Malibu East Dialogue

March 2008

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The Barber of Seville draws opera buffs



MECA entertains and educates opera buffs

By Jack Winans

The Thursday Afternoon Club drew a crowd of enthusiastic opera buffs out on a freezing afternoon to our Windjammer Room. Ilse Siegler's club cooperated with Esther Craven of the Council for Jewish Elderly to host lecturer Hedy Shaskus, a volunteer with the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps of the Education Department of Lyric Opera of Chicago.

After a false start with the lecturer's faulty sound system, Ilse saved the day with her personal Bose CD player — a definite improvement over our Windjammer Room's system. The music was presented with wonderful fidelity and loud enough for all to hear. The start of the program was slightly marred by construction noise from our garage, which later abated then stopped.

Ms. Shaskus was hoping to have two dozen guests and was pleased and surprised that over two score — seven men and over 30 women — braved the

weather to hear her presentation. Ms. Shaskus' knowledge of opera and her enthusiastic dedication to informing the masses were strongly evident as she led her captive audience through the two acts of this charming comedy.



Lyric Opera lecturer Hedy Shaskus

Gioachino Antonio Rossini's two-act opera, Barber of Seville (*Il Barbiere di Siviglia*) was first performed in Rome in 1816. It is based on a play by Cesare Sterbini. Although other versions were written, Rossini's remains unsurpassed.

Tea, coffee and cookies were offered for the social gathering following the 90-minute lecture.

For further information, including how to order this season's libretti, Season Companion, and tickets to Lyric's Preview Lecture Series, call the Education Department of Lyric Opera of Chicago at (312) 827-5912.

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MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Social Committee meeting

Monday, Mar. 10

7:30pm — Community Room

Dialogue Committee meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 19

7:30pm — Community Room

Thursday afternoon discussion group

Thursday, Mar. 20

(every 3rd Thurs. of month)

2:00pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 25

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

Our condolences to the family and friends of Cleo Orthel and Earcha Caverl

MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

MECA board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008

Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representatives and 9 residents. Not present: Eleida Gomez, Steve Ransone.

Presiding: Vice President Richard Strauss and President Molins.

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- When will the racquetball court be available for use by residents? After the current phase of garage construction has been completed, sometime this spring.
- The cover letter of the safety/ emergency package did not mention if forms should be updated. This will be covered in this meeting.
- 3) 3) Will we be installing a new communication system? Sometime in the future; it would be much cheaper than installing individual residential unit speakers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Warner

Financial statement

Delinquencies — \$49,751.18 Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$3,339,493.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Floor Representatives Barbara Murphy

Still concerned about an automatic door between the mailroom and the freight elevator. *Near the top of the board agenda and being actively worked on.*

Concerned about HDTV coming and the necessity for a converter box. *This should not be an issue*. Also wants to know if there is a fixed set of fines for breaking rules. *There is a procedure for imposing fines, but the amount of the fines is*

fines, but the amount of the fines is not fixed. People have been fined when necessary, but it has occurred infrequently.

Can our maintenance people do minor repairs, such as plumbing fixture leaks? Yes, they can, for a charge, when you request a work order through the management office.

2) Social and Educational

Sandy Chaet

Committee meeting Mar. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

3) ASCO report and Public & Community Affairs Sandy Chaet

> General open meeting at Park Tower next week. Construction on George Lane Park playground will start this year.

4) Garage

Martina Molins

Residents like the "take a number" system.

5) Sports and Entertainment Neil Warner

New yoga class starts Mar. 3.

6) Finance & Insurance Neil Warner

Workers' compensation insurance premium came in well under budget.

7) **7**) **TV**

Cass Buscher

We do not have to worry about conversion of the new digital TV signal in this building unless you are using rabbit ears.

MANAGEMENT REPORT <u>Items requiring immediate board action</u>

1) Information package

Will be updated to include only safety/emergency information and will not include forms in future years. A partial list of forms available in the management office will be included.

Items requiring future board action

- 1) New HVAC contract
 - Working with committees.
- 2) New elevator maintenance contract Working with committees.
- 3) Swimming pool repairs
 Working with committees.
- 4) Captain's Walk carpet replacement Working with committees.
- 5) **Electric door openers** Working with committees.

