

Malibu East Dialogue

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Edgewater on the lake is an artists' haven

A Malibu East resident you should know

By Dorothy Doherty

We have so many talented folk living in our beautiful community of Malibu East. Here's another one. Meet Betty (Bebette) Graham, who hides her magnificent eyes behind huge sunglasses and has more talent than her reserved posture and demeanor reveal. Listening to her talk, you immediately catch the warmth of her voice. But wait — listen to her sing.



On Sunday afternoon, June 4, a final tribute concert by *Europe at Night* performers to its founder, Nada Spasovjevich, was held at Northeastern Illinois University. A scholarship was presented to a young performer at the end of the program. Three of the contenders were equally as good.

Among the soloists was our Betty, beautifully gowned in a black and white sequin dress with crystal shoes and standing tall and elegant as she sang several songs, including "Dark Eyes," which she sang in Russian, "Samba Sarvah," a Jobim potpourri and four more songs in Spanish. In the second set, she sang "Piel Canela" and a Haitian potpourri of popular songs, including "Yellow Bird" and a tribute song to Haiti. Betty's voice is delightful to listen to, clear, professional and strong. Her personality comes through with each melody she interprets. Add the physical beauty, and she is a joy to watch.

Betty, a native of Haiti, grew up in Mexico. Early on, she became enamored with the music of Mexico, France and South America. Her early performances were ballads and children's songs. Leaving her family in Mexico, she came to the United States to pursue



Betty Graham

a degree in higher education, a period where she truly missed singing. Having successfully navigated through French, Spanish and English, she became a licensed chiropractor and entertained weekly in the now legendary North Side nightclub, *Europe at Night*. In addition Betty has produced several recordings, was part of Franz Bentler's Strings and worked with the renowned Filipino pianist Bobby Enriquez, the well-known Brazilian pianist Breno Sauer, and guitarist, vocalist and composer, Paulinho Garcia.

The program was delightful and diverse in the musical numbers performed, a fun and good group. The Lake Shore Drive did contemporary songs they composed (performing at Taste of Chicago), and other program presenters were equally entertaining. The time simply flew by. Lots of foot stomping and hand clapping by the audience during the various performers' presentations. A good time was had by all, and I know the entertainers enjoyed performing and gave the audience a round of applause.

If you see Betty with her beloved poodle TuTu, say hello. She will be delighted to talk with you, and I hope you will get to see her perform in the near future. You don't want to miss her!

MECA election notice

The deadline for director candidates application submission is 5pm Friday, Aug. 13 in the management office.

Electioneering policy

At the July 29, 1997, MECA board meeting, the board took the following action to open the election process in order to encourage more candidates.

- The management office will provide photocopying service at a reasonable rate for mailings.
- Campaigning would be allowed in the lobby during specified dates and times. Flyers pre-approved by management and prepared at the candidates' expense may be passed out during those times.
- "Meet the Candidates Night" will continue to be held in the Windjammer Room, offering owners the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with board candidates.

Candidates Night

Our Malibu East annual Candidates Night meeting will be held at 7:30pm Wednesday, Sep. 1 in the Windjammer Room. MECA director candidates will be present to explain their platform and answer questions.

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MECA board meeting notes

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

By Elaine Winans

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SPECIAL OWNERS MEETING

Attendance: 24 owners

Exercise of right of first refusal:

1) 16M offered at \$80,200

The motion passed with 247 yeas. Further conversation on the number of foreclosures and units for sale.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Attendance: 10 board members (2 by phone), 2 management representatives and 16 residents.

Not present: Allan Eckardt, Martina Molins

1) 16M right of first refusal

Approved by the board.

BOARD MEETING

Attendance: 8 board members, 2 management representatives and 14 residents (down to 7 after open forum).

