

Malibu East Dialogue

April 2012

Your Communication and Information Resource

Board director Maria Damp: Enthusiasm personified

By Tracy Poyser

Have a look at another fresh new face on our Board of Directors: Maria Damp's enthusiasm and vibrant personality made interviewing her a real pleasure. I'm convinced that even just a fraction of that positive energy will be a real contribution to the Board and our building during her time on board the Board!



Maria was born outside Cleveland, Ohio, and studied art history at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. Driven by a sense of adventure and desire to expand her horizons, she moved to London, England, for a year in 1990. After a brief return to Cleveland, she ventured even further afield, teaching English in Japan for a year in a small town at the foot of Mount Fuji. In 1992, she moved to Chicago to join her sister, moved into Malibu East 14 years ago and has been married to her husband, Martin, for 13 years.

Professionally, she's still on a stargazing mission as a fundraiser for Chicago's Adler Planetarium.

Now that she has a bit more free time and isn't planning on moving again soon, she let Carl Stahlheber and Tom Vaughan convince her to run for the Malibu East Board. Not surprisingly, she wants to be

involved in a way that would bring about both short- and long-term physical results and visible improvements to our Malibu East home. That's why she opted to work with Stahlheber on the Long-Range Planning Committee and joined Eleida Gomez on the Building Maintenance and Services Committee.

One of her dream visions is to see our Captain's Walk become more inviting, handsomely decorated and lively, filled with more shops and maybe even a little inside sidewalk café so that it attracts more pedestrian traffic and becomes more of a gathering place for our residents and neighbors. Short term, she's looking forward to helping bring about the long-awaited Laundry Room upgrades to new and better equipment, as well as better lighting in our atrium area.



Like Stahlheber, she finds it very easy to be one of the new kids on the block as a Board member. She believes that her background in fundraising helps her a lot in dealing with a diverse group of people and opinions. She feels that listening well, waiting until she has something to say, and making informed comments and decisions are skills that are serving her well. She was happy to find that there's room for new ideas to be heard.

I asked Maria what she thinks residents don't know about the Board. She said she was surprised and energized about how truly concerned and passionate Board members are about the entire building instead of just individual pet projects. She realizes it isn't easy to make it work for

everyone, especially since major decisions do tend to take longer, with bid reviews and careful consideration essential for long-term successes.

Given her outgoing nature, it's not surprising that Maria likes to listen, talk to our residents and is open to their comments or ideas wherever she meets them. What she would appreciate most is more participation at Board meetings, where all of us have a chance to report and comment on what's working and what isn't. She also suggests that sending a note to any Board member (via the office or mailboxes in the Cart Room) is a great way for anyone to get heard and contribute suggestions or concerns. I think she may have been referring to those elevator or Laundry Room griping sessions that are all too common in any condo community.

Maria believes her time commitment is well worth the pleasure she gets out of serving. Board and committee meetings take up every Tuesday evening of the month at times, plus there's a bunch of document reviews, phone calls and individual discussions with staff and other Board members. For her, she doesn't think of that as a burden – just a great way of feeling at home in Malibu East.

As an afterthought to our interview, we imagined a pet committee consisting entirely of resident animals. So, no barking during meetings, please! Stop twittering, would you? The meows have it! Stop parroting what I said... As you can see, a sense of humor is another essential quality Maria is bringing to the table! Don't forget to say hi to her when you see her.

Malibu East events and meetings

Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, April 11

8:00 p.m. - Community Room

Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, April 19

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

Board of Directors meeting

Tuesday, April 24

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

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

Our condolences to the family and friends of

Millie Lea Freeman

Felix Lee, Jr.

