives:

Julie Hamos (D-18th)

Larry McKeon (D-34th)

Jeffrey Schoenberg (D-58th)

Appellate Judge

Alan Greiman

48th Ward Democratic Committeeman

Mike Volini

48th Ward Alderman

Mary Ann Smith

Evanston Township Democratic Committeewoman

Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein

Secretary/Treasurer of the State of Illinois AFL-CIO

Margaret Blackshere

Former Illinois Senator

Arthur Berman

Newly appointed Illinois Senator

Carol Ronen

U.S. Representative

Jan Schakowsky of Evanston



Former Sen. Berman congratulates Sen. Ronen while U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky and Illinois House Leader Barbara Flynn Currie lead the applause.



The festive occasion included a champagne buffet.

MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans



MECA board meeting Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2000

Attendance:

10 board members, 2 management representatives and 15 residents

Absent: Richard Strauss

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Resident complaint about an assessment late charge. **The board reminded residents that assessments are due on the first of the month. They are encouraged to mail their assessment payment as early as the 27th. If you mail after the first, you are gambling that it will be received at the lock box prior to the end of the 15-day grace period.**
- 2) Resident said that the men's sauna needs a thorough cleaning and some repair work. **Residents are encouraged to report this type of item to the management office immediately rather than wait for the monthly board meeting.**
- 3) Resident question: "Where is the source of the inflow of air into the hallways? **The fresh air comes from the roof.**
- 4) Resident reported a strong detergent smell in the hallway. **Once again, the board responded that this is the kind of thing that needs to be reported to the management office for instant action while the problem still exists.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

- 1) **Financial statement**
Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,927,938

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Cable**
The committee requests that residents who have copies of old channel rosters from Pro-Tech, to please take them to the management office.
- 2) **Garage**
A Garage Committee meeting will

be scheduled for February, to acquaint our new garage manager with ongoing MECA concerns. After board discussion again about the assumed rapid turnover in garage management compared to Malibu, Standard management personnel will be invited to the next board meeting for discussion. Garage grievances have dropped to two in the last 12 months compared to two per month prior to our former garage manager.

- 3) **ASCO**
Representatives from the State of

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the MECA Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved at the following meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

Illinois and the City of Chicago are working on solutions to the traffic-flow problems in Edgewater and surrounding communities. The empty lot at Thorndale and Sheridan will become a park. The empty lot north of this location is also being considered as a city park.

- 4) **Commercial property**
The Resident Commercial Property Committee is concerned with the

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lack of diligence in the Captain's Walk. The closing on the commercial unit is Jan. 31. Anyone with commercial experience is asked to join the committee. Contact Judy Walker, the chairman. The next closed meeting is Feb. 2. Board members are encouraged to attend. (See page 5 for the complete re-

port.)

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Items requiring board action

- 1) **No-smoking rule**
After discussion, it was decided to reword the rule to specify where smoking is allowed rather than try to list every possible location where it is prohibited. The rule as formulated below will be sent to the owners to allow them 30 days for comment before action at a later board meeting.
Moved and approved by unanimous vote to present to the owners for comment and approval:
Smoking is not permitted inside the Malibu East building except in individual units, on individual balconies, or during private parties in the Windjammer Room at the discretion of the host. In addition, smoking is prohibited in the pool enclosure.
- 2) **Insurance renewal proposals**
A presentation by Sudler and Co. recommended a new insurance package which has comparable or broader coverage with a 10% savings the first year and a 20% savings thereafter. For the proposal to be actionable, the majority of Sudler's accounts must approve and accept the package plan. The board will explore the plan. In the meantime, CISA's contract was continued for a one-year term to keep our insurance intact.
- 3) **Commercial property issues**
President Marcel Molins has appointed Legal Committee members Fred Stosser and Martina Molins our legal representatives for the commercial (Captain's Walk) property closing. The cash machine will probably remain at its present location in the Captain's Walk at our pleasure until or if another bank signs a lease for that location. Discussion concerning vendors and

suppliers for the Captain's Walk led to some changes in the contracts for:
 Heating and cooling
 Elevator (to Malibu)
 Janitorial (hallway, garbage room, restrooms)
 Lighting (bulb maintenance)
 Security (guard, 6-11 p.m. 7 days a week)

4) **MECA letterhead**

The MECA secretary volunteered to prepare proposals for an official MECA letterhead.