Not present: Cass Buscher, Allan Eckardt, Martina Molins, Richard Strauss

OPEN FORUM 1&2

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Occasional incidents of unauthorized smoking in common areas.
- 2) It was reported that there may be some billing adjustments from DirecTV for those customers who have HDTV due to loss of service.
- 3) Some unregistered bicycles have been removed from the bike room. More will be removed. Bikes will also be removed from the atrium bike rack at the end of the season.
- 5) Discussion of illegal clothes washing machines causing soap and water backup into other units.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Warner

1) Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves
\$2,555,600.18

2) Delinquencies

\$157,624.65

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3) Public & Community Affairs

Sandy Chaet

Bump-out construction coming on Granville.

5) Sports and Entertainment

Neil Warner



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.

Working on a plan to reopen the Billiards Room in the former Fitness Room space. Old treadmills would be moved to Auxiliary Fitness Room across the hall after electrical capacity is added to that room. New Billiards Room would be remodeled before billiards table is set up. Committee is open to suggestions on how to best use the south portion of the new Billiards Room, near the window to the main corridor. Water aerobics classes are continuing in the swimming pool, and a new yoga class will begin Monday, Aug. 2.

7) Building Maintenance & Services Eleida Gomez

Demonstration of fabrics to be used for the Community Room chairs (solid and patterned burgundy) and the Windjammer Room furniture (two patterned fabrics, one in blue and one in gray). The board approved the color selection.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Chris Chiodo

Items requiring immediate board action

- 1) 2009 property tax assessment appeal report
Approved — will be communicated to the owners.
- 2) Life safety — Hughes
No response from contractor. Recommending that we cancel the contract and go with another supplier. Board canceled the contract.
- 3) MECA-owned units
Discussion of changing realtors on one unit and/or lowering price.

Items requiring

future board action

- 1) Proposals for new lobby & receiving room phone system
Requires more research. Discussion of units that have no land-line phone service being required to install a phone that can be reached by our in-house phone system.

Items not requiring board action

- 1) Façade ordinance repairs
Finishing the E-G tier. Water leak testing will be done as required.

Management notes

By Chris Chiodo

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Swimming pools: September 3rd will be the last day for the water aerobics class,

and Labor Day will be the last day for lifeguards. Anyone who uses the pools after Labor Day will swim at their own risk. Please take necessary precautions. Children under 12 must be supervised by a responsible person age 12 or older, who can swim.

Preliminary notice of 2010 annual meeting of voting members:

Those voting members who wish to become candidates can obtain a board candidate form in the management office. Completed board candidate forms must be returned to the management office no later than 5pm Aug. 13, 2010.

Construction work in units: All work must be approved by management 10 days before work can begin. Please make sure you review the Rules and Regulations regarding construction activity in the unit. It is your responsibility that the contractor you hire complies with MECA policies. Any failure to comply will result in your project being shut down, and you will have to appear before the board to provide an explanation. ***The contractor may not use MECA dumpsters or garbage chutes, or leave debris in the loading dock area under any circumstance.**

2) Garage construction

Planning for next year's work. Working on some remaining water leaks.

3) Laundry Room

On track to have electrical capacity improvements installed in August.

4) Unit sales

| | |
|-----|--------------------|
| 43C | \$235,000 pending |
| 16M | \$80,200 exercised |

5) MECA-owned units update

07M asking price \$165,000
18D asking price \$235,000
28E asking price \$235,000
41K asking price \$231,000 (currently being leased)

6) Dialogue copyright

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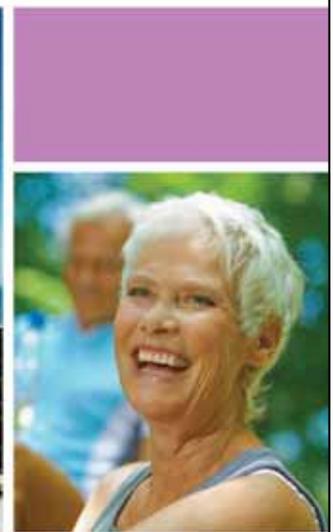
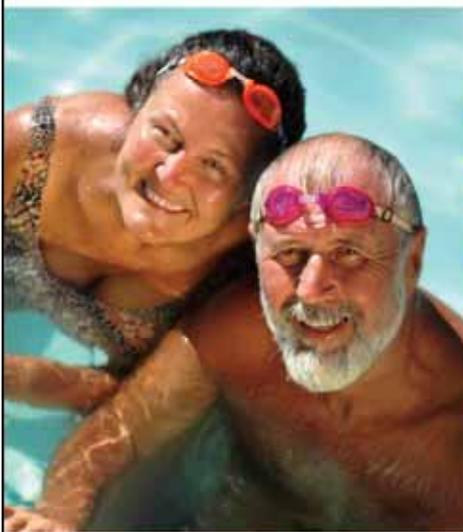
The meeting ended at 10:10 and went into closed session.



