

# Malibu **East** Dialogue

May 2009

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## Formula for fun: 100 eggs ÷ 25 kids = happy!

### Easter egg hunt

By Betty Mayian

It's all about the kids. It is not religious for the majority — it's just fun. In years past the Social Committee boiled many dozens of fresh eggs and spent fun hours dyeing them and putting decorations on each and every egg. Then we hid them on the Saturday before Easter. It was enjoyable watching the children find them and put them in their baskets. We found out that the parents would sometimes throw out the eggs when it was all over. They must have believed that the eggs may have been spoiled.



That's when we decided to use plastic eggs that could be filled. These would be just as colorful and easy to find, but inside we would hide various types of candy. Last year it was all jelly beans. One of the fathers told us that he would throw away jelly beans because they were made of gelatin. So, this year we put chocolate candies wrapped in foil (and some jelly beans). Whatever the content, a good time was had by all.

I purchased the plastic eggs and candy a couple of weeks before. The Social Committee met on Thursday night to stuff the eggs with the candy. Then, on Saturday morning, we met to hide the eggs in the Windjammer Room, and put out the other treats (juices, cookies, and more candy). The children began arriving before 10am. The hunt was to begin at 10:15. It was difficult to count all the children, but it was around 25 — with adults at about 30, including our committee. Jack Winans also came to take photos of the activity.

I tried to get a good sense of who was the youngest child in order to give out prizes. There were babes in arms



(around 1 year) and a few two-year-olds. The rest ranged up to 11 or 12. Other prizes were bought to give out to the child with the fewest eggs, and to the one that collected the most eggs.

After all the eggs were found, the children were given some refreshments. It was all over around 11am. The leftovers were taken to the garage workers and the doorman.

I have to say that the children, and parents, in this building are some of the finest I have ever seen. So sweet, polite and well-behaved. Thank you all for making this an enjoyable time for our committee.



Georgianna "George" Schinagl

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*Our condolences to the family and friends of Georgianna "George" Schinagl And Carol Pullman*

## MECA board meeting notes Tuesday, Apr. 27, 2010



By Elaine Winans

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Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representatives and 10 residents  
Not present: Allan Eckhart, Cass Buscher  
**OPEN FORUM 1**

### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Has the unit (41K) talked about last month been sold? *At this time it is being rented for \$1,500 per month. Buying units under right of first refusal does not have any effect on assessments.*
- 2) Any progress on cleaning out the bike room? *Not yet.*
- 3) Problem with backup in H unit kitchen sink. What is our policy on checking other units for the source of the problem? *We do not have a policy due to privacy reasons, but we may be forced prepare one if the problem becomes worse.*
- 4) Complaint of water damage from neighbor.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Warner

- 1) **Financial statement**  
Balance on hand, cash and reserves  
\$2,977,420.05
- 2) **Delinquencies**  
\$142,299.01

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Security**  
**Sandy Chaet**  
The committee suggests that we install cameras in the Captain's Walk. A security company will make a survey.  
It would also like a camera by the atrium.
- 2) **Social and Educational**  
**Sandy Chaet**  
(See MECA events, page 3)
- 3) **Commercial Property**  
**Marcel Molins**  
A party remains interested in putting a restaurant in the Captain's Walk and on the boat dock. Tom Vaughan will be the point person for this project. Several issues are involved, including plumbing for restrooms and the restaurant.
- 4) **ASCO report**  
**Sandy Chaet**

(See Community events, page 3)

- 5) **Garage**  
**Martina Molins**  
**Standard Parking report**  
**Syed Haider, Mgr.**

#### Claims

Approved: 3  
Denied: 1

#### Waiting lists

Single self-park: 2  
Tandem self-park: 5

#### Monthly parkers

Total: 445

#### Garage capacity

Total: 534  
(Under capacity) 89

#### Changes

New monthlies: 3

During unit remodeling or any construction activity or move-ins or move-outs, the hallway being used MUST be covered from wall to wall with a protective covering.

- 6) **Sports and Entertainment**

Neil Warner

A new yoga class will start on the second Monday of the month, May 10. The cost to install a fire-rated window in the wall separating the Auxiliary Fitness Room and the corridor is approximately \$5,000. The committee is investigating the cost of adding electrical capacity to the Auxiliary Fitness Room.

We will have a second demonstration of the new fitness equipment at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 4 in the new Fitness Room, lasting approximately one hour. If you have any questions or concerns about how to use any of the equipment, come to the demonstration.

- 7) **Communications**

Neil Warner

The Dialogue is in the red due to a downturn in advertising revenue.

- 8) **Building Maintenance & Services**

Eleida Gomez

Priority will be given to upholstering the chairs in the Community Room. Has given a report to management concerning the condition of unit doors.

- 9) **Cable**

Sandy Chaet

Still problems with the lineup of channels.