Items not requiring board action

1) **Exterior/balcony repairs**

The water-leak repairs are completed on the east side of the A tier. The east side of the B tier repairs will be done next, weather permitting.

2) **Painting survey**

50 units responded and nine units requested follow-up inspections that will be scheduled as soon as possible with the attendance of Klein and Hoffman. Klein and Hoffman have inspected two of the three units that requested inspection on the original reports. A written report will be submitted when all three have been completed.

3) **Unit sales**

30J \$150,000

4) **Garage report**

Claims	
Approved:	2
Denied:	1
Total:	3

Waiting lists

Single self-park:	68
Tandem self-park:	6
Second car:	6

Monthly parkers

Valet:	306
Tandem:	84
Single:	143
Preferred:	5
Engineer:	1
<u>Motorcycle:</u>	<u>3</u>
Total:	542

New monthlies:	1
Cancellations:	1

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Sen. Carol Ronen

Carol Ronen was first elected on Nov. 3, 1992, to represent the 17th District (north lakefront of Chicago). While serving four terms in the state Legislature, Rep. Ronen's legislative priorities include improving women's health care, advocating for greater attention to the needs of children, reducing crime and violence and protecting human rights, including a woman's right to reproductive choice.

In recognition of her leadership and commitment to children's issues, Rep. Ronen was named as the first Chair of the House Committee on Children and Youth. Established in 1996, this committee addresses the critical problems facing children in Illinois. Awarded the 1997 Day Care Action Council Champion of Child Care Award, Rep. Ronen is in the forefront in advocating for early childhood education, quality child care and greater focus on prevention programs.

Rep. Ronen is an outspoken advocate for keeping tobacco away from kids. Honored with the American Lung Association 1997 Legislative Service Award, Rep. Ronen sponsored legislation that would grant non-home rule communities the ability to regulate tobacco sales to minors. She also introduced a bill that would amend the Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act to restore the rights of local communities to enact stronger clean indoor air laws.

Rep. Ronen has also been a champion for Illinois nurses. As lead sponsor of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Legislation, Rep. Ronen led the fight to ensure the licensing of APRNs. Recognizing the role that APRNs can play in expanding accessibility to high quality care, Rep. Ronen is pleased that they are now closer to receiving the recognition they deserve. Ronen was honored to receive the 1997 Illinois Nurses Association Legislator of the Year Award.

Rep. Ronen's legislative priorities also include fighting crime. Working closely with community groups, community policing volunteers and eviction-law experts, Rep. Ronen authored and then



Newly appointed
 Sen. Carol Ronen
 Resident of Malibu East

passed legislation making it easier for landlords to evict drug dealers. Communities across Illinois now have a new tool for fighting illegal drug activity and keeping neighborhoods safe.

Rep. Ronen is also a strong voice in the Jewish community. She sits on the Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress, Midwest Region, and is a member of the Chicago Chapter of Hadassah. She is also a member of the Government Affairs Committee of the Jewish Federation of Chicago.

In addition to representing the 17th District in the General Assembly, Rep. Ronen was elected to serve as the Democratic State Central Committee-woman for the 9th Congressional District on March 17, 1998. As Committee-woman, Rep. Ronen will help shape the Illinois Democratic Party Platform and participate in the slating of candidates.

Rep. Ronen holds a master's degree in public administration from Roosevelt University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Bradley University.

Official bio for Senator Carol Ronen provided by the Carol Ronen district office.

Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

Theater Oobleck

"An Apology: For the course and outcome of certain events delivered by Doctor John Faustus on this his final evening"

Through Mar. 25
312-397-4010

After-School Fun

For boys and girls 6 to 12 years old
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday
Through Mar. 19

\$10 per 10-week session

Story Museum

An exhibit of video, artifacts and printed stories. The opening event will highlight Black History Month and will feature live musical performances by local blues and jazz musicians

Feb. 4 – 7:00 p.m.

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

312-742-7871

EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #33SD

Come meet our beat police.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.

(1st Wed. of every month)

Movie matinee

Seniors – every Tuesday, 1 p.m.