Items not requiring board action

- 1) Hallway remodeling project Lights and reflectors installed.
- 2) Garage construction project
 Richard Strauss
 There are three things we went

There are three things we want to let you know:

We are a bit behind schedule be-



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.

cause of 20% more area to work on that they found. This will cost \$50,000 to \$100,000 more.

We are running into needed repairs that were not contemplated when the project was contracted.

Not included in the project were the drain heads. They have been surveyed and many will be replaced. Most had something wrong with them.

On the second floor over the atrium, the system was not well engineered and trapped water, which froze and cracked the slabs. We will be doing "temporary" repairs to this area, which we've been told will be good for at least four years and possibly 10-15 years.

We have also run into concrete that was originally poured with salt during freezing weather. (We also found this problem when repairing the balconies.) This concrete is deteriorating and has to be found and replaced.

The ending date of this season's project will be delayed and we don't know by how long. We have extended "quiet" work into Saturdays to help in hastening the project end date. Inclement weather has also delayed work. Oil heaters are being used to work during freezing weather.

3) Laundry room project
 Dean Lerner is working with ComEd on improving our electricity capacity.

The meeting ended at 9:10pm and went into closed session.

Resident competes in Hancock stair climb

By Tom Vaughan

Averaging less than 17 seconds per floor, Melodie Garcia (picture left) emerges from the stairwell on the 94th floor of the John Hancock Building, having just been given a banana and a fresh water bottle. She is wearing her completion medal after finishing her 52-story "Hustle Up the Hancock" fundraiser for the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago (formerly the American Lung Association). In spite of battling asthma for many years, she completed this feat in 14 minutes, 39 seconds. The photographer and 90% of the other climbers had produced more of a sweat than Melodie did at the top. She had tried to sign up for the full 94-story climb; however, it is difficult to secure a spot due to the preferences given to First Responders and ranked competitive amateurs. Teams from around the world come to participate, including New York City and Chicago firefighters climbing with full gear.

Melodie has practiced for this event during the past year by climbing MECA stairwells every other day, her schedule and health permitting. She built a regimen of 70 to 120 stories per session over the past several months. At last count, Melodie had raised more than \$500 for the association, thanks to many of you. Ahem, I played no small part, having to carry her coat and camera all the way up in the elevator. Maybe we should put together a participating climbing team for next year? I'm game.

The below information is from: respiratoryhealthassociation.net

Hustle Up the Hancock began at 7am Feb. 24. Climbers took off in eight-second intervals creating timed staggered starts. There were two categories of the climb, the 94-floor climb and the 52-floor climb held simultaneously in two separate stairwells.

Water stations were provided in the concourse area and the stairwells. At the finish line, participants enjoy the sights of the Windy City from the Hancock Observatory on the 94th floor. A postevent Expo and Celebration at the nearby Hilton Suites Chicago Hotel followed the climb.



What's happening around the building by Chris Chiodo, MECA Manager

NOTICE
Garage waiting
room closed
temporarily.

Garage construction project: The next section of the garage project began the week of Feb. 25. During construction, Golf Construction will have to close down each of the entrance-exit lanes for approximately 10 days each (20 days total). Since there will be only one lane for use during this time, there will be no calldown service to retrieve your car, and 15minute-limit parking will be strictly enforced. Please inform guests and delivery services of this situation. Our towing service has been notified and will tow any unattended, unauthorized vehicle and any vehicle over the 15-minute limit. We are recommending you still sign up on the Malibu East garage staging list (temporarily located at the doorman station), requesting the time you need your vehicle the following morning. This will help the staff stage your vehicle to assist in a faster departure from the building, although we cannot guarantee your car will be available when requested.

For about the next three weeks, we will not have access to the garage waiting area. When leaving the building, go to the main lobby (hikers will be stationed there) and take a numbered ticket from a dispenser at the doorman station. Your car will be retrieved in the order of the number on your ticket, no exceptions. Your vehicle will be brought to you in front of the main entrance. Please allow even more time than usual to retrieve your vehicle.

When returning to the garage, a hiker will be outside directing traffic. Please stay with your vehicle until a valet either takes your vehicle or tells you that you

may leave it.

If you feel this part of the project will be too much of an inconvenience, you may find parking elsewhere without losing any of your parking privileges at MECA. If you decide to relocate, please notify Garage Manager Shade Little or me to fill out the proper paperwork. You will not be charged for MECA parking while your car is parked elsewhere.

