

Malibu East Dialogue

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MECA elects new directors, officers



MECA's newly elected directors, left to right: Martina Molins, Charles Cooper, Jo Anne Meshbourn, Richard Strauss, Tom Vaughan (Janice Krzesinski not available for the picture).

2001 Malibu East Board of Directors election results

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Martina G. Molins	55.24588
Thomas C. Vaughan	45.17198
Richard Strauss	40.30458
Jo Anne Meshbourn	30.31018
Charles Cooper	20.56450
Janice Krzesinski	16.53740
Garrett L. Arky	14.76250
June Shriver	13.92478
	236.82180

State of the Association

by Marcel Molins, President

Dear friends and neighbors, another year has gone by. Years seem to go faster and faster every year. It must be a question of age.

It has been a tough year for your Board and the management team. In addition to the usual matters involving the ordinary operations of the Association, we have been faced with some special challenges.

There is no question that the ownership of the commercial unit (The Captain's Walk) has added substantial workload on the management of the Association and the Board. This past year, we were confronted with the fact that the term of the lease contracts of six out of the nine units had expired and the leases had to be renegotiated. Thanks to the work of the Legal Committee, made up of Fred Stosser, Georgia Beatty and Jared Cloud, that drafted a model lease agreement, we renegotiated five of the six new agreements and brought the rent to market rates. The work of the Legal Committee has saved the Association thousands of dollars, and they clearly

deserve our gratitude and thanks.

One of the tenants chose to leave, but the space that was left empty will be shortly occupied by a new tenant, who will bring a fitness consulting capability to the mall. This should be a nice addition to our facilities.

We hired a specialized real estate broker with substantial contacts with banking institutions to try to find a banking institution to occupy the front space of the Captain's Walk. Unfortunately, he was not successful in finding us a tenant. We continue to look for one. If any one of you has any ideas for tenants for any of the vacant spaces, please let us know.

The management office has instituted a program of improving the area and saving energy costs and brings other efficiencies to the operation of the commercial unit.

We have continued to research a way to make both the commercial unit and the building handicapped accessible, and we have some very preliminary plans, which we hope may work. For the moment, we are doing the research in

(If all owners had voted and if there were no spoiled ballots, the total votes would be 600.00000 as each owner was allowed six votes. The total compared to the percentage total also reflects the fact that all votes cast are tallied as a percentage of ownership.)

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MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

is expensive to store his balcony stuff off site and wondered if there would be a work stoppage this winter. ***There will not be a several-month stoppage of work this year, maybe only six weeks.***

Annual Meeting Of Voting Members

Tuesday, October 16

Attendance: 11 board members, 2 management representatives and 47 owners.

Not present: Judy Walker

Welcome from the president

President Molins asked for a minute of silence to honor those who lost their lives in the Sep. 11 terrorist attack.

He then recognized directors whose terms have expired and thanked them for their service to Malibu East: Jared Cloud, Stuart Meshbom, Martina Molins, Richard Strauss, Tom Vaughan and Judy Walker.

He then welcomed the candidates and thanked them for running for the board:

Garrett L. Arky
Charles Cooper
Janice Krzesinski
JoAnne Meshbom
Martina G. Molins
June Shriver
Richard Strauss
Thomas C. Vaughan

These three directors are not running for another term: Jared Cloud, Stuart Meshbom and Judy Walker: Molins, Strauss and Vaughan are running for another term, and the other five are new faces among the eight candidates.

State of the Association message by our President Marcel Molins

(See page 1)

Treasurer's Report

Tom Vaughan

A resolution to transfer the excess operating funds to reserve was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports

Social Committee

ASCO

Zoning & Planning

Sandy Chaet

Dialogue

Jack Winans

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.

Budget

Special Projects

Richard Strauss

Architecture & Aesthetics

Landscaping

Survey

Larry Creter

Garage

Admissions

Martina Molins

Floor Representatives

Ila Chaiken

Rules

Jared Cloud

(See pages 10 and 12 for a synopsis of the annual reports.)

See page 1 for Board of Directors election results and President Molins annual state of the Association message.

President Molins expressed his gratitude for the work performed by the committees and our management team.

Election results

(See page 1)

Questions from the floor

Have we explored the feasibility of revenue from cell towers? ***We have had one contact with no results at this time.***

An A-unit owner complained of and warned other residents of a strong laser light being shined into his unit from a neighboring condo. ***The police and our management company are investigating.***

An owner raised the issue of security concerning delivery persons gaining access to residential floors. ***We have not had a problem up to this time, but we will discuss it in the regular board meeting.***

A south side owner complained that it

If the furniture is there, they cannot access the balcony for work.

Could the work be done quicker if there was more Saturday work? ***The crews are permitted to work Saturdays under certain restrictions, but although we encourage, we cannot require Saturday work due to contractual financial constraints.***

Could I get access to wash my windows? ***Management will arrange it if possible.***

What personal information does management need to know? ***The number of people in units and anyone with special needs, etc. for evacuation purposes.***

A north side owner complained of ponding of rainwater on balcony due to the reconstruction. ***Will be looked at by management and engineering. Any balcony work, past or present, that unit owners feel is not satisfactory should be reported to management.***

Announcement of election results

(See page 1)

Announcement: There will be a brief board meeting after the owners meeting. Owners are welcome to stay.