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER

Neighborhood Music Consort

with Bonnie Tipton Long

Saturday, Feb. 5

9 a.m. beginners

10 a.m. advanced session

Bel Sonore Chambers Players

Wind Ensemble

Sunday, Feb. 6 – 3 p.m.

Keeping a Journal

with Mary Tatro

Monday, Feb. 7

7-9 p.m. (six-week session)

Tai-Chi & Sumi-e, Meditation

and Ink Brush Painting

Saturday, Feb. 12 and 26

9 a.m. – noon

Short plays by William Inge

Opens Saturday, Feb. 12

Fridays and Saturdays – 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 20 & 27 – 2 & 7 p.m.

Pianist Enrique Alberto Arias

Sunday, Feb. 13 – 3 p.m.

6219 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-743-4477

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Community Literacy Center

A call for volunteers

Tutors needed for adult classes in

English literacy and spelling,

Mon./Wed, or Tues./Thurs.

6576 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-274-6000

SWEDISH AMERICAN

MUSEUM CENTER

"Virgins, Violins and Weddings"

An exhibit of 29 folk paintings of

Dalama and Smaland, Sweden.

Through March 30

Tues. thru Fri., 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sat./Sun., 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

\$4, seniors – \$3, children – \$1

5211 N. Clark St.

773-728-8111

WOMEN & CHILDREN FIRST

Sunday, Feb. 6 – 5 p.m.

A review of "Membet: The Life

and Times of Elizabeth Freeman"

Author Mary C. Wilds will talk

about her book and present slides

Sunday, Feb. 13 – 5 p.m.

Poetry reading by teen mothers

from "Literature for All of Us

Tuesday, Feb. 15 – 5:30 p.m.

Women's book discussion: "Blues

Legacies and Black Feminism," by Angela Davis.

Wednesday, Feb. 16 – 7:30 p.m.

"The Missing World" by Margot

Livesey. Author will be present

Sunday, Feb. 20 – 5:30 p.m.

Mother-Daughter Book Group.

Review "I Rode a Horse of Milk

White Jade" by D. L. Wilson.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 – 7:30 p.m.

Slide show and talk: "The Face of

Our Past: Images of Black Women

from Colonial America to the

Present" by Kathleen Thompson &

Hilary Mac Austin.

Wednesday, Feb. 23 – 7:30 p.m.

Zora Neale Hurston, Asst. Prof. &

Dir. Of Black World Studies at

Loyola Univ., will review her

book: "Ayana I. Karanja.

Friday, Feb. 25 – 7:30 p.m.

A review of "Lynelle By the Sea"

by Laurie Lico Albanese.

Sunday, Feb. 27 – 5 p.m.

Voices In Concert

A Chicago-based vocal group uses

voices to "tear down walls of

ignorance and build bridges of

respect and understanding."

5233 N. Clark St.

773-769-9299

Ongoing THEATER/SHOWINGS

LIFELINE THEATRE

"Mrs. Piggie Wiggle"

Children's Theatre

Ages 5 and up

Opens Saturday, Feb. 12

Through May

1 & 3 p.m. – \$7

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

PEGASUS PLAYERS

"Schlemiel the First"

A story by Isaac Bashevas Singer

of an "unfortunate" person.

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Previews: Feb. 11, 12, 13, 15 – \$10

Regular run for six weeks begins

Feb. 16

Thur., Fri., Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m.

Call for prices

1145 W. Wilson

773-878-9761

RAVEN THEATRE

"Sophie's Stories"

Kid's Theatre

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What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese
MECA Association Manager



Winter has arrived at Malibu East and your staff is working very hard to ensure that the accumulation of ice or snow does not inconvenience you. In addition to removing ice and snow from around the exterior of the building, your staff has removed the holiday decorations. Your staff is also very busy keeping the interior of the building free from melted ice and snow as it is tracked into the building on snowy days.

a high level of customer service. We welcome Paul to Malibu East and we are glad he is part of our team.

The new automatic doors in the lower level seem to be working well this year, but since they are relatively new to the building, please contact the management office or the front desk if you are having any problems using them.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please contact the management office with any problems with the lower-level automatic doors.