Naomi Rubinstein



Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representatives and 6 residents

Excused: Eleida Gomez, Carl Stahlheber

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Exercise of right of first refusal on unit 14F" added to Items Requiring Immediate Board Action.
- 2) "Insurance" added to Items Requiring Immediate Board Action.
- 3) "Sound system" added to Items Requiring Future Board Action.
- 4) "Bicycle Room cleanout" added to Items Requiring Future Board Action.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Neil Warner

1) Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves
\$2,778,560.75

2) Delinquencies

Approx. \$280,000

3) Audit

Our auditor has completed initial field work on the audit of our 2011 financials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Social - Sandy Chaet

Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 7 in Windjammer Room for children under 10; each child must be accompanied by an adult. A new dance/exercise class will be held from 7-8 p.m. each Thursday, April 26 through May 24, with registration beginning at 6:30 p.m. April 26 in the Windjammer Room. Cost: \$50 for five classes. To get a preview of the class, come to the April 19 session ending the previous class.

2) Commercial property - Marcel Molins

A new custom door and window are being installed in Tom Ryan's space in the Captain's Walk.

3) Garage - Kim O'Neal/Martina Molins

Board continues to study the possible elimination of tandem parking, which would leave only valet parking and self-parking.

4) Pet - Marcia Fishman

Pet owners are encouraged to register their pets with the Management Office.

5) Sports & Entertainment - Neil Warner

A new yoga class typically begins the first Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. in the Windjammer Room, when it opens up to new members. A fee is charged.

6) Communications - Dean Lerner

Carl Stahlheber and Dean Lerner will be discussing potential enhancements to the Malibu East website.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Angela Valentine

Items requiring immediate board action

1) Exercise of right of first refusal on unit 14F

The Board approved the owners' resolution to exercise the right of first refusal on unit 14F at a price of \$135,000. (See notes on

special owners' meeting below.)

2) 2011 tax appeal

The Board voted to approve payment to our real estate tax attorneys for their successful tax protest, achieving a reduction in the assessed value of our owners' condominiums for the 2011 tax year. The reduction will result in an estimated savings of \$47,410 for our owners (average of \$95 per unit), who will be billed in mid-2012 in one lump sum (no more than \$31 each) for their portion of the attorneys' fees. Those owners who have the senior citizen freeze exemption won't be billed.

3) Contract for 2012 real estate tax appeal (triennial assessment)

Tabled.

4) DirecTV rate increase

Beginning with the April statement from Sudler, owners will be billed an additional \$1.55 per month for bulk television programming to reflect a similar DirecTV rate increase that Malibu East must pay. DirecTV had attempted to raise our rate by \$3 per month, but property manager Angela Valentine successfully argued that our contract capped any annual increase at 6%.

5) Captain's Walk air handler

Current proposals tabled. Dean Lerner will seek proposals for a longer-term solution.

6) Action Courts

Final payment for tennis court surface is being withheld pending resolution of outstanding issues.

7) Façade examination

Board authorized payment for an ongoing examination report to the city by Klein and Hoffman after it inspects the tier E and G drop locations, as well as tiers K-H.

8) Insurance

Board approved the Sudler master package insurance policy relating to property, general liability, crime and umbrella coverage at an annual cost of \$198,750, which is \$16,650 below budget and \$3,878 above the cost of the 2011 coverage.

Items requiring future board action

1) Laundry contract

New proposals just received. Committee will meet to discuss proposals and make recommendation to Board at next meeting. In the meantime, the existing contract will continue on a month-to-month basis.

2) Driveway atrium lighting

Special committee will work with management to have a recommendation for next Board meeting.

3) Main entrance revolving door

Awaiting additional proposals.

4) Kitchen waste drain lines

Awaiting additional proposals.

5) Roof walk

The roof is due for an inspection.

6) Landscape proposals

Fertilization and aeration were scheduled.

7) Garage leak due to shower tile

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the Malibu East Condominium Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved during the next meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

Repair of tiles in showers is being expedited.

8) Life safety

Awaiting supplemental quotes for in-unit speakers and smoke detectors.

9) Sound system

Management will purchase new sound system for meetings.

10) Bicycle Room cleanout

Upon notification to residents, management will follow up on its plan to remove unregistered bikes from Bicycle Room and donate them to charity so that the room can be thoroughly cleaned.

RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

- 1) Board voted that if a self-parker has been moved to valet parking for three weeks or longer during garage construction, they will get a full month's credit for the difference between the valet and self-parking rates.
- 2) Board moved that, based on evidence it reviewed, a resident's claim for alleged damage to his car in the garage be denied.
- 3) Board voted to approve a handicapped resident's request for access to the passenger elevator with her service dog, as needed. Board also authorized the resident to park a car in the loading zone or 15-minute waiting area for a longer period of time, if needed.
- 4) Board authorized the reimbursement of a resident in the amount of \$250 for mold inspection in his unit.

The meeting ended at 10 p.m. and went into closed session.

NON-AGENDA INFORMATION

1) Unit sales and leases

12E	\$195,000 sale
16L	\$1,150 lease
20K	\$1,500 lease
32G	\$1,450 lease
15J	\$1,425 lease
21D	\$1,500 lease
15H	\$1,550 lease
44M	\$1,150 lease

Special owners' meeting notes Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representative and approx. 12 residents
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

The regular Board meeting was preceded by a special owners' meeting to discuss one agenda item:

1) Exercise of right of first refusal on unit 14F

With a quorum present by virtue of proxies, the owners voted overwhelmingly to recommend to the Board that it exercise its right of first refusal on unit 14F and purchase it at a price of \$135,000.

Ward construction projects on tap

By Beth Robinson



Edgewater residents should expect to see some detours and dust in the neighborhood this summer as several big construction projects will be under way to improve CTA train service and replace the public library. Representatives from the CTA and the Public Building Commission described these projects at a meeting called by 48th Ward Alderman Harry Osterman at the Broadway Armory last month.

The CTA will begin work on seven train stations and the tracks on the Red Line from Lawrence to Jarvis. The project involves repair of station houses, platforms and viaducts and track replacement as part of a short-term plan to maintain one of the oldest sections of the Red Line. In Edgewater the stations at Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, Thorndale and Granville will be affected. Each will be closed for a period of about six weeks, and the closings will be staggered so that two adjoining stations are not closed at the same time. The station at Granville is scheduled to be closed beginning May 11, and the Thorndale closing is planned for August 17. A plan for more extensive renovation of the Bryn Mawr station is being developed separately, so it is not included in the project this summer. The work should not affect the weekday commute time on the Red Line, but track replacement work will cause some delays and train reroutings on certain week-ends. The CTA will provide information about changes in service at www.transitchicago.com/redline.

The CTA is also in the process of developing a long-term plan for the Red Line, which will impact the same stretch of tracks in the future. One of the options



What's happening around the building

By Angela Valentine, Malibu East Manager

Assessments are due the first of the month. Please mail to:

Malibu East Condominium
c/o Sudler-80
8401 Innovation Way
Chicago, IL 60682-8401

The Management Office cannot accept assessment payments.

Did you know you can also pay your assessments online by credit card, or you can sign up for direct debit? You can also view your personal assessment account history. Simply register online at SudlerAtHome.com. Further information is available in the Management Office.

New manager: I am very excited to be working at Malibu East Condominium. It has been a pleasure meeting many of the owners, and I look forward to meeting to meeting more. Please feel free to stop in the office to say hello.

Garage parking: Thank you for your patience during the garage project. If you are leaving for a period of time, please notify the garage manager. As the garage project continues, it may be necessary to have your vehicle moved.

Storage lockers: There are numerous lockers being used by people other than the units they were initially assigned to. In an attempt to correctly document the lockers, a registration

form was mailed to you a couple of months ago. If you did not complete a registration form, please stop by or call the office to obtain one. It is vital that the records be accurately updated. We plan to start cleaning out unregistered lockers later this year; please don't let yours be one of them, simply because you didn't verify its registration!

Bicycle storage room: Please be advised that in early spring when the weather warms up a little, the building's staff are planning on cleaning out the Bike Room and then power-washing and repainting it. When this project is undertaken, all non-registered bicycles will be removed. If you haven't registered your bike, please contact the Management Office to do so. If you have an old bike in the room and would like to dispose of it, please contact us, and we will arrange for it to be donated to charity.