Adjournment at 10 pm.

Meeting of Board of Directors

Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representatives, 5 residents

Not present: Janice Krzesinski, Scott Young

Election of Officers

President, Marcel Molins

Vice President, Richard Strauss

2nd Vice President, Tom Vaughan

Secretary, Larry Creter

Asst. Secretary, Ila Chaiken

Treasurer, JoAnne Meshbom

Asst. Treasurer, Alan Eckhardt

Directors

Sandy Chaet

Charles Cooper

Janice Krzesinski

Martina Molins

Scott Young

Management report

President Molins stated that the board has the power to change the rules of the garage as it pertains to the security of the building. Suggestions were offered by the directors for changes in our resident deliveries policy. The suggestions included registration, identification and the control of the amount of time spent in residential floors by deliverymen.

The board formed a new security committee to explore security issues and report back to the board. The volunteers for the committee are Allan Eckhardt, Charles Cooper and Sandy Chaet.

New business

Insurance

A 60-day notice was received stating that the CISA insurance may not be renewed or may be increased by 10%. Management will investigate.

Letter to Alderman

The board will send a letter of thanks to Alderman Smith and Ernie Constantino thanking them for their efforts on the Glenlake end of street landscaping.

Flooring in Receiving Room

Will be done in a couple of weeks.

Adjournment to Closed Session at 10:30 pm

ASSOCIATION from page 1

house, in order to save costs.

Insofar as the building is concerned, we have attempted to complete the balcony/facade work. We are all very tired of the construction and we are aware that it has caused great inconveniences to everybody, particularly to the many unit owners and residents who spend considerable time during the day in the building.

It has been especially troublesome for those unit owners on the 45th floor who have leaks from the roof, which unquestionably has to be replaced. Obviously, we cannot replace it while the crews working on the balcony/facade project are using it as staging for their work. We have budgeted the replacement of the roof for this coming year, as soon as the balcony/facade work is

completed.

Some time ago, we discovered we had a problem with the brick walls around the building, particularly on Glenlake around the atrium. The engineers have now completed their investigation and concluded that we are faced with major repairs. Under pressure from the city, we have budgeted the work for the next year.

The Board continues to be committed to avoiding special assessments. Given the work to be done, the Finance Committee and the Board, in preparing the budget for next year, have felt compelled to increase the assessment over past years and are recommending to the unit owners that the increase be 9% instead of the 4 to 5% we had in past years. The chairman of the Finance Committee will provide more information on this issue.

You should know also that we have been involved in litigation relating to our exercise of the right of first refusal on one of the units. The litigation is still pending and therefore, I am precluded from commenting in detail on the matter, which is defended by our insurance carrier. The plaintiffs claim that we acted in a discriminatory manner, which is completely unfounded, but the lawsuit unfortunately continues. A number of Board members have been deposed and interrogated.

We are all very proud of our building newsletter. The Dialogue is a wonderful source of information, which should make every other condominium jealous. We should express our thanks to the editorial staff, and in particular to the editor and assistant editor, Jack Winans and Neil Warner.

The Social Committee has continued to do a great job. They are also deserving of our gratitude.

For the first time in the life of our Association, we conducted a comprehensive survey of all aspects of the building and its operations. Larry Creter will give a report to you. Thanks to all of you who took the time to respond. The very good comments made by many of you will certainly be given full hearing and taken into account in our planning and

managing of the affairs of the Association. Special thanks need to be given to Larry Creter and management for the care and work given in preparing the survey and analyzing the results.

Unfortunately, some owners and residents disregard the Association rules and regulations. Even though they are a minority, they refuse to accept that we are forced by the law and our Declaration to assess charges for late payments as well as address other violations of the rules.

A costly mistake by many owners is to cover the floor of the balconies. Please do not do it, since it destroys our warranty and forces us to assess to the owner the cost of removing the covering, and restoring the surface, which is very expensive. It runs into several thousands of dollars.

Some dog owners leave their pets on the balcony and allow them to defecate there. We cannot permit this to happen and unfortunately we may have to take legal action to have the dog removed from the building. Others have been careless when taking their litter and garbage to the garbage chute and create a nuisance for the other residents. From time to time one of our residents, when he does not get what he wants or does not like what is done, resorts to defaming and insulting management and/or the Board. It is very sad.

Overall, however, the great majority of the owners and residents are conscious of the fact that residing in a condominium creates obligations, which do not exist if one lives in a single house. Therefore, they are considerate of the needs of their neighbors.

We have a great building and as a result the value of the units has continued to increase. We do need, however, more volunteers to help us run the building as a first-class building, and I would encourage each one of you to join the Board next year. In the meantime, please join one of the committees or tell us if you would like to start a new one to assist us in continuing to improve our building.



What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese
MECA Association Manager



The building staff has been working on several projects over the past few weeks, painting garage walls, repairing hallway carpeting, repairing electrical wiring on the balconies and preparing equipment and supplies for the winter ahead.

The exterior fascia and balcony project is progressing. Residents can check the chart in the lobby next to the ramp door for an update of the progress on their tier. The project is currently in the forming, cement pouring, grinding and caulking and tuck-pointing stages. All this work is planned to continue through the end of November and on Saturdays, weather permitting.

