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Malibu East resident gets UC athletic award

The Fencing Financier

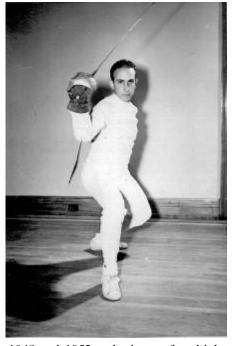
By Jack Winans

Malibu East resident Leon Strauss was inducted Oct. 10, 2003, into the University of Chicago Athletics Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the University of Chicago's Hutchinson Commons. The Hall of Fame recognizes and honors men and women who have distinguished themselves and the university in the field of intercollegiate athletics, or who have contributed to the development of intercollegiate athletics at the University of Chicago. Among the inductees were notables such as football coach Amos Alonzo Stagg; the first-ever Heisman Trophy winner, Jay Berwanger and tennis great George Lott, who won titles at Wimbledon, the French Open and the U.S. Open.

To be eligible for induction into the University of Chicago Athletics Hall of Fame, former student-athletes must meet three criteria. They must have attended the university, competed in an intercollegiate sport, and have completed their participation in intercollegiate sports a minimum of five years prior to induction.

Leon Strauss was an All-America fencer in 1947, placing second in the épée and fourth in the foil as Chicago finished second in the nation in the team standings. He was a member of the U.S. Olympic Fencing Squad in





1948 and 1952 and winner of multiple Midwest state championships. Leon was also Illinois state champion, as was his 7-years-older-brother and fencing mentor. Leon trained and practiced at the University of Chicago while attending Hyde Park High School. Hyde Park H. S. (now Hyde Park Academy) no longer has a fencing team.

Six of the 25 inductees in this "Inaugural Class" are living and were present for the award, which was presented at a banquet Friday evening, Oct. 10. It was announced that future yearly awards would be limited to six candidates. Mr. Strauss, his wife, Kathy, and nine other members of the family were present for the evening and next-day activities. On Oct. 11, the inductees and a large audience of alumni and their guests celebrated the dedication of the new Ratner Athletic Center that houses the Hall of Fame. The inductees were also recognized during halftime at the homecoming football game.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Paul Wenger

Leon has been a Malibu East resident for 32 years—one of the few remaining "original" residents who still remember the stark concrete hallways and construction dust. Many longtime residents have children who grew up with their son, Mark, who still lives in the Chicago area.

Leon was born in St. Louis, but his parents moved to the South Side when Leon was only 10 months old. Leon grew up in South Shore and went to high school in Hyde Park. At the tender age of 5, Leon was introduced to the world of fencing by his older brother, Herbert, who was lost at sea during WWII.

Leon was an undergraduate at the Uni-SEE STRAUSS, PAGE 5

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MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

MECA board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003

Attendance: 11 directors, 1 management representative and 10 residents Not present: Larry Creter

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) What is the window replacement program? The association does not take care of the upkeep and maintenance of patio door/windows; this is the responsibility of the owners. The board has been searching for a vendor that will work through the management office to get a volume discount price for the owners.
- 2) I've heard that speed bumps may be installed in the Sheridan Road entrance. Is this also being considered for the Glenlake entrances? We will have to see how it works with the Sheridan Road entrance, before moving to other entrances.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial statement

(No report due to the early date of the board meeting.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Rules & Regulations/Legal Marcel Molins

We met Oct. 7. We are proceeding with each committee member as-

signed a section of the rules. Next meeting is Oct. 22.

2) Security

Sandy Chaet reporting for Larry Creter

The committee requests board approval of the formation of a resident security subcommittee.

3) Social, Sandy Chaet The casino outing is Nov. 5. A speaker from the Council for Jewish Elderly will speak at the Nov. 20 Thursday Afternoon Group.

The holiday party is Dec. 18. Hanukkah lighting ceremony is 5:30pm Dec. 19.

ASCO, Sandy Chaet
 The association will send a letter to

CTA President Frank Kruesi on behalf of the residents of Malibu East in support of continuing the Sunday schedule of the #147 bus.

5) *Public & Community Affairs*The next 48th Ward Zoning & Planning meeting is Nov. 19.

6) Long Range Plans & Special Projects

Jon Heller

The north wall project will start soon. Oct. 30 meeting scheduled to discuss handicapped access plans.