Email: I encourage you to contact me via email with any comments, suggestions, requests or complaints. My email address is MECAmgr@sudler.net

Rodica llc can also be contacted via email regarding all routine matters such as work orders, document requests, etc. Her email address is MECAoffice@sudler.net

being considered in the long-term plan is the permanent closing of the Thorndale stop.

In April the Public Building Commission will begin construction of the new library branch at the corner of Broadway and Elmdale. The new facility will be a two-story, steel-frame building with a brick façade housing 50,000 volumes of books, 62 computers, reading rooms and several meeting spaces. For more details about this new addition to our neighborhood, go to pbcchicago.com/upload/11092.pdf. The new library is tentatively scheduled for completion in June 2013.

Burling Builders, the contractor, will

have a full-time office at 1138 W. Thorndale during the construction. Activity at the site will begin no earlier than 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day. As the site logistics plans are developed, they will be shared so that residents can anticipate any barricades or other changes in pedestrian or traffic flow.

Several street paving and repair projects will also take place this summer. A water main project along Broadway from Ardmore to Bryn Mawr has begun and is scheduled for completion in June.

The alderman's office will provide weekly construction updates via email to anyone who signs up.



Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BROADWAY ARMORY

Indoor park, six gym floors, trapeze classes, senior activities, athletic equipment, meeting room, computer center, dancing floor, shuffleboard, weights, arts and crafts, aerobics, ping pong, after-school activities and more.

5917 N. Broadway
312-742-7502

tinyurl.com/27YYYN

EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

Library building is closed during construction. A bookmobile is now available in the Broadway Armory parking lot:

Tue-Thu: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2-6 p.m.
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m. - noon, 1-5 p.m.

(closed on Sundays and Mondays)

tinyurl.com/5L55TL

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Crime and Community in Edgewater" (thru July 8th)

Regular museum hours:

Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

Annual benefit for EHS at Nookies:
Tuesday, April 24, 6:30-9 p.m.

Call for ticket information.

5358 N. Ashland Ave.

773-506-4849

www.EdgewaterHistory.org

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

1355 W. Foster Ave.

773-271-9001

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THEATER / SHOWINGS

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April 13 thru May 13

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

citylit.org

LIFELINE THEATRE

"Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen

In this 19th century comedy of manners, a mother tries to secure husbands for her daughters.

Thru Mar. 25

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

RAVEN THEATRE

"The Price" by Arthur Miller

When two brothers, a doctor and a cop, meet to sort through the belongings of their deceased parents, each recounts the "price" they paid to get where they are in life.

Thru April 14

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

RIVENDELL THEATRE

"Falling: A Wake"

What changes might happen to a family when a commercial jetliner explodes over an isolated farm.

Based on actual occurrences.

Thru April 14

5779 N. Ridge

773-334-7728

rivendelltheatre.org

STEEP THEATRE

"The Receptionist"

A receptionist learns the true nature of a company's business when a charming rep from the central office disrupts the friendly routine.

April 12 thru May 19

1115 W. Berwyn

866-811-4111

steeptheatre.com

Recycle electronics on Clean & Green Day

The 48th Ward's Clean & Green Day will take place Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 48th Ward Streets and Sanitation Yard, 5853 N Broadway.

Among the many clean-up projects, this day will include a recycling event at the ward yard. People may bring e-waste (anything that plugs in or runs on a battery, except very large items like refrigerators and clothes dryers) plus rechargeable batteries (the Department of Transportation requires the +/- poles be taped), cell phones and ink cartridges.

Other items accepted: musical instruments (to go to Chicago Public Schools), yarn and fabric (to senior knitting/sewing groups), American flags, eyeglasses, hearing aids, corks and CFL bulbs.

Every item will be appropriately reused, recycled or properly disposed of. There will be more items added to the list later, so stay tuned. For more information, you check the ward's website at 48thward.org or you can call Ald. Harry Osterman's office at 773-784-5277.



Easter Egg Hunt

For children under 10
years of age

All children must be
accompanied by an adult

Saturday, April 7, 2012

10:00 a.m. Meet in the Community Room on the 4th floor.
10:15 a.m. Hunt for Easter Eggs begins in the Windjammer Room.
Bring a basket or bag to hold the eggs.