Residents with questions about the project are encouraged to call the management office. Please stay off of your balconies and keep your doors closed during the day when the construction is taking place.

The 2002 proposed budget was recently mailed out to all unit owners and will be discussed and voted on at the Nov. 27, 2001 board meeting. Please review the 2002 proposed budget and please submit your questions regarding the budget in writing to the management office on or before Friday, Nov. 23. All written questions will be addressed at the Nov. 27 board meeting.

The laundry room will be closed for remodeling Monday, Nov. 12 through Friday, Nov. 16. The remodeling will include painting, new wallpaper, new carpeting, new seating and new washers and dryers. Please mark your calendars and make the necessary plans to do your laundry either before Nov. 12 or after Nov. 16.

Recently there seems to be a rash of pigeon problems on the balconies. All residents are prohibited from leaving bird feed on their balcony. Pigeons are very difficult to control once they find a food source, not to mention the mess that they leave behind. **DO NOT FEED THE BIRDS.**

The holiday season is just around the corner, and in a few weeks a letter will be issued to all building residents and owners regarding the Annual Holiday Building Fund for the building staff. When you receive the letter, please take

SPECIAL NOTICE Reminder

With the coming of winter weather, remember that it is against MECA rules to store anything in the residential hallway floors including:

Carpets, boots, umbrellas, shoes, wet clothing, seasonal statues, etc.

a minute to read it and hopefully you will be willing to contribute to the fund, which is distributed to all the members of our building staff. Your consideration and generosity will be greatly appreciated.

The Board of Directors would like to thank all the residents for their cooperation and compliance with the new garage guest parking procedures. The Board is also working on additional new policies that would enhance the current measures being taken regarding deliveries to the building.

NOTICE

For security purposes, residents must give advance notice to the garage of the arrival of guests. If guests arrive without prior registration, the resident/owner must come to the garage to register them. Contact the management office for details on registering multiple guests prior to a party.

Lincoln Towing has been requested to enforce the atrium parking rules.

Flood update

The federal government has approved disaster aid to victims of August's heavy rainfalls and flooding in our area. The U.S. Small Business Administration will provide aid to homeowners, renters, landlords and business owners who sustained physical damage caused by the three severe August storms in the way of low-interest loan assistance through the SBA, but not for outright grants.

Applications are available by calling the SBA at 1-800-359-2227.

SBA gov/disaster assistance at:
www.sba.gov/disaster/updates.html

Board of Directors' 2000-01 attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Present</u>
Marcel Molins	President	73.3%
Stuart Meshbom	Vice Pres.	86.7%
Richard Strauss	2nd V.P.	86.7%
Larry Creter	Secretary	93.3%
Judy Walker	Asst. Sec.	73.3%
Tom Vaughan	Treasurer	86.7%
Allan Eckhardt	Asst. Treas.	80.0%
Sandy Chaet	Director	100.0%
Ila Chaiken	Director	73.3%
Jared Cloud	Director	73.3%
Martina Molins	Director	86.7%
Scott Young	Director	86.7%
2000-01 Average Attendance:		83.3%

There were 15 board meetings from the 2000 to the 2001 Annual Owners meetings. The attendance chart indicates attendance only. For a complete record including late arrivals and the entry of "absent" or "excused," see the Malibu East official board minutes available to owners at the management office.

MECA budget board meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 2

by Jack Winans

Attendance: 8 board members, 2 management representatives and 20 residents including 5 candidates.

Not present: Allan Eckhardt, Ila Chaiken, Marcel Molins, Martina Molins.

Presiding: V.P. Richard Strauss, and upon his arrival, V.P. Stuart Meshbourn

The meeting began with a minute of silence to honor the victims of the Sep. 11 terrorist attack.

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) When will the floor numbers for the freight elevator be fixed? *The present number system is obsolete. If the contractor cannot find parts within a reasonable time, we will have to get a new digital floor indicating system at a cost of \$5,000-6,000.*
- 2) Key systems were recommended for recreation rooms at a prior meeting. What is the progress on this? *Action is not taken on suggestions made by residents or board members until the board actually budgets the item and approves allocation of funds.*
- 3) What can residents do to get action on a project? *Get on the board yourself or get a board member behind it.*
- 4) What is the policy on unattended boxes or luggage in common areas? *We have no existing policies to cover this occurrence. Due to the events of Sep. 11, some security measures will be talked about tonight in both open and closed sessions.*
- 5) Why are my patio doors boarded shut? *We have three courses of action to secure balconies during construction.*
 - a) *Normally, we restrain the screen.*
 - b) *If there is no screen, we bar the door.*
 - c) *We also bar the door if the residents open the screen.*

It is possible that the construction crews were excessively boarding patio doors shut. Management will review the procedure with them.

2002 PROPOSED BUDGET

Preamble presented by Richard Strauss, Finance Committee chairman

1) *Our expenses*

Each of the five board candidates present were given a copy of the proposed budget and invited to participate in the ensuing discussion.