7) Communications

Tom Vaughan

The Dialogue reports an estimated total advertising income of \$5,825 and total printing costs of \$5,489.78 for a profit of \$335.22 at the end of 2003.

- 8) **Building Maintenance & Services** Oct. 27 meeting scheduled.
- 9) 9) Standard Parking garage report

Monthly parkers

142
56
310
2
2
NC
512
6
10
1

MANAGEMENT REPORT Items requiring board action

1) 2004 proposed budget

Budgeted cash and reserves for fiscal 2004, \$1 million. The 2004 proposed budget was approved for sending to association owners for review.

- 2) Board committee appointments
 Committee assignments revised
 and approved by President Marcel
 Molins.
- B) Saturday deliveries
 Director Sandy Chaet asked the
 board for the approval of a trial pe-

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.

riod of three months of officescheduled deliveries of a limit of one item per unit (not move-ins or move-outs) on Saturdays until noon. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed to table the motion until next meeting for further review and the presentation of a formal written motion.

- 4) Window replacement program

 The vendor stipulated a requirement that our association be responsible for payment. As this is not satisfactory, it was suggested that the association require a deposit of \$2,000 from an owner before scheduling window work through this vendor. Action tabled for more research.
- 5) Board meeting dates
 Tabled
- 6) Unit owner insurance requirements

The association has the power under new legislation to set owner insurance requirements. The board discussed setting the minimum insurance requirement at \$1 million. Sent to Legal Committee for further study.

Items not requiring board action

1) Exterior façade & balcony project

Residents are requested to make a final review of their balconies and report any suspected unsatisfactory or incomplete work to the management office.

2) New interior signage

Directional signs are up, work continues on stairwells. The lower level signs will be re-evaluated.

3) Unit sales

12A \$369,500 31A \$353,000

- 4) *Floor painting project* 77 balcony floors painted.
- 5) **5**) Channel 95

We are currently off the air due to a problem with computer equipment.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm and went into closed session.



What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese, MECA Association Manager

Residents are requested to make a final review of their balconies and report any suspected unsatisfactory or incomplete work to the management office.

The building staff has been working hard to prepare the building for winter. The bike rack will be taken in on Nov. 12. So if you have a bike on the rack, please remove it before then. During the recent garbage strike, the building staff did an outstanding job in collecting and removing the trash from our building. The building staff would like to thank all the residents for their assistance in bagging their garbage and putting the bags in the bulk room during the strike.

The north garage wall repair project is under way and as a result, the atrium traffic pattern has been changed. Please DO NOT PARK in the atrium and DRIVE VERY CAREFULLY in the atrium. Parking is now allowed only in the new 15-minute parking area located between two columns on the west side

of the atrium. Residents will be notified in writing when the current traffic pattern changes in a few weeks. The board of directors would like to thank all the residents and their guests for their cooperation and patience during this project.

The board of directors and the Finance Committee has prepared and issued the 2004 proposed budget to all unit owners, which will be discussed and adopted at the board meeting Nov. 25. Unit owners having questions regarding the proposed budget can either submit questions in writing to the treasurer, Neil Warner, or ask questions in person at the board meeting.

Residents are reminded to contact the management office to schedule all deliveries for the receiving room. There are NO moves allowed on Saturday or Sunday.



Turley at Emanuel

By Jack Winans

An audience of over 100 concerned Edgewater citizens assembled the evening of Oct. 10 at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Road, to hear Jonathan Turley, nationally recognized legal scholar, speak on his objections to the Patriot Act.



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Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

Computer classes

Adult beginners class 7:30pm Oct. 30.

Call 773-761-5792 for details

Pottery show & sale

10am–4pm Nov. 22–23 6205 N. Sheridan Rd. 312-742-7871

EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book club

Miracle at St. Anna by James McBride

11am 1st Sat. of month

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #2433

Come meet our beat police.

7pm Nov. 5

Chess Club

6:30 Mondays, adults & children

Julie Ressler exhibit

Thru Nov. 29 1210 W. Elmdale 312-744-0718

SWEDISH AMERICAN MUSEUM CENTER

Sirl Berg exhibition

10am-4pm Tue.—Fri. 11am–4pm Sat./Sun. Thru Nov. 28, \$4 adults \$3 children/students/seniors 5211 N. Clark St.