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Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

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1020 W. Bryn Mawr
773-293-3682
citylit.org

REDTWIST THEATRE

“Equus” by Peter Shaffer
Psychological thriller explores the boundary between passion and normalcy.
Thru Aug. 29
1044 W. Bryn Mawr
773-728-7529
redtwist.org

VICTORY GARDENS THEATER

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“A Guide for the Perplexed”

Kevin Anderson plays a newly released convict who takes up residence with his sister's husband, teenage son, and a tank of fish.

Thru Aug. 15
2433 N. Lincoln Ave.
773-871-3000
victorygardens.org

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Director candidates application deadline

Friday, Aug. 13
5pm — management office

Dialogue Committee meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 18
7:30pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 24
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

Candidates night

Wednesday, Sep. 1
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

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

AUGUST HOLIDAYS

August 1

Pagan: Lammas

One of the four major pagan festivals. Loaves were baked from the first grains of the harvest and blessed in a church ceremony known as the “loaf mass.”

Celtic: Lughnassad

Marks the beginning of the last quarter of the Celtic year. The festival is associated with the Irish god Lugh, or Samildanach.

August 6

Japan: Peace Festival

Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Memorial Day service is held every year on August 6 to commemorate the dropping of the A-bomb on Hiroshima during World War II. It was started in 1947. One purpose is to console the souls of the dead. Others demonstrate and pray for peace. The opening ceremony is held at the Memorial Tomb in Peace Park. Prominent guests lay wreaths at the tomb, and a declaration of peace is read. At 8:15am, the time of the bombing, the Peace Bell is rung and sirens and bells throughout the city join in as people sing songs of peace.

August 11–September 9

Islamic, Muslim: Ramadan

'Town Crier' announcements by Rodica Ilc



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

Ramadan is the most sacred holiday of the Muslim year. It is the holy month of fasting, which is considered to be the third pillar or religious obligation of Islam and provides many benefits, including learning self-control. Ramadan is a time of worship, reading the Qur'an, charitable acts, and the purification of individual behavior.

August 14

Pakistan: Independence Day

The day on which Pakistan was made an independent country based on border lines created by the British during the end of their rule of India. Pakistan became an independent country in 1947.

August 15

India: Independence Day

Commemorates its independence from British rule and its birth as a sovereign nation on that day in 1947.

August 15

Korea, South Korea: Liberation Day

The day celebrates national liberation from Japan in 1945. On this day, Emperor Shōwa announced surrender and World War II ended. On the same day in 1948, the government of the Republic of Korea was established.

Aug 23

United Nations: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

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CLOSED MONDAY

Myrna Manners
 By Kim O'Neal



Myrna Manners, a trained artist in paint, has been a resident of Malibu East since 1993. She currently has a show going on at Bezazian Library, 1226 W. Ainslie St., through Aug. 31.

Myrna grew up in Chicago on the West Side and went to Austin High School. She went to college when she was 28 to get a degree in art education while raising her three children. She completed most of her work for a master's degree in design from Illinois Institute of Technology but had to go to work. So, she became a librarian at a school that allowed her to go back to school for the master's in library sciences.

Myrna began working for Chicago Public Schools and taught on the North Side at LaSalle School and then on the South Side at Tesla Alternative High School. She left CPS in 1977 for 10 years and worked in marketing for Pace/RTA, which really helped her creativity. She

went back to CPS in 1986 as a librarian, and the last five years that she worked before retiring, she taught as an art teacher, which is when she began to paint again.