- 10) **Life Safety**

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.

#### **Dean Lerner**

The board has an updated timeline of the work that needs to be done to bring us into compliance.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT

Chris Chiodo

#### Items requiring

#### immediate board action

- 1) **Ejector pump proposals**

The Board approved a proposal from Fluid Technologies for replacing the sewage pump and motor for the pit, which has deteriorated, at a cost of \$5,057.

- 2) **Key fob**

Sandy Chaet

Sandy Chaet discussed a proposal for new security checks to be performed by staff.

Proposing periodic checks of residents' key fobs for matching pictures, to be conducted by security staff. We need to see how effective our security system is.

- 3) **Professional hallway carpet cleaning proposals**

Should we have a professional service clean our hallway carpets before the summer season?

Timco was contracted to do the work.

During unit remodeling or any construction activity or move-ins or move-outs, the hallway being used MUST be covered from wall to wall with a protective covering.

#### Items requiring

#### future board action

- 1) **ACM Elevator capital planner information sheet**

Presented to the board members.

#### Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Façade ordinance repairs**

Retained Klein and Hoffman for the "substitute" critical inspection at a savings of \$6,000. We have budgeted \$150,000 for this year's work. We will concentrate the work to only three drops and can possibly save up to 50%. In addition to the façade work, we will be attempting to stop water infiltration into several units. We will start with the C tier this

Monday, May 3. We need to get both the C and E-G (area between E and G) tiers before the pool season. We will also work on the A-B tier. We should be done by June instead of working all the way to October.

2) **Garage construction project**

Should be ready for regular parking by June 1, if not earlier. We are on budget. We have started dealing with the drain pipes. We have found several risers that were rotted. Most of the horizontal pipes were fine. When parkers return to the garage, we will still be doing some plumbing and lighting work.

We will accommodate a few parkers from the Tiera, 5145 Sheridan Road, during its garage repairs.

The tennis court will need either new Astroturf or the painting of new lines.

3) **Unit sales**

7M	\$102,000 exercised
12E	\$160,000 back on market
13H	\$172,500
25C	\$213,000
24H	\$188,500 pending

The meeting ended at 10:15pm and went into closed session.

## Carol Pullman

Carol Pullman, a former owner/resident of Malibu East, passed away April 3. She moved into the building with her husband, Harry, approximately 30 years ago. Harry passed away 24 years ago.

She loved the building and served on our board of directors for four terms before leaving the building.

Carol was in the business world for many years, working as an office manager in the law firm of Leonard Ring, a personal injury lawyer, as an office manager of the Covenant Club and at various positions at the Jewish Community Center (JCC).

Carol had interest in community affairs and was a great baseball fan with an avid interest in the Chicago Cubs.

Carol passed away in Southern California where she had been living for several years. She and Harry had three children — Jack, Budd and Susie — and she was a grandmother.

From: Sande Rohde



# What's happening around the building

by Chris Chiodo, MECA Manager

**Carpet cleaning:** There is a schedule in place, and the staff is working as hard and fast as possible. Every floor will be cleaned. Please be patient. We will not jump floors and leave the schedule because of calls to the office or complaints. Every floor is just as important as the next. However, if something is spilled on the carpet, notify the office or doorman immediately

**Swimming pool & fourth floor deck:**

The pool season is right around the corner. The tentative opening date for the pools and patio deck is 8am Monday, May 31 for early-bird swimmers. We are planning to have water aerobics this summer, with the dates and time yet to be determined. Please make sure you sign a waiver in the management office before you attend a class. The lifeguards will be checking for pool tags this year and it will be strictly enforced. Anyone without a tag will be asked to leave the pool area. If you do not have tags, please come to the management office to purchase them. Each unit is allowed four tags only at a cost of \$10 each. If a unit is caught with more than four tags, they will be confiscated. Please make sure you are aware of Rules and Regulations regarding the pool and other recreational areas on the fourth floor deck. If you need a copy, please come to the management office and we will provide one for you. I will be personally monitoring these areas on a daily basis.

**Façade inspection & repair:** Beginning in late April or early May. Golf Construction and Klein & Hoffman will be working on the building façade. Prior to the start of repairs, a detailed notice will go out explaining the scope of the work and what is required from the residents in that tier.

**Bicycle storage:** We will be conducting a complete inspection of the bike room and removing all unregistered bicycles. Please make sure your bicycle is registered with the management office and has a current registration sticker on it. All unregistered bicycles will be donated to charity.

**Parking garage repairs 2010:** The project will tentatively be completed by the last week in May, and parking will go back to normal. A letter will be going out to all residents regarding this. Please make arrangement with any other garage you are currently parking at in case there is a 30-day cancellation notice required.