Our residents have strongly expressed their desire to have the balcony/exterior work done soon. There is more work to be done than was originally specified. We also have a change in the city ordinance that requires us to do a hands-on inspection of one side of the building every year. The brick wall on the north side of the garage needs extensive repairs. The roof is at the end of its life, and there is work to be done in the garage.

The city-mandated exterior façade inspection and the updates that it requires will cost an average of \$43,000 per year. The north wall repairs are estimated to be \$550,000. An additional \$450,000 is needed (after factoring in the additional work and engineers' fee) to finish the balcony/exterior project.

2) *Sources of revenue proposals*

Increase assessments by 9%. This is the first time in a decade of an increase substantially above the cost of living. We are doing this to avoid a special assessment.

Monthly parking fees will be raised by \$2 for cars and by \$1 for motorcycles to cover Standard Parking cost increases. Twelve to 24 hour parking will go from \$16 to \$17 and weekly parking from \$64 to \$66. Coupon prices will remain the same.

Windjammer Room rental after a 10 year hiatus in increases will go up \$25 to \$100.

The fee for our employees doing maintenance work in units will be raised \$2 per quarter hour to \$10. The transfer process fee will be

raised \$25 to \$125.

As always, we hope that some of the money raised will not have to be spent and will go into the reserve to protect us in the coming years.

3) *Board action*

The board unanimously agreed to recommend this budget to the owners for their 30-day review.

Board candidates were given the opportunity to express their unofficial position on the proposed budget. Three voted in the affirmative, saying that the increase in assessments was unavoidable due to our expense obligations. One abstained and one left before the end of the budget presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

1) *Building security measures*

Ken Ortiz (Sudler), Vito Senese (MECA Association Manager) and several board members brainstormed a security action plan and presented it to the board members for discussion in closed session.

2) *Unit 18M*

The board did not take action of first refusal on unit 18M.

3) *Mailroom carpet*

Commercial grade carpet samples were displayed and discussed.

The meeting ended at 10:30 pm and went into closed session.

Jack's website pick of the month

Remember September 11

Get a beautiful free American waving flag screensaver at this site with the Sep. 11 message and the music,

"America the Beautiful" playing in the background. A 730K download.

<http://www.screensaver.com/wnnf.htm>



Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

Live at 6205

An Evening of Arias

You've got to be here for one of the most exciting evenings in Opera! Featuring: tenor, Stuart Bard & Janene Bergen.

Nov. 16 – 7 pm

"The Birds"

Feminist drag deconstruction of the Hitchcock thriller.

Through Nov. 17, \$15

8 pm Thu.-Sat.

Presented by Sweetback Prod.

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

312-742-7871

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

General meeting & slide show

Nov. 3 – 9:30 am

FREE

773-907-1872

EDGEWATER

MEDICAL CENTER

Senior Center programs

5700 N. Ashland Ave.

773-797-1095

EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #33SD

Come meet our beat police.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7 pm

(1st Wed. of every month)

Internet basics

Learn mouse skills, www, e-mail

1st Sat. of month

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Martin D'arcy Museum of Art

Kultur und Kaffee

Free public lecture, Dr. Will Noel, curator, at the Crown Center Auditorium

3:30-5 pm Nov. 12

Live music

Art and refreshments, free informal concert featuring Loyola student musicians.

6225 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-508-2679

NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER

"NUTS"

Courtroom drama \$15

Synergy Therapy Theatre

6219 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-743-4477

NORTH PARK VILLAGE NATURE CENTER

Audubon Society

Nov. 9, 7-9 pm

Family & children's stories

5-6:30 pm

Adult stories

7-10 pm

Nov. 17

5801 N. Pulaski

312-744-5472

WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER

Adult day wellness programs for 60 and over. Gentle yoga, tai chi, music exercise, socializing, lunch and snacks. Transportation provided within boundary area.

1355 W. Foster Ave.

773-271-9001

THEATER/SHOWINGS

AMERICAN THEATER CO.

"A Lie of the Mind"

Mistrust and jealousies set apart the destinies of two families linked by marriage.

Through Nov. 11 – \$25-\$30

8 pm Thu./Fri., 5 & 8:30 pm Sat., 3

pm Sun.

1909 W. Byron

773-929-1031

BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER

Dynamite Divas

Actors belt out the tunes of famous singers.

Open run, \$30

7:30 pm Thu., 3 pm Sat., 7:30 pm

Sun.

4520 N. Beacon

773-769-4451

CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY

"Uncle Fred in the Springtime"

By P.G. Wodehouse – a grownup fairy story.

Nov. 12 – Jan. 5

8 pm Thu.-Sat., 3 pm Sun.

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

LAKEVIEW LOUNGE

Nightwatch Band

3-piece honky-tonk group on a "tiny, tiny stage" in back of bar.

5115 N. Broadway

773-769-0994

LIFELINE THEATRE

"Puss in Boots"

Through Nov. 25, \$8

Sat. 1 & 3 pm, Sun. 1 pm

Ages 5 and up

"The Return of the King"

Tolkien's fantasy of good and evil.

Through Dec. 9, \$18, students/

seniors \$15

Fri./Sat. – 5 & 8 pm

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

LOYOLA STUDIO THEATRE

Loyola University

773-508-3847

Mullady Theatre

"Not Even the Children"

Based on story by Truman Capote

6525 N. Sheridan Rd.

Studio Theatre Mertz LL12

"Galileo"

Nov. 2-4 – 8 pm Fri., 2 & 8 pm

Sat., 2 pm Sun.