Your support, understanding and cooperation during this particularly difficult construction period is much appreciated.

Hallway lighting: New lights and cans have been installed in every elevator lobby on every floor. Please take a look. Everyone who was involved with this part of the project worked very hard on getting the right lighting for the building. We feel the best choice was made for this area.

Laundry Room: We have installed a new hot water tank that supplies hot water to the Laundry Room and feel this will improve the hot water issues some residents may have experienced. Also, the management assumes no responsibility for articles lost, stolen or damaged. Please report any machines that are not working properly to the management office

Deliveries: Please notify the management office in advance of any delivery that will require use of the loading dock area and the freight elevator. We have been very busy as of late and may not be able to accommodate you in the event you don't schedule in advance with the management office.

Fire hits neighbor

By Jack Winans

Feb. 22, a fire at neighboring 6037-43 N. Kenmore (Kenmore/Glenlake) brought out a dozen pieces of Police and Fire Dept equipment. Although quickly extinguished, several apartments were damaged as the fire engulfed the rooftop and burst out in a spectacular column of thick oily black smoke that drew spectators to the northside balconies of our building.



Community Calendar

by Miriam Romain



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March holidays

Greek-American Heritage Month Irish-American Heritage Month

March 1

Christian: St David's Day

March 2

Bahia: Nineteen Day Fast (start)

Christian: Mothering Sunday (England)

March 3

Shinto: Hina-matsuri - Festival of Dolls

(Japan)

March 5
Christian: St Piran's Day

March 6

Hindu: Mahashivratri

March 7

Multifaith: World Day of Prayer

March 10

Christian: Clean Monday - Beginning

of Lent (Orthodox)

March 16

Christian: Palm Sunday

March 17

Christian: St Patrick's Day

March 19

Christian: St Joseph, husband of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

March 20

Muslim: Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the

Prophet Muhammad)

Christian: Maundy Thursday

Pagan: Spring Equinox - Eoster

March 21

Zoroastrian: Jamshedi Noruz (Fasli) Zoroastrian: Jamshedi Noruz (Qadimi)

Christian: Good Friday

Hindu: Holi Jewish: Purim Bahai: Naw-Ruz

Shinto: Shubun-sai - Equinox day

March 22

Sikh: Hola Mohalla (Lunar Calendar) Jehovah's Witnesses: Memorial of

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Christian: Annunciation

March 26

Zoroastrian: Khordad Sal (Fasli)

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Osterman and Daley open the fair.

Senior Health Fair

By Jack Winans

State Rep. Harry Osterman hosted his eighth annual Senior Health Fair from 8:45am to noon Feb. 19 at the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway, with over 400 seniors attending.

Over 40 agencies providing services to seniors were at the event, providing information on a variety of helpful topics, including legal assistance, independent living, nutrition and how to report elder abuse. Tables surrounding the gymnasium floor included Weiss Hospital, Illinois Masonic, Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago Dept. of Senior Services, Chicago Police Dept., Mather Lifeways, Edgewater Community Council, Council for Jewish Elderly, Social Security Administration, Legal Assistance Foundation, St. Francis Hospital. Edgewater Foot and Ankle Center, AT&T, People's Gas, Humana and more.

Seniors had an opportunity to get free health screenings, flu shots, state IDs and information on a variety of helpful topics, including legal assistance, independent living, nutrition, government programs and other services in the area and how to report elder abuse. The annual event is always open to seniors and the general public.

Participants included the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Cook County Assessor's Office, Chicago Department of Senior Services, Guild for the Blind and the Legal Assistance Foundation. Presentations included a senior home repair program from the Edgewater Community Council. The Social Security Administration provided assistance in completing Medicare Part D applications, and local hospitals performed free blood pressure,



Foreground: Swift Grade School Band. Platform, L to R: U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Commissioner of Chicago Dept. of Senior Services Joyce Gallagher, Chicago Park District General Superintendent Tim Mitchell, State Rep. Harry Osterman

hearing and balance screenings.

The event highlighted the grand opening of the Department of Senior Services Edgewater Satellite Senior Center at the Broadway Armory. "We are anxious to show off the new fledgling senior satellite center at the facility and invite everyone to stop in and check us out," Department of Senior Services Commissioner Joyce Gallagher said. The new center features a free wellness program, monthly health lectures and screenings, a fitness program and the Golden Diner Lunch Café, among other senior-centered services and programming.