773-728-8111

WHITE CRANE

WELLNESS CENTER

Senior day wellness programs 1355 W. Foster Ave. 773-271-9001

THEATER/SHOWINGS

BILLY GOAT

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"Puppet Noir"

Puppets plus tell the secrets hidden inside the Broadway Armory. 8pm Fri./Sat., 7pm Sun., \$10 Broadway Armory 5917 N. Broadway 773-250-3331



GRIFFIN THEATRE COMPANY

"Picnic"

Story of a drifter's effect on the female population of a small town in Kansas. Thru Nov. 9, \$20 7:30pm Thu., 9pm Fri./

Sat., 3pm Sun. **Calo Theatre** 5404 N. Clark St. 773-769-2228

LIFELINE THEATRE

"The Cricket in Times Square"

Country cricket visits big city and is mistaken for a famous musician. For ages 5–8.

Thru Jan. 4, \$8

1 & 3pm Sat., 1pm Sun.

"The Shadow"

Two staged episodes of classic oldtime radio.

Thru Nov. 30, \$20 & \$16, \$10 students/seniors

7:30pm Fri., 8pm Sat., 5:30pm Sun.

6912 N. Glenwood 773-761-4477

NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind"

30 plays in 60 minutes.

Too Much Light has been running continuously since 1988, making it the longest-running show in Chicago today.

11:30pm Fri./Sat., 7pm Sun. \$5 plus roll of a die.

"A 60-Minute History of Humankind"

A serious attempt to distill the scope of human history into roughly 60 minutes of highly physical theater.

8pm Thu./Sat.; \$12, \$8 with student ID

5153 N. Ashland Ave. 773-275-5255

NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER

773-743-4477

Exhibit of oil paintings "Land & Lake"

Local artist, Alex Vazquez
Opening reception 6–8pm Nov. 6
Thru Dec. 13
6219 N. Sheridan Rd.

RAVEN THEATRE

"Social Security"

Comedy about a couple taking care of their mother.

Thru Nov. 23, \$20 & \$25

8pm Thu.—Sat., 3pm Sun.

6157 N. Clark 773-338-2177

TINFISH PRODUCTIONS

"Cain"

Poetic retelling of bible story. 8pm Thu.—Sat., 3pm Sun. \$17.50 adults, \$14 seniors/students 4223 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-1888

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Dialogue Committee meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 18

7:30pm — Community Room

Thursday afternoon discussion group

Thursday, Nov. 20 (every 3rd Thurs. of month)

2:00pm — Windjammer Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 25

7:30pm — Windjammer Room Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue.

Thursday discussion group special speaker

By Rose Wandel

A speaker from the local Council for Jewish Elderly will give information about various programs they offer to all older adults at the Thursday Afternoon Group meeting at 2pm Nov. 20. Watch for a flyer that will give more details.

Arabesque Thursdays

By Cindy Infantino

Classical Arabic, Sephardic, Turkish and Armenian instrumental music with Malibu East resident Hicham Chami and the Mosaic Ensemble. 8:30–11:30pm Thursdays Barba Yianni Grecian Taverna 4761 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-878-6400





STRAUSS

versity of Chicago from 1942 to 1944. He left school to enlist in the U. S. Army infantry and saw much action in the European theater.

After basic camp, Leon was trained as an intelligence gatherer. After posting to the European theater with the "century men," the newly formed 100th Infantry Division, he was assigned to the 397th Regiment, anti-tank platoon. He saw action as an infantry rifleman and anti-tank gunner. His action during combat earned him the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Medal and a Unit Presidential Citation.

The 100th Infantry Division was officially placed in Seventh Army reserve on April 25, 1945, after 175 consecutive days on the line and assigned to occupation duty.

When the 100th was disbanded, Leon was discharged returned to the U. of C. where he attended from 1946 through 1948, earning a B.A. in Philosophy and doing post-graduate work. After leaving school, Leon started his lifetime career as a stockbroker, from which he retired 12 years ago.

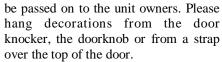
He continued his interest in fencing after college and opened an evening fencing school. He also coached the fencing team at Northwestern University in Evanston. Leon appeared on many TV shows, including Kup's, and Mike Wallace, and became known as the "Fencing Financier." For 15 years, he also appeared on a weekly TV show on channel WCIU's "Ask an Expert."