Myrna also taught at Truman and Wright colleges, teaching English as a second language (ESL) for 20 years part time, and continued this even after she retired from CPS, where she worked for a total of 22 years. Myrna would take her ESL students to the Bezazian Library, where she got to know the head librarian, Mark Kaplan. He asked her one day what she does now that she is retired, and she told him she paints. He asked her if she would like to display her work at the library, and now it is shown there.

Myrna has been able to work on her paintings at Truman College for only three days per week in its studio, and she would like to get a studio of her own where she can paint whenever she likes and have a place to store her paint, art



L: Myrna Manners — R: Bazazian head librarian Mark Kaplan

work, and other materials. Myrna said that painting is messy and it gets everywhere, so she won't do it in her home. She still works at Truman part time in registration to keep her busy, along with painting and working out for therapy. She is not a fan of cell phones, so she has interesting art pieces that "take a hit on them (cell phones) in three or four paintings," said Myrna. She has a total of 12 paintings displayed, and she's someone you should get to know.

Galleries de Granville art fair

By Kim O'Neal

A new and exciting event for Edgewater was created by Edgewater Artists In Motion founder, Rae Ann Cecrle, in collaboration with the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce's Third Saturdays, EAIM, local artists, including MECA's own and EAIM co-chair Tracy Poyser. There were performing artists, jewelry, paint artists, woodwork, craft artists, photo artists, music, hand-painted clothes, and more.

The Saturday, July 17 event centered on the north side of Granville from Broadway to Kenmore was a lovely street festival for local artists to display their artwork while patrons enjoyed the art, music, and performing artists on a warm, breezy day. All the artists at the event were local.

Interviews of several artists, including Rita Whaley, Tracy Poyser and Anas Ben Musa, revealed that though there was heavy pedestrian traffic and many had people viewing their work, there were few buyers. "In this economy where art-work is a luxury, there are few buyers," stated Anas Ben Musa.

Rae Ann Cecrle stated that the three days before the event were jammed with setting up for the event, delivering tables, umbrellas, needed materials, and such. She was grateful for hired help those three days. Rae Ann said, "I felt the event was better than I expected. The live per-



forming artists added the exciting, vibrant feel of the event accompanied by wonderful, talented art pieces from the visual artists. The upbeat flair of music, art, and people enjoying themselves was tremendous. The signs of a tough economy were not present."

EAIM accomplished its mission to enhance Edgewater's appeal as a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly commercial district, placing original artwork in an Edgewater commercial location, and give artists the opportunity to showcase their creations and contribute to the curb appeal of Edgewater as an artistic destination in Chicago.

There were 33 artists set up in all, on tables with umbrellas and/or shade, three

band/music areas, and one performing-art stage area. The event was enjoyed by many.

Edgewater Arts Festival

The Edgewater Arts Festival, celebrating the Edgewater Community Council's 50th Anniversary, returned to Chicago's north lakefront on Saturday and Sunday, July 17th and 18th. Berger Park at Granville and Sheridan Road, features two historic mansions, a large children's playground, and a Waterfront Cafe. The festival had 50 exhibitors spread over the four acres of lakeside park land, including fine arts, jewelry, and ceramics, musical and dramatic presentations.

Source: Edgewater Community Council



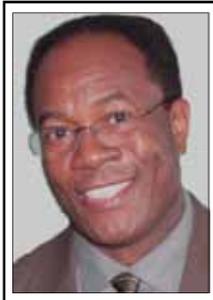
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Osterman beach house dedication canceled due to flooding

By Jack Winans

The flooding and damage from overnight storms called Mayor Daley away from scheduled park dedications Saturday, July 24. However, Rep. Harry Osterman was on hand with family and friends to showcase the new beach house and the relocation of the monument to his late mother, Kathy Osterman. The new beach house is accessible from Ardmore.



Rep. Osterman (third from right) with family and friends at the monument.

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