The Armory is handicapped accessible and has its own parking lot. Refreshments included a free continental breakfast and box lunch. Ms. Jan Hall of The Breakers did an exercise demo. Louie Stallone, Berger Park, held a line dancing class, and the Swift School Choir and Band performed. Live music was provided by Steven Solomon on the keyboard.

Guests and speakers at the fair included Mayor Daley, U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Mr. Michah Roderick of the Office of Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Chicago Park District General Superintendent Tim Mitchell, Cook County Commissioner Mike Quigley. Care for Real Director Tom Robb, Liz Burnside of the Council for Jewish Elderly and of course, Osterman

Osterman discussed new laws that benefit seniors, including improvements in property tax relief and protections against elder abuse. The agenda included time for questions and answers as well as fun raffle prizes.

Post-event comments should be directed to Ginger Williams, RN, Health Fair Coordinator, at Rep. Osterman's Constituent Services Office, 5535 N. Broadway, by phone at (773) 784-2002, or via e-mail at gingerw14@gmail.com.

Senior free rides

By Jack Winans

Anyone 65 or older who lives in the six-county area will be able, as of March 17, to ride Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace buses and trains for free, provided they have registered for and have received a reduced-fare ID card. If you already have a card, you are registered.

To get your free ride you may have to show your permit to the driver, ticket agent, conductor or you can use it at a turnstile or in a fare box. Metra riders will get a free ride ticket upon showing your permit at the ticket office, if open, or to onboard personnel.

If you are not registered, you may do so at any of 270 sites. The two sites below are the closest to Malibu East. Call for days and times and more information.

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2008 primary election

By Barbara Murphy

The primary election day was held Feb. 5. We, who reside in Malibu East, are in the 48th Ward, the 22nd Precinct. There were three Democratic judges —



Sandra Chaet, Adeline Kalant, and Timothy Ruppe — and two Republican judges, Robert Bronstein and me.

Thankfully, the Election Board has continued the newly introduced perk of a position called a "Polling Place Administrator," who is responsible for all the technical details and fixing all the glitches that can and do occur. We were very fortunate to have Mike Stahl, a delightful business major from Loyola University.

Our precinct has 560 registered voters. There were approximately 18 participants in early voting. Since absentee votes are no longer sent to each precinct during the day, these were not included in our election day totals.

There are still two manners of voting. First, there was an extensive paper ballot, where voters were instructed to fill in a line from arrow to arrow for their chosen candidate with a special pen. Only write-in votes that were on the official list could be counted as valid at the end of the day. After the voter finished, he or she fed the ballot into the ballot box.

The other system of voting was an automatic touch screen, primarily available for the handicapped but could be used by anyone.

After the polls closed, the counting began. When the ballot box is opened, the ballots with write-in votes had been automatically separated in the front slot. There were no valid write-in votes.

We had 362 qualified voters. The Democratic candidates for President received the following: Barack Obama 197; Hillary Clinton 123; John Edwards 2; Joe Biden 2.

The Republican candidates for President: Mitt Romney 18, Ron Paul 3; John McCain 10; Alan Keyes 1, and Mike Huckabee 2.

If you are not registered, you may go to the public library, or watch for a notice of other locations at which to register. Of course, there is always the downtown Board of Elections office.

See you in November.

Senior sewer charge annual refund

By Susan Schroeder and Jack Winans

If you are 65 years old or older, and an owner/occupier* of a unit in Malibu East as of Jan. 1, you are eligible for a \$50 refund from the City of Chicago this year and every year thereafter that you reside here. You must apply before July 1.

Instructions and application forms for this refund are available in the management office.

*Or any townhouse, condominium unit, or cooperative apartment that shares a common water bill.

ECC Valentine's party

By Jack Winans

The Edgewater Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Sweetheart of Edgewater party Feb. 12 at St. Andrews Pub on Broadway. Several score of local business ECC members were present to exchange business cards, socialize and party. A buffet dinner, drinks and a raffle were included in the \$25 ticket.

This year's "Sweet Heart of Edgewater" award winner, Mary Ann Collins, is founder and CEO of Heart-to-Heart, a senior citizens' service program based at St. Gertrude's Parish, 1420 W. Granville.



Left to right: ECC Chairman of the Board Timothy Harrington of Barr Funeral Home, ECC President Jim McHale of North Community Bank, Mary Ann Collins.