**Construction activity within the units:**

All construction (any sort of improvements, alterations or repairs within a unit, which shall include but not be limited to work related to electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, remodeling, carpentry, plastering, painting and flooring) must comply with Chicago building codes, and the unit owner must obtain any and all permits required to perform construction activity. All such work, whether electrical, plumbing or otherwise must be performed by licensed, bonded and insured contractors. The unit owner shall notify the management office at least **ten (10) days in advance** of any construction activity other than minor construction activity and **submit in writing the proposed scope of the work** to be conducted and any other pertinent documents, including a proposed time frame that is reasonable and customary for such a project.

**Water heaters and other fixtures servicing your unit:**

Unit owners are responsible for maintaining in good working condition the water heaters, air conditioner and all fixtures, pipes, conduits, ducts, window walls, ceilings, doors, plaster, improvements and betterments which service your unit exclusively.

**Satellite TV:** For any satellite TV questions, please contact USA Wireless office at 847-831-4561 or 800-433-4558. Emergency after hours: 847-923-6004.

**E-mail:** You may contact the management office or the board of directors for any reason, with requests, concerns, problems, etc.

E-mail to: malibueast@awbworld.com

## Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian



### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

#### 6151 Sheridan Rd. park

Tentatively set to open  
Fri. Apr. 30.  
Formal dedication 1pm  
Sat. May 8.

### EDGEWATER SINGERS

Free concert by local singers and musicians.

Songs will be: Across America & Travelin' On.

Saturday, May 15, 7:30

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

1244 W. Thorndale

### THEATER/SHOWINGS

#### CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY

##### "The Body Snatchers"

A small-town doctor discovers that people around him are being replaced by emotionless alien duplicates.

Thru May 9

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

citylit.org

#### GRIFFIN THEATRE COMPANY

##### "Stage Door" by Ferber and Kaufman

Set in 1930s NYC, in a boarding house for aspiring young actresses.

Thru May 23

##### Theater Building Chicago

1225 W. Belmont

773-327-5252

griffintheatre.com

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773-761-4477

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##### "Body Awareness"

A photographer, famous for his nude portraits, causes dissention on Vermont campus.

May 14 – Jun. 27

8pm Th–Sa, & 5pm Sa, 7pm Su

4147 N. Broadway

773-549-1815

profilestheatre.org

### REDTWIST THEATRE

#### "The Pillowman"

A spellbinding drama with dark humor about a writer accused of doing the very acts depicted in his murderous stories.

Thru May 14

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwist.org

### STEEP THEATRE

#### "2,000 Feet Away"

2,000 feet away refers to the number of feet that sex offenders must stay from certain areas. In Iowa, a deputy is assigned to transport one of the convicted to a new residence.

May 20 – Jun. 26

1115 W. Berwyn

866-811-4111

steeptheatre.com

### MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

#### Dialogue Committee meeting

Wednesday, May 19

7:30pm — Community Room

#### Thursday afternoon

##### discussion group

Thursday, May 20

(every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of month)

2:00pm — Community Room

#### MECA brunch

Sunday, May 23, \$2

Noon — Windjammer Room

#### MECA board meeting

Tuesday, May 25

7:30pm — Windjammer Room

#### Karaoke night

Saturday, July 31

Time TBA — Windjammer Room

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

### MAY HOLIDAYS

#### Asian Pacific-American History

#### Month

#### Jewish-American Heritage Month

#### May 1

#### Celtic, local, labor: May Day

Celtic festival signaling the beginning of the bright half of the year. May Day in the U.S. unites both the holiday's pagan and labor traditions. May Baskets of flowers and treats are left at doorsteps.

#### National Day of Prayer



### May 5

#### Mexico: Cinco de Mayo

Commemorates the Mexican army's unlikely defeat of French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. A celebration of Mexican heritage and pride.

### May 9

#### Buddhist: Vesak (Visakha Puja / Buddha Day)

Celebrates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha.

#### American: Mother's Day

Second Sunday in May, a celebration of motherhood.

### May 13

#### Christian Ascension Day

Marks the Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven.

### May 16

#### African-American: Malcolm X's birthday

One of the most outspoken and popular leaders of the black nationalist movement in the 1960s.

### May 18

#### Jewish: Shavuot (Festival of Weeks)

Shavuot marks the time when the first harvest was taken to the Temple.

#### Israel: Independence Day/Yom Ha'Atzma'Ut)

### May 23

#### Christian: Pentecost

Commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples of Christ.

#### Baha'i: Declaration of the Bab

Celebrates the Bab, herald of the greater messenger of God.

### May 29

#### Baha'i: Ascension of Baha'u'llah

Commemorates the death of Baha'u'llah, founder of the Baha'i faith.

### May 31

#### U.S.: Memorial Day

Last Monday in May; commemorates the servicemen and servicewomen who died in service to their country.