Refreshments will be served

Hosted by the MECA Social Committee

Dear Etta Kitt,

A unit a couple floors above me has some type of a plumbing leak. I've talked to several residents above and below me, and there are several of us with damage. We've tried to talk to the resident, but he won't answer the door. I'll call my insurance agent and report the current damage, but I'm concerned about ongoing damage if the problem isn't fixed. What can we do if our building manager can't get the resident to talk to us or let us or someone from management in to see what is wrong?



Signed, Dripping Wet

Dear Dripping Wet,

Both our Malibu East Condominium Declaration and the Illinois Condominium Property Act cover this situation and give the building manager, as the agent of the Board of Directors, the right to gain access to the unit for inspection, particularly in a situation that holds the potential for causing substantial damage to other units.

Under Section 18.4(j) of the Illinois Condominium Property Act, a condominium association has the right of access to each unit in emergencies for making repairs to prevent damage to common elements or other units.

In our Malibu East Condominium Declaration under Article V, Paragraph 7. General Powers of the Board ... (j) The Board or its agents upon reasonable notice may enter any Unit when necessary in connection with any maintenance or construction for which the Board is responsible.

2011-12 Board of Directors

- Marcel Molins, President
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- Neil Warner, Treasurer
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- Marcia Fishman, Secretary
- Carl Stahlheber, Assistant Secretary
- Sandy Chaet, Director
- Maria Damp, Director
- Allan Eckardt, Director
- Eleida Gomez, Director
- Martina Molins, Director

'Town Crier' announcements

by Rodica Ilc



We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

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

Balcony Man by Scott Virzi



Information abundant at senior health fair

By Myrna Manners



The recent senior health fair attracted a crowd of seniors seeking fun activities, lunch, and information about services and programs that are available to seniors in our community and assist us in a constantly changing environment.

Held March 14 at the Broadway Armory, the senior health fair featured bingo in the Multipurpose Room and entertainment by the Shannon Rovers and the Soul & Duende Spanish American Dance Theater. The flamenco dancers were impressive. In fact, during the music portion of the afternoon, one of the visitors liked the music so much she got up and danced around the room, using the steps of the dancers without the heel emphasis. She got lots of applause, too.

The lunch buffet was covered with delicious food served by community members and contributed by many local establishments.

Flu shots were provided for seniors, and blood-pressure screening appliances were kept busy.

The tables for information were stocked with a variety of care providers, community organizations and government agencies. Here's an overview of the service providers:

The Jane Addams Senior Caucus – The issues worked on come from the concerns of the members. Presently they include the preservation and creation of affordable housing, improving in-home health care and ensuring on-site social workers in senior housing. Currently, the caucus has more than 500 members from

diverse backgrounds. It works with the State of Illinois and federal and local agencies on various issues that affect the health and housing of senior citizens.

The City of Chicago publishes a Chicago New Resident Resource Guide, which I believe is a useful guide for new, as well as seasoned, Chicago residents and immigrants. It is organized by location, with easy-to-read graphics. There is vital information about how to navigate the city, its public transportation, the public school system, local municipal offices and representatives and directories to Chicago's ethnic, cultural and civic offerings. There is also a "Know Your Rights" card included inside.



The Illinois attorney general's office publishes fliers and brochures on how to avoid identity theft, home repair, consumer rights, health care and how to avoid telephone scams. Consider placing your phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry, if you haven't already done so. Once your number is on the registry, you'll know that any telemarketer who does call you is probably up to no good. The applicable phone numbers are as follows:

- Illinois Attorney General Consumer Fraud Hotline: 800-386-5438.
- Identity Theft Hotline: 866-999-5630.
- Health Care Help Line: 877-305-5145.

The Illinois Department on Aging

produces a booklet for seniors and persons with disabilities. It includes a form for filing for license plate discounts, a free transit card, Circuit Breakers grants, and Illinois Cares Rx. Call 800-252-8966.