During the past several weeks, the Board of Directors and committee members have been discussing the purchase of the commercial unit, the renewal of the master insurance policy, the 2000 exterior repair project and the cable contract. All of these issues except the insurance renewal are still ongoing, and all owners and residents will be notified of the outcome. The board of directors and your management team are looking forward to an exciting and

Resident Commercial Property Committee (Captain's Walk)

by Judy Walker

The Resident Commercial Property Committee (Captain's Walk) held its first meeting Tuesday, Jan. 18. The committee is comprised of nine residents and board members Judy Walker and Tom Vaughan.

The committee established aesthetics improvements as a priority. Several creative ideas for space use were generated and discussed. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 2.

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challenging 2000 and will continue to make Malibu East a terrific community.

We hope everyone has had an opportunity to meet our new garage manager, Paul Rosado. Paul has many years of garage management experience, and we look to him to provide all residents with

SPECIAL NOTICE: Residents with commercial unit management experience are encouraged to join the committee. Contact the committee chair, Judy Walker, at 728-2745.

Ward Watch

by Norm Cratty

Our 48th Ward alderman, Mary Ann Smith, was expected to introduce legislation at the Jan. 12 City Council meeting to down-zone



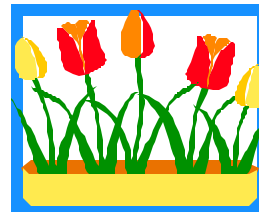
Winthrop/Kenmore (Foster to Granville) from R5 and R6 status to R4. Essentially this means a single-family residence will not be permitted to be torn down and replaced by a high rise. This legislation will ultimately reduce the density of the target area.

There is also facade rehabilitation monies that are (or will soon become) available for the number of 4 + 1's in this target area. A number of these buildings have already begun to turn condo, knocking out common walls and turning what used to be small studio and one-bedroom apartments into two- and three-bedroom units.

Balcony tips

Do you have a green thumb? Does your balcony sparkle with life and color?


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our tender sprouts, from downpours that drown our pots and break our will to plant another season.


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- 5) **2000 exterior project bids**
 Klein and Hoffman have sent out the bid packages for the 2000 work. The bids will be reviewed at the February board meeting.
- 6) **Front door review**
 Director Judy Walker suggested that one elevator cab be refurbished in a similar fashion and the old boards from this cab be used to repair the other three cabs.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Board vacancy**
 Tabled
- 2) **ADA compliance**
 \$3,000 was approved for a study of the process needed to achieve ADA compliance in the Captain's Walk. The meeting ended at 10:45 p.m. and went into closed session.

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 An adaptation of bedtime stories.
 Thru March 12
 Sat./Sun. – noon – \$7
 6931 N. Clark St.
 773-338-2177

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

- Commercial Property Committee**
 Wednesday, Feb. 2
 8:00 p.m. Windjammer Room
Landscaping Committee meeting
 Tuesday, Feb. 15
 7:30 p.m. — Windjammer Room
 Everyone invited
 - Dialogue Committee meeting**
 Wednesday, Feb. 16
 7:30 p.m. — Community Room
 - MECA board meeting**
 Tuesday, Feb. 22
 7:30 p.m. — Windjammer Room
- Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue.

MECA celebrates the year 2000

By Grace Bergom

This is what I call a super great party. A special thank-you goes to Martina Molins and Richard Strauss for the champagne we drank at our midnight toast and to Lou of the Convenient store for all of the soda pop and ice he donated.

The room was packed with elegantly dressed persons — the decorations were perfect — the refreshments were fantastic and so much of them.

People danced to Frank Tassone's music. Also watching the fireworks at



Navy Pier was awesome. We couldn't have asked for more.

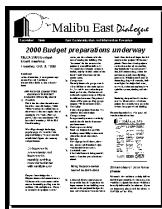
To begin the year 2000 by toasting each other and our wonderful country with champagne made us realize that we are mighty lucky people. Let us all hope and pray that peace can be restored throughout the world.

Do you think we should have another New Year's party 12 months from now? I think so.

Happy New Year to each one of you, and may you begin this new millennium with peace and love in your hearts.

We need old Dialogues

We are trying to establish a library of past copies of the Dialogue. If you have any copies from 1997 or prior, please leave them at the management office or the lobby desk for the Dialogue editor. If you would like your copies back, we will make Xerox copies and return them to you.



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