1125 W Loyola

NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind"

Improvisations, open run

Roll of die plus \$5

11:30 pm Fri./Sat., 7 pm Sun.

"That's Weird, Grandma"

Barrel of Monkeys children's

theater performs a program of songs and comic sketches.

Open run, 9 pm – \$8 adults, \$5 kids

5153 N. Ashland Ave.

773-275-5255

PROFILES THEATRE

“Dogs Barking”

Drama about ex-lovers’ quarrel.

Through Nov. 18, \$18-\$22

8 pm Fri./Sat., 7 pm Sun.

4147 N. Broadway

773-549-1815

COMMUNITY EVENTS/OFFERS

Resource directory for older people

A comprehensive listing of almost 300 public and private services.

Call the National Institute on Aging 800-222-5225 for free copy.

Free museum family pass

City residents with library cards may check out a family pass to museums in the city. Call your library.

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Thursday afternoon discussion group

Thursday, Nov. 15

(every 3rd Thurs. of month)

2:00 pm — Community Room

Dialogue Committee meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 20

7:30 pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 27

7:30 pm — Windjammer Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue.

Winter holiday traditions

by Jack Winans



The winter holiday season is coming, and most of us here at Malibu East grew up with a very traditional view of holiday activities and decorations. However, I am sure that many of our neighbors and friends from other lands have had a childhood somewhat different from ours. We are extending an invitation for them to share their holiday customs with us. We would appreciate both articles and pictures to share with your neighbors.

Winter holiday decorating contest

by Jack Winans

The second annual unit door and residential hallway winter holiday decorating contest is coming. Decorations must be displayed by noon Sunday, Dec. 16 to be eligible for judging. Floor decorations are not acceptable.

Management requests that all decorations be hung with no damage to the unit doors. The cost of repairing nail holes will be passed on to the unit owners. Please hang decorations from the door knocker, the doorknob or from a strap over the top of the door.

If you would like to be a judge (your anonymity will be preserved), please contact the Dialogue staff by Dec. 10. Judges must be willing to inspect all 42 residential floors.

Holiday tipping

Folklore has it that tipping began generations ago in England when an employee put a moneybox on a table and wrote the words “to insure promptness” on it. The first three letters of each word survived to make up our word “tip.” Tipping is a personal act based on the quality of service a person has received.

Below is a list that suggests what is generally considered to be adequate amounts to tip various people for services rendered. Please be generous when contributing to our employee Holiday Fund and consider tips to our employees and outside service representatives to be an extra for superior service.

Doormen	\$25 or more
Handymen	\$20 -\$30 each
Mail carrier	Gift not over \$20
Newspaper boy	\$15-\$25 daily \$5-\$15 Sunday only
Parking attendants	\$10-\$20

source:

<http://www.hobart.k12.in.us/hhsnew/academics/gt/ch10.html>

This link at the Hobart, IN High School has 16 chapters on etiquette that you may find interesting:

<http://www.hobart.k12.in.us/hhsnew/academics/gt/manual.html>

Dr. Horbal called to duty

Dr. Jack Horbal, Captain’s Walk dentist has recently completed a tour of duty in New York City with the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) of the



Office of Emergency Preparedness, U. S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary. DMORT was activated on Sept. 11 to support the efforts of the local authorities of New York City.

DMORT has been on duty around the clock, working in numerous capacities. DMORT has a highly skilled team of forensic pathologists, forensic dentists, forensic anthropologists, coroners, medical examiners, funeral directors and medical records and X-ray technicians present. They are also being supported by law enforcement data entry personnel, mental health professionals, chaplains, administrative staff and others.

Dr. Horbal has been and will continue to be an integral part of this ongoing effort.

Thomas J. Shepardson, DMORT National Commander

Source: Press release from DMORT

Editor’s note: The DMORT team is mandated by the Emergency Support Function (ESF #8) to provide the United States government coordinated assistance to supplement state and local resources in response to public health and medical care needs following a significant natural disaster or man-made event. At the federal level, it is a partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Defense (DOD, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Correction

The October issue incorrectly misspelled new resident Nicole Gavril. We apologize.

Holiday dining hours

by *Betty Mayian*

There are many restaurants in the area — you could look in your Edgewater/Rogers Park neighborhood telephone directory and find them all. But not all of them

list their hours or their holiday openings and closings, so we have. When they have a special brunch time or menu, we have listed that as well. If anyone finds that these restaurants have hours other than what they told us, then let us know and we can update this list. Also, if you have found one or more favorites and wish to share your comments — also let us know. I have omitted smaller establishments, such as bars and lounges or pizza delivery spots, from this compilation. Another list of those smaller places would make a fine future article, right? Oh, and a suggestion — always call ahead, especially during holidays.