The Strauss' enjoy reading, spending

Winter holiday door contest

By Jack Winans

The deadline for our third annual unit door and residential hallway winter holiday decorating contest is rapidly approaching. Management requests that all decorations be hung with no damage to the unit doors. The cost of repairing nail holes will



If you would like to enter the contest or if you would like to serve as a judge (your anonymity will be preserved), please contact the Dialogue staff by Nov. 15.

time at their home in Wisconsin, and have traveled extensively. They have also taken computer classes at Berger Park to stay up to date with technology. Leon is an avid birder and "museum hopper."

The next time you see Leon and Kathy, say hello and thank them for their commitment to Malibu East and congratulate Leon on his latest accomplishment!

Editor's note:

The 397th fought in these actions: The attack on the German Winter Line, Nov. 12-20, 1944

The pursuit through the Low Vosges, Dec. 8-11. 1944

The attack on the Birche Defenses, Dec. 13-21, 1944

The battle of Heilbronn, Apr. 4-11, 1945

Reminder

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



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

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.

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**.

ASCO news

By Sandy Chaet



Have you been enjoying the use of the #147 bus on Sunday? As of Aug. 31, the CTA has been running the #147 downtown express bus on Sunday. Getting downtown has been easier and faster. ASCO and Ald. Smith worked hard to get this service for the community. ASCO has contacted the CTA to request that this service continue after the trial period is over. If you would like to write expressing your concern that the #147 express bus continue on Sunday, please address your letter to:

Frank Kruesi, CTA President Merchandise Mart Chicago, IL 60654

Local restaurant holiday hours

by Betty Mayian

Alexander's: American

6158 N. Clark – (773) 743-3841 Mon – Sat 6 am – 9 pm Sun 7 am – 9 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

Andies: Greek/Mediterranean

5253 N. Clark – (773) 784-8616 Mon – Fri 10:30 am – midnight Sat 10 am – midnight Sun 10 am – 11 pm Spec. meal Thanksgiving, Open Christmas & New Year's

Angel's: Mexican/American

5403 N. Clark – (773) 271-1138 Mon – Sat 8 am – 11 pm Sun 9 am – 11 pm 8 am – 4 pm Thanksgiving, Closed Christmas, Open New Year's

Ann Sather: Swedish/American

5201 N. Clark – (773) 271-6677 Mon – Fri 7 am – 2:30 pm Sat – Sun 7 am – 2:30 pm Open Thanksgiving & New Year, Closed Christmas

Calo Ristorante: Italian Family

Carson's Ribs: Barbeque Ribs

5970 N. Ridge – (773) 271-4000 Mon – Thurs 11 am – 9 pm Fri 11 am – 10 pm Sat noon – 11 pm Sun noon – 9 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Open Christmas & New Year's

Charlie's Ale House: American

Dixie Kitchen: Southern Delta

825 Church, Evanston – (847) 733-9030 Mon – Thurs 7 am – 10 pm

Fri 7 am – 11 pm
Sat 9 am – 11 pm
Sun 9 am – 10 pm
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, NY

Edgewater Beach Café: Continental

5545 N. Sheridan – (773) 275-4141 Closed Monday

Tues – Sat 5 pm – 10 pm Sun 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Call for holiday hours

Ethiopian Diamond: African Dining

6122 N. Broadway – (773) 338-6100 Sun – Fri noon – 10 pm Sat noon – 11:30 pm Closes early on Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's

Finestra: Northern Italian

5341 N. Clark – (773) 334-4525 Closed Monday

Tues – Thurs 5 pm - 10 pmFri – Sat 5 pm - 11 pmSun 4 pm - 9:30 pmClosed Thanksgiving, Christmas; Open New Year's

Fireside Pub: American Dining

5739 N. Ravenswood – (773) 878-5942 Sun – Thurs 11 am – 4 am Fri – Sat 11 am – 5 am Sun (w/brunch) 10 am – 3 am Open all holidays

Francesca Bryn Mawr: Italian

1039 W. Bryn Mawr - (773) 506-9261 Mon - Fri 11:30 am - 2 pm Sun - Mon 5 pm - 9 pm Tues - Thurs 5 pm - 10 pm Fri - Sat 5 pm - 11 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's

Greenhouse Inn: Buffet & Bakery

6300 N. Ridge – (773) 973-6300 Tues – Fri 11 am – 2:30 pm Brunch Sun 11 am – 2:30 pm (no summer brunches)

Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas, Open New Year's

Jin Ju: Korean

5203 N. Clark – (773) 334-6377 Closed Monday

Tues & Sun 5 pm - 10 pmWed – Thurs 5 pm - 10:30 pmFri – Sat 5 pm - 11:30 pmClosed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's