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On Nov. 13, 2007, the Chicago City Council amended the Municipal Code of Chicago requirements related to Maintenance of Exterior Walls and Enclosures of Buildings. The newly revised provisions (13-196-031 through 13-196-039) update the requirements for close-up, hands-on inspections of buildings 80 feet in height or greater. There are significant changes in the requirements, which will have an impact on the way buildings must be maintained and reported in coming years. These changes may result in cost savings compared to the prior requirements.

This seminar will address the new requirements, specific new rules and regulations established by Department of Buildings, administration compliance requirements, considerations for building owners and design professionals and some of the liability, insurance and legal considerations involved. Seminar presenters will include representatives from the City of Chicago Department of Buildings, experts involved in building exterior inspection and repairs, building owners and managers, and legal experts. Attendees will receive a copy of the proceedings of this seminar. This program should be of particular interest to building owners and property managers, architects, structural engineers and contractors involved in building exterior inspection, maintenance and repair. The cost of the program is \$85 per person and includes cost of printed

proceedings (available after the seminar). Some co-sponsoring organizations will provide continuing education credits to their members.

For instructions on registration and additional information, see the Web site of the Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings at www.cchrb.org.

Source: January 2008 Condo Lifestyles



Senior tax relief

By Jack Winans Property tax-deferral

March 1 is the application deadline for the property tax-deferral that enables seniors 65 and older to put off paying part, or all, of their property taxes. A senior must meet certain requirements, such as income guidelines, to qualify.

The deferral amounts to a loan from the state with an interest rate of 6 percent. The state puts a lien on the home. That means no sale or transfer of the property can be closed until the deferred taxes have been paid.

The loan is repaid when the home is sold or the owner dies. Whoever inherits the house must pay the taxes within a year. But a surviving spouse can continue the tax deferment if he or she is 55 or older within six months of the taxpayer's death.

Tax freeze

Qualified seniors can freeze the assessed value of their house. Instead of paying taxes on a new assessed value, seniors in the program pay taxes on the previous valuation. Total household annual income cannot exceed \$50,000, though next

year's income limit will be \$55,000. For more information, contact your county assessor's office.

Senior citizens homestead exemption

There are no income limits on this statewide program that lowers the assessed value of the home. In Cook County, seniors can save \$250 in property taxes, and up to \$750 when combined with the general homeowner's exemption. Elders who receive the senior exemption automatically qualify for the general one.

Circuit-breaker program

This program provides grants to seniors to help reduce the impact of taxes. Like a rebate, the state sends the homeowner a check for as much as \$700, based on tax bill and household income. Renters, including those in nursing homes subject to property taxes, can get the grant, too. A single-person household must have an annual income of less than \$22,218 to qualify.

The program also includes help with prescription drug costs.

Information on all of the above programs is available at:

Cook County Treasurer's Office 118 N. Clark St., Room 112 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 443-5100 http://www.cookcountytreasurer.com/

(E-mail available at this Web site.)

Sources: Chicago Tribune and Cook County Treasurer's Office

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Sales correction

The Feb. '08 Dialogue listed an incorrect unit in the "sales" section of the board notes. Instead of 24G, it should have read;

Unit sales

20G \$215,000 pending

The Dialogue regrets its mistake.

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Of course, residents are welcome to post the information about organizations on the laundry room public bulletin board.

The Dialogue does welcome the submission of articles, information and pictures concerning events at Malibu East, including parties, weddings and other events that will or have taken place in our building, especially those that use our excellent amenities. If requested and time permits, a member of the Dialogue staff will attend your event to take notes and pictures. Death notices for current residents are also welcome, but please note that we cannot print obituaries without the consent of a relative.

The Dialogue also encourages residents to submit reviews of local restaurants or ongoing local theater productions or new pertinent information concerning condominium legal issues.

Other articles or information that is generally available in other publications and not of specific interest to Malibu East residents should be submitted to other venues.

Dialogue contact information is posted on the back page.

Picture(s) of the month

Residents are encouraged to submit pictures they have taken of events taking place at Malibu East. Please forward the original digital files to the editor at:

Dialogue@MalibuEast.org

along with information about the event, the date of the event, your name, unit and telephone numbers. If only prints are available, please leave them at the doorman's station for the Dialogue editor, with the same information, and they will be returned after scanning.

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