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**CLOSED MONDAY**

**Georgianna Schinagl**

March 9, 1931 - March 28, 2010

Georgianna, a.k.a. "George," was an original. First-generation American of Czech parents, she was a mix of old world values and new-world energy.

George and her family grew up in a solid Chicago European mixed neighborhood now called "Little Village."

Her parents, Geneve and Frank Urbanic, were a caterer and a restorer of Catholic churches in the Chicago area. Lots of hard work.

Growing up, George worked with both parents, while competing at Soldier Field as a gymnast in international competitions and winning many medals, as well as performing as a dancer in native Czech festivals.

She attended high school with Kim Novak, the actress, and worked with several members of the Novak family over the years.

During her various careers she worked for the Hilton Hotels and was a guest at

Nicky Hilton's wedding to Elizabeth Taylor. It was at this time that she fell in love with travel.

After her marriage to Ladd Schinagl, she had her own travel agency and a supper club in Elmhurst. She lived for a short time in Florida. At the time of her divorce she had her two sons and a new career as an importer of Czech garnet jewelry, but her first love was as a travel agent.

She became a wholesale travel agent specializing in Mexico, Central and South America. Swift and Company was one of her regular customers.

About this time she met Paul Wenger, who became her life partner until his death in 2004. She and Paul were among the first residents of the Malibu East condo.

While a teenager, George and her family went to visit the family village still under communist rule. George and her dad worked at putting new gold leaf on the Catholic church altar and repainted the religious ceilings. She and her family

were awarded service medals blessed by Pope John Paul I and presented by Bishop Marcinkus of the Vatican bank.

George traveled in Europe but her first love was Mexico and South America. She felt that to know her job she had to know the countries. Her stories entertained many friends over the years.

She and Paul Wenger bought Gino's North in Edgewater and ran it for almost 20 years until Paul's ill health and death prompted her to sell.

George was known as "hard as nails," but that was a joke, because it masked a warm and generous heart.

She leaves two sisters, a brother and her beloved sons Kurt and Lee Schinagl, as well as grandchildren, great grandchildren and many, many friends.

Private services and interment will be scheduled at a future date as George has requested that her body be donated to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois, and her Pope's Medal be interred with her ashes.

Dear Etta Kitt,

I often see dogs in the halls, the elevator and outside WITHOUT A LEASH. This often makes me uncomfortable, as I don't know how the dog is going to react. I thought that there was a strict rule about this at Malibu East. Also, why do dog owners use the long reel-in type leashes in the building? Stretched fulllength, their dogs are prone to meet up with misfortune.



Signed, Uncomfortable

Dear Uncomfortable,

An uncontrolled long reel-type leash allows dogs to roam out of their owner's sight and control. All dog owners should have the courtesy to keep their dogs close, where they have immediate physical control over their dog's actions.

When any group of people share property as in our Malibu East association, rules are set down to govern its use. Those rules are often forgotten when things are going smoothly, but if they are broken and enforcement is lacking, the result is that everyone begins to ignore them. Our original rules have been revised over time by our board of directors. All owners should read and refresh their understanding of these rules

A case in point is our rule that dogs be leashed in the common areas inside and outside. Unfortunately, many dog owners, seeing others allowing their pets to run loose, tend to follow suit.

Infractions of this or of any rule need to be addressed by a written complaint from a resident to the board or association manager, who will initially attempt to solve the problem privately through a phone call or a face-to-face discussion.

If this doesn't work in resolving the rule infraction, our legal documents provide effective legal remedies, and in extreme cases there may be times when it is necessary to take a violator to court. Because of the ill will that often results, this should be the last resort and should be contemplated only when all other procedures have been exhausted.

'Town Crier' announcements by Rodica Ilc



We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

If you have information concerning talented or famous MECA residents, please contact the Dialogue.

Balcony Man by Scott Virzi



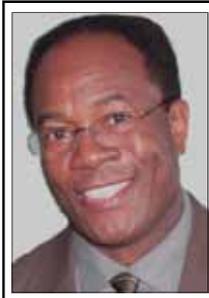
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## Edgewater census march

By Jack Winans

A promotional e-mail from Rep. Harry Osterman's office publicized a 2010 census march April 10 with a meeting location set at the park on the SW corner of Thorndale and Sheridan. Although allegedly co-hosted by every community and political organization with any connection to Edgewater, none of our local elected officials or organization chiefs were present. MECA's Sandy Chaet was present and doing a fine job as a volunteer to do much of the organizing.

The warm but very windy day had one very stirring moment — a performance by Sullivan High's steel band. Sandy is



### Sullivan High's steel band

interested in bringing the band to Malibu East for a concert.

2010 census hats, T-shirts, flags and banners were passed out to the three dozen or so who showed up for the event. Perhaps a dozen or so actually marched the short route and returned to the park with others later for refreshments and a concert by the Rickover Naval Academy's drum line.

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