La Donna Restaurant: Italian

5146 N. Clark – (773) 561-9400 Closed Mondays

Tues – Thurs 11 am – midnight
Fri – Sat 11 am – 1 am
Sun 9:30 am - midnight
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas; Open
New Year's

La Fonda: South/Central American

5350 N. Broadway - (773) 271-3935

Closed Mondays

Tues – Thurs 11 am – 9 pm
Fri – Sat 11:30 am – 9:30 pm
Sun 11:30 am – 8:30 pm
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas &
New Year's

La Tache': Bistro

1475 W. Balmoral - (773) 334-7168 Mon - Wed 5:30 pm - 10 pm Thurs - Sat 5:30 pm - 11 pm Sun 5 pm - 9 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's

Leona's Daughters: Varied Italian

6935 N. Sheridan – (773) 764-5757 Mon – Thurs 11:30 am – 11:30 pm Fri – Sat 11:30 am – 12:30 am Sun 10:30 am – 10:30 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas; Open New Year's

Lily of Thai: Thai

5951 N. Broadway – (773) 878-1155 Sun – Thurs 11 am – 9:30 pm Fri – Sat 11 am – 10 pm Open Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's

Mei Shung: Chinese/Taiwanese

5511 N. Broadway – (773) 728-5778 Closed Monday

Tues – Thurs 11:30 am – 10 pm
Fri 11:30 am – 11 pm
Sat noon – 11 pm
Sun noon – 9:30 pm
Closed Thanksgiving; Open Christmas
& New Year's

Moody's Pub: Traditional American

5910 N. Broadway – (773) 275-2696 Mon – Fri 11:30 am – 1 am Sat 11 am – 2 am Sun noon – 1 am Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & early on New Year's

New Horizon: Diner

5937 N. Broadway – (773) 878-1834 Mon – Fri 6 am – 7 pm Sat – Sun 6 am – 4 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas; Open New Year's

Noodle Zone: Thai

Pasteur: French/Vietnamese

5525 N. Broadway – (773) 878-1061 Mon – Wed 5 pm – 10 pm Thurs & Sun noon – 10 pm

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Fri – Sat noon – 11 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's

Reza's: Persian

5255 N. Clark – (773) 561-1898 Everyday 11 am – midnight Open Thanksgiving; Spec. Menu Christmas & New Year's

Speakeasy Supper Club: Eclectic International

1401 W. Devon – (773) 338-0600 Sun – Thurs 5 pm – 10 pm Fri – Sat 5 pm – 11 pm Call Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's

Stacks and Steaks: 24/365 Diner

6349 N. Clark – (773) 743-8244 Everyday 24 hours Spec. Menu Thanksgiving, Christmas; Open New Year's

Standees: 24 hour Diner

1133 W. Granville – (773) 743-5013 Everyday 24 hours Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas; Open New Year's

Tedino's: Pizzeria

5335 N. Sheridan – (773) 275-8100 Mon 4 pm – midnight Tues – Thurs 11 am – midnight Fri – Sat 11 am – 1 am Sun noon - midnight Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas; Open New Year's

The Angus: Fine Steaks/Seafood

7555 N. Western – (773) 262-8844 Mon – Thurs 11:30 am – 9:30 pm Fri – Sat 11:30 am – 10:30 pm Sun 11 am – 9:30 pm Spec. Menu Thanksgiving; Open Christmas & New Year's

The Room: International

5900 N. Broadway – (773) 989-7666
Brunch Sun 10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Sun – Thurs 5 pm – 10 pm
Fri – Sat 5 pm – 11 pm
Call Thanksgiving, Christmas & New
Year's

Tokyo Marina: Japanese

5058 N. Clark – (773) 878-2900 Sun – Thurs 11:30 am – 10 pm Fri – Sat 11:30 am – 10:30 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas; Open New Year's

Tomboy: Fine Dining

5402 N. Clark – (773) 907-0636 Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs 5 pm – 10 pm Closed Tuesday Fri – Sat 5 pm – 11 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's

Tre Kronor: Swedish

3258 W. Foster – (773) 267-9888 Mon – Sat 7 am – 10 pm Sun 9 am – 3 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's

Tweet: Breakfast (Dinner, too)