Symbols for restaurants open:

T Thanksgiving

☆ Christmas Day

🕒 24 hrs./365 days a year

T Alexander's Restaurant,

American

6158 North Clark, 773/743-3841

Sun 7 am-9 pm

Mon-Sat 6 am-9 pm

CLOSED Christmas Day, New Year's Day

T ☆ Andies, Greek-Mediterranean

5253 North Clark St., 773/784-8616

Sun-Thu 10 am-midnight

Fri/Sat 10 am-1 am

Brunch on Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am-2 pm

OPEN all holidays, Thanksgiving one-price meals

T ☆ The Angus, Prime steaks,

fine seafood

7555 North Western Ave.

773/262-8844 / 773/262-3061 / fax:

773/262-2444

Sun 10:30 am-9 pm

Mon-Thu 11 am-10 pm

Fri/Sat 11 am-10:30 pm

Brunch on Sundays only, 10:30 am-2:30 pm

Special menu Thanksgiving, Mothers' Day

CLOSED Memorial Day, Labor Day, 4th of July

T Ann Sather, Swedish/

American food

5207 North Clark St., 773/271-6677

Sat/Sun 7 am-5 pm

Mon-Fri 7 am-3:30 pm

CLOSED Christmas Day

Atlantique, Seafood

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Sun 9 am-11 pm

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Fri/Sat 11 am-11 pm

CLOSED Thanksgiving, Christmas Day

Asian longhorned beetle update

Only one Asian longhorned beetle was found in Chicago this year. The

beetle was found Oct. 1 in the 1700 block of West Berteau. In the past four years this infestation led to the destruction of thousands of trees (see chart).

Source: IL Dept. of Agriculture (800-641-3934) and the Oct. 3 2001 Chicago Tribune

Longhorned beetle infested trees found in Ravenswood.

<u>98-99</u>	<u>99-00</u>	<u>00-01</u>	<u>01-02</u>	<u>Total</u>
837	472	87	1	1396

Notice to snowbirds

If you are going to be out of town for the winter season, keep up with



MECA events by having the Dialogue mailed to your winter home. Leave your name, unit number, winter address and MECA phone number at the doorman's station or at the management office in an envelope addressed to the Dialogue editor. Also include the dates of your **departure** and **return**.

MECA 2001 annual board & committee reports

Treasurer's report

By Tom Vaughan

The following information is summarized from MECA's annual budget and the Dec. 31, 1999 and 2000 financial statements audited by the association's independent accountants, Picker and Associates. The budget is developed in detail annually by the board, summarized and shared with the owners, and approved at an open board meeting each fall.

The Association ended the year with a \$340,337 operating surplus. Total building revenues from the normal operation of the building were \$2,934,107 compared to \$2,863,830 in 1999. This 2.5% increase in income was primarily due to the 3.0% increase in owner assessments. Total operating revenues exceeded the budgeted amounts by 1.3% due principally to greater than anticipated garage income and scavenger rebate from the City of Chicago.

Total operating expenses for the building were \$2,122,843 compared to \$2,096,485 in 1999. This 1.3% increase was primarily due to greater utilities, and building service expenses combined with scheduled employee union wage increases offset by savings in repairs & maintenance, and general & administrative expenses. Total expenses including the planned transfer to the Reserve Fund were less than budgeted by about \$303,823 or a 12.5% savings. The resulting net operating surplus of \$340,337 was transferred to the Reserve Fund.

The Reserve Fund balance at the beginning of 2000 was \$2,459,657. During 2000, \$1,090,846 was added to the Reserve Fund, consisting of scheduled transfers, interest income on investments, and the year-end operating surplus. After Reserve Fund expenditures of \$905,520, the Reserve Fund balance at year-end 2000 increased \$185,326 to \$2,644,983, absorbing 2000's capital expenditures.

In January 2000 your association purchased the Captain's Walk commercial

unit for \$300,000 and a residential unit. These purchase opportunities came through exercising the Association's right of first refusal. Our ownership of the Captain's Walk allows us to make changes in this amenity and enables improvements to its interaction with the Association. Presently, this unit is operating at a loss to the association; however, your current Board believes that this investment will prove to be a beneficial investment in the end. The purchase of the residential unit was made to further sustain the price values of our individual units.

Our building is now in the final phase of our ongoing exterior wall and balcony repair project. This represents a significant drain on our resources, and further important projects are necessary to maintain your property. Richard Strauss will discuss these projects and the complete budget for year 2002 in more detail.

At year-end 2000, MECA displays a strong financial position with \$2,679,827 in operating and reserve funds held in insured accounts. This amount is held to cover both scheduled and anticipated capital expenditures for the continued maintenance of our building in addition to covering the accruals and payables of \$283,106 already booked at year-end. Recent Boards have taken a fiscally sound position to minimize the need for special assessments. These actions have helped to maintain MECA as the premier Sheridan Road property.

Dialogue Committee

by Jack Winans, Editor

Through our 16 volunteers' efforts, we have continued to deliver the Dialogue to the residents of Malibu East by the first of the month every month since December 1997.

The cost of our 8-12-page crisp, digital output newsletter on high-quality bright paper has been reduced by purchasing the paper and collating in-house. We have increased our owner and neighborhood circulation and distribute extra

copies to our public areas and high-traffic areas.

A set of 14 "Balcony Man" cartoons developed by our staff and drawn by local artist Scott Virzi promotes our rules. The masthead was changed to resemble our new Malibu East letterhead. Current and past issues of the Dialogue along with many other documents are available at our website, www.MalibuEast.org.