The prevention of Medicare fraud is a biggie. The Department of Family and Support Services of Chicago distributes a brochure on how to prevent this fraud. To locate the senior center closest to you for a brochure or any other service, call the Senior Services Area Agency on Aging at 312-744-4016.

AARP also distributes a brochure on Understanding Medicare; call 888-687-2277. So does the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and there's a community service guide sponsored by state Sen. Heather Steans (773-769-1717), as well as a booklet from the Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol Program, AgeOptions, on Protecting Your Medicare – call 708-383-0258.

Life Enrichment Programs sponsored by the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Senior Services Area Agency on Aging, has a long list of services offered to seniors, a one-stop link to eldercare service providers in the city. The agency is located in City Hall, at 121 N. LaSalle St. (312-744-4016). There are six regional senior centers. The closest one to Malibu East is the Levy Center at 2019 W. Lawrence Ave. (312-744-0784). There are programs to fit every taste and interest imaginable for seniors, from fitness to tax preparation to combating elder abuse. There is also help with energy, financial, housing, transportation, prescription drugs, health-care and support services.

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Restaurant review**Lady Gregory's Irish Bar & Restaurant***By Betty Mayian*

When this corner restaurant opened last year, three of us went to try it out. It was a day when the Andersonville farmers' market was open, and we were able to shop, then rest and have a nice meal.



To maximize our experience we decided to try more items by doing appetizers instead of full meals. In general, everything was good – except the mac and cheese. We thought it bland. Two appetizers stand out as wonderful: the olive plate with lemon chile olives and the deviled eggs. Try them.

Since I always want to try a place twice, we went again this past month – the same three people. This time we each ordered an entrée.

Our vegetarian had the fish and chips but substituted grits for the chips. It comes with a small side of mashed peas with mint and tartar sauce. Linda loved it (minus the mashed peas – definitely an acquired taste). The nice thing is that the breaded cod is placed on brown paper to absorb the grease – just like in London.

Ara had a regular burger with sharp cheddar. They forgot the cheese and took that cost off the bill. He also objected to having condiments put on the burger before it was served, so we commented that the catsup should be on the side for those who do not like that flavor.



I ordered the meatloaf empanada with eggs. I chose poached eggs and was also given cheesy grits for a side. The grits were very good, and so were the eggs, but I had to ask for some toast to help eat my eggs. I commented that most people want an order of toast when they order eggs. They charged extra for the toast! The meatloaf was fine and very unusual. Coffee was excellent – an Ethiopian bean. Linda's iced tea was good, strong, and held up well to the ice. Quite a lot of restaurants

make it too weak. Leave it to the Irish to know their tea.

This is one of three restaurants with the same owners. They have Wilde Bar & Restaurant, Beckett's, and Lady Gregory's is the third. I asked our waitress who Lady Gregory was. She said she was an Irish poet but a bit unknown over here, unlike Oscar Wilde and Samuel Beckett.

The space is warm and lovely with a bar befitting the Emerald Isle.

Lady Gregory's is open for lunch and dinner, seven days a week. The hours are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. Saturday. The kitchen closes at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 12 a.m. Friday and 12:30 a.m. Saturday.

Lady Gregory's Irish Bar & Restaurant
5260 N. Clark St.
773-271-5050
ladygregorys.com

Senior health fair*(Continued from page 6)*

The Council for Jewish Elderly (CJE) offers transitional care that is customized to the individual needs of elder adults and their families in metro Chicago. This includes care for Alzheimer's disease, dementia and Parkinson's disease, as well as support groups, caregiver support, various assessments and food delivery.

There were many booths providing information about full care for seniors at home.

The Japanese American Service Committee, at 4427 N. Clark St., offers cooking classes, a health screening day, a driver's safety program and origami.

The Bosnian and Herzegovinian American Community Center (773-989-4381) offers outreach and interpretation services, ESL classes, health promotion, counseling, Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) programs, older adult services, public assistance programs, housing and citizenship assistance.

In all, I found it an all-encompassing introduction to the senior services in this city and community.

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