 $\begin{array}{lll} 5020 \text{ N. Sheridan} - (773) & 728-5576 \\ \text{Brunch Sat} & 8 \text{ am} - 2 \text{ pm} \\ \text{Brunch Sun} & 8 \text{ am} - 3 \text{ pm} \\ \text{Dinner} \\ \text{Wed} - \text{Thurs} & 5:30 \text{ pm} - 10:30 \text{ pm} \\ \text{Fri} - \text{Sat} & 5:30 \text{ pm} - 11 \text{ pm} \\ \text{Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas \& New Year's} \end{array}$

Wing Hoe: Chinese

5356 N. Sheridan – (773) 275-4550 Sun – Mon 11:30 am – 9:30 pm Tues – Thurs 11:30 am – 10 pm Fri – Sat 11:30 am – 11 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas; Open New Year's

Walker Bros. – Original Pancake House

153 Green Bay Rd.; Wilmette (847) 251-6000 Mon – Sun 7 am – 10 pm Closes at 11 am Thanksgiving, 8 pm New Year's & other holidays. Closed all day Christmas

Editorial

By Jack Winans Dialogue Editor

Sometimes, it appears that our own residents can be our own worst enemies. Whether through ignorance or inexperience, actions of a few owners and residents can cause all



of us needless expense and aggravation. Case in point: A longtime owner came to me with a request to put a notice in the Dialogue that all residents should turn on the "switch" to the kitchen exhaust vent fan when cooking. She claimed that she and several of her neighbors were being subjected to heavy objectionable cooking odors. She said that she had been to the office and was unsatisfied with their response and now she was going to report the building to the city health department.

I tried to explain the facts to her:

- Kitchen exhaust fans are not allowed in this building, they would have the effect of forcing odors into other units as the exhaust vents are connected to an entire tier.
- 2. A fan on the roof is used to pull cooking odors upward and out at roof level.
- 3. If she called the health department, they would likely not limit their inspection to the venting of cooking odors and probably would find some excuse to ticket the association.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case. Residents have in the past cost our association-and your pocketbookdollars that could have been used more productively in the upkeep and improvement of our building. It is the responsibility of every owner to be aware of situations that need correction. It is also their responsibility to report those situations to management and to the board of directors for their action. To jump this "chain of command" without first allowing our staff to make any needed correction is fiscally irresponsible and an act of treason to all owners and residents.

City sticker inspection

By Jack Winans

There is a movement in city hall to pass legislation that would allow city representatives to search private parking lots, licensed by the city, for city sticker scofflaws. This proposed legislation would include condominiums.

There's no place like home!

When we are young, we take our independence for granted. As we get older, we begin to understand and value our independence. For many people, maintaining independence means remaining in the home where they have lived for 20, 30, 40 or even 50 years.

As people live longer and stay in their homes, a new phenomenon known as Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) emerges when there is a concentration of older residents in a building or neighborhood such as Sheridan Road, between Devon and Foster.

In an effort to help all older adults (60+) remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and the Council for Jewish Elderly (CJE) are partnering with the Malibu East Board of Directors and the Social Committee to offer programs and activities such as group outings, transportation to grocery stores, information and referral, educational presentations, assistance with prescription drugs and other benefits, blood pressure screenings, exercise classes, and much more. Tell CJE about your interests and needs at an informational meeting at 2pm Nov. 20 in the Windjammer Room. Refreshments will be served, and you may even win a door prize!

If you unable to attend the meeting, please stop by the lobby between 10–11am Nov. 24 to speak with a Council for Jewish Elderly staff member.

We want to hear from you! CJE has a short survey that can be mailed to you with a postage-paid-return envelope. For further information or to request a survey, please call Gerri Fiterman Persin at 773-508-1000.

Halloween party

By Jack Winans

50 parents and children from our building enjoyed a "scary" time in the Windjammer Room Oct. 25. The party was planned and organized by the Parents Committee with input from several of the older children. For more pictures, go to www.MalibuEast.org under News.





Flu shots still available

Flu shots became an annual event, as once again they were made available in the Community Room. The shots were given at no charge with a Medicare "B" card. Pictured is Jean Gaertner, saying, "It doesn't hurt a bit!"

Flu shots, the Senior Citizen Medical ID Program and state ID applications will be available from 10am to 3pm Nov. 6 at Ald. Smith's office, 5533 N. Broadway.

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