Expense increases have been offset by the aggressive efforts of our staff in increasing advertising revenue. We are looking at in-house printing equipment that could reduce expenses and provide expanded capabilities.

Our library of past issues goes back to 1971. We wish to thank those residents who donated missing copies; they are indexed and available for reproduction.

The Dialogue staff has developed articles on Malibu East and neighborhood amenities that will be helpful to new owners and to realtors in extolling the value of Malibu East property. We plan to make these articles available in pamphlet form at the management office and at our Web site.

The Dialogue Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Community Room and starts with an "open session" where all residents are welcome and encouraged to make suggestions.

Our committee members express their thanks to the board and to the residents and owners of Malibu East for their continued full support of the Dialogue and its volunteers.

Social Committee

by Sandy Chaet

First, I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their work, time and effort they put into making our activities successful.

Our dance class is going until Monday, Nov. 5. Thanks to Lawrence Bercini, our Malibu East instructor, for his patience and instruction. You don't need a

partner to participate. Our residents are enjoying and having fun learning the East Coast Swing and Salsa.

We are still planning the Hanukkah lighting and holiday party. Watch for details. The holiday party will be Thursday, Dec. 13. We will supply refreshments, but what makes this party so successful are the appetizers and desserts that people bring to share.

Our day group meets monthly on Thursday. Thanks to Ilse Siegler, Rose Wandel & Ruth Betty Spilky for organizing the meetings. Watch the bulletin boards for more details.

ASCO

by Sandy Chaet

Many neighborhood problems were addressed by ASCO (Association of Sheridan Condo-Coop Owners) this year. Thanks to all the residents who signed the refuse rebate petition.

Many residents on Sheridan Road have written letters and sent petitions about having the No. 147 bus run on Sunday. No positive movement on this issue. It doesn't seem to be a priority item for the CTA. Each of us needs to continue to call or write the CTA with this request. Contact Mr. Frank Kreusi, CTA, Merchandise Mart, Chicago IL 312-329-1308.

The planter at the end of our street at Glenlake and the lake is now complete. Thankyou to the representatives from East Point, Malibu East (Larry Creter and myself), Sheli Lulkin, and Ernie Constantino from the Alderman's office and to the City of Chicago for all the planning.

Construction on the 95-unit assisted-living facility called Kingsley Place (across the street from Malibu) will be started in the spring of 2002. Negotiations between the Chicago Park District and the owner of the lot at the southwest corner of Thorndale and Sheridan are still going on. The lot is scheduled to become a park once it is acquired. The land at 6151 N. Sheridan is still in litigation.

Thanks to all the residents and State Representative Harry Osterman who

spent many hours standing on our sidewalks handing out leaflets and redirecting bike riders to the official bike route. Many meetings were spent with representatives from Loyola University, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, the police department, the Department of transportation, Chicagoland Bicycle Federation and people from the community. We discussed signage, enforcement and the education of bike riders. New clear signage has been installed and striping of the bike path on the right sides of Kenmore and Winthrop. The police bike patrol has been seen often. Alderman Smith introduced an ordinance on Aug. 30 for the use of bicycle boots and a fine for offenders who ride on Sheridan Rd. sidewalks. There has been progress.

The ASCO Board met with Tom Kaeser of the Chicago Department of Transportation and Ernie Constantino from Alderman Smith's office. We discussed the concerns of both weekend and weekday traffic. Mr. Kaeser offered to change the sequence of traffic lights on weekends to help the flow of traffic. He will also check the timing of the lights during the weekdays. He will also check the timing of the left-hand turn light at Sheridan for eastbound traffic onto Lakeshore Drive. We plan to meet with him again to evaluate the situation.

Building Survey

Larry Creter

This year a survey was submitted to the residents for their voice in the satisfaction of life at Malibu East. Thanks to all who took the time and thought and effort to participate. It shows that many people are interested in the well-being of our home.

We received 165 completed surveys back from the residents, many with numerous written comments and suggestions about the categories presented. The surveys were tallied offsite by an independent employee of the management company. The totals and comments were included in a very large report.

The survey addressed the following categories: doormen, maintenance, garage, receiving room, management of-

fice, Board of Directors, Windjammer Room, swimming pools, fourth floor deck, tennis court, guest parking, cable TV, Community Room, dog run, health club, billiard room, teen room, handball court, saunas, children's room, laundry room, bike room, and elevator music. There was also a section requesting comments regarding improvements and mail service.

The Board has assigned a committee to complete a plan to best address and take action in response to the survey results. Each of the categories is being reviewed to determine problem areas, and a plan of action will include a timetable for addressing the problem and include the date of completion, and who is responsible for addressing the problem, weather it is the Board, management or a committee. The category totals will be published in the Dialogue in a special section or issue. The complete report, including the comments, which will be anonymous, will be available in the management office.

Architecture & Aesthetics

Larry Creter

In February of this year the Aesthetics Committee asked for volunteers to help formulate plans to refurbish and redecorate our common-area corridors. A small group of interested residents met to exchange ideas and discuss possible strategies for developing a master decorating plan which would not only include the corridors but our main lobby, garage lobby, elevator lobbies and cabs, party and community rooms, and the Captain's Walk. The group took field trips to other condo buildings to research their decorating projects. A list of design sources and references was compiled.

Our corridors are showing their age in style, and the carpeting is approximately 15 years old. The building has had a budgeted program for painting and decorating a certain number of hallways per year as needed. The goal is to have a plan in place so that when budgeted funds become available in 2003 the

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project can be begin in phases.

The planning will consider not just a new color scheme, but lighting, door refinishing, hardware, signage and safety, and possible future remodeling. The committee has begun to interview designers and solicit proposals.

In the spring, the committee shifted its focus to the immediate need to address the furniture in the main lobby, which had fabric that was worn and torn. It became clear that reupholstering the chairs did not make economic sense since the chairs were also nearly 10 years old and out of style. Further, the area carpeting was also worn and needed replacing. In July, a design proposal was presented to the Board by the committee to replace the worn-out chairs and area rug and won approval. The design features a classic oriental rug in red, blue, gray and tan and also included four new chairs with contemporary curved wood arms and a durable dark blue fabric covering to complement the colors in the rug. The coffee table will be updated with a larger rectangular glass top. The committee has also selected a more durable, commercial-grade floor covering for the mail-room in a dark blue, which will complement the new seating fabric. Also, the committee is making a recommendation for new entrance vestibule flooring, which would complement the new seating. The new chairs should arrive in November, and we hope to have all in place before the holidays. Although the lobby seating design was completed before the master plan has been developed, the look is classic and contemporary and should work into a new plan or be reworked at a later stage of the project. Funds allocated in this year's budget for the committee's decorating plan development is being used to finance the new furniture and rug.

If you wish to help in this project or have ideas or suggestions, please leave that information with the management office to the attention of the Aesthetics Committee. Future meeting dates will be announced.

The Room's Sunday brunch

5900 N. Broadway
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by *Betty Mayian*



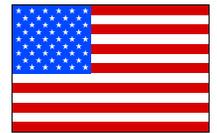
I said I would not do a review of The Room until I had visited it again. I tried the Sunday brunch recently and found wonderful food — not just brunch food. Sometimes, when presented with an abundance of “all you can eat” food, you have a tendency to forgive some lesser quality in favor of the quantity. Well, not here! From the bakery table, filled with bagels, scones, sweet rolls, croissants and country biscuits, to the carved meat section and the omelet station, there are more delights than you can try in a month of brunches. The concept that Jody Andre’ initially conceived for the brunch was to order from a menu. But they went back to this more traditional brunch and it is something we really can appreciate in our area. Chef Gil Langlois has set up a downtown look, with much better prices than downtown (and easier to get to). Parking is free of hassle because it is Sunday.

Now for the offerings. Someone at our table said I should try their smoked salmon with capers. What I tasted was arguably the best I have ever had. My absolute favorite was the creamy country sausage and biscuits. Healthy and colorful fresh fruits in several combinations were displayed. A bowl of mixed berries and a wonderful summer bowl of melons, mangos and grapes were provided this week. Strawberry compote on firm French toast, stewed peaches in cobbler and tropical fruit in a Caribbean pork dish are a few of the other ways the chef incorporates fruit into the menu. Eggs are an important staple in any brunch, and here you can choose from beautifully made scrambled (with bacon or ham or sausage links), vegetarian egg soufflé, ham and cheese egg quiche, or ask the carver for your own personalized omelet. Rather have waffles? Perfectly made and crisp Belgian waffles can be combined with pure butter, maple syrup or some of the

seasonal fruits provided.

What if you want more of a lunch instead of breakfast? How about fried chicken, prime rib, lasagna, beef stroganoff, baked fish of the day, noodles, and potatoes? Want more? There is always a choice sweet available. Fresh orange or cranberry juice, coffee or tea is a part of this all-inclusive brunch for \$15 a person. The food is prepared beautifully, and the waitstaff is very helpful. I loved the atmosphere of relaxation and gentility that comes from fine tableware and linens. There is no reason to leave this lovely restaurant hungry or unsatisfied. I may be willing to attend Sunday brunch more often now. Ask the waitperson to see the dinner menu while you're there, and you'll find yourself making plans to go there some evening as well. Did I say “all you can eat”? Very good.

Sunday brunch 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Hi-rise evacuation proposal to change

Mayor Daley has proposed an ordinance that would require emergency evacuation plans for hi-rises. Two categories are being proposed, one for hi-rises such as Malibu East and many of its neighbors that are over 275 feet tall and one of less complexity for buildings between 80 and 275 feet tall.

Source: Wed. 24, 2001 *Chicago Tribune*

The full text of the proposed ordinance can be found at:

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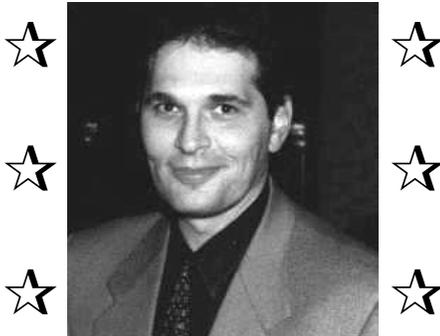
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