

Malibu East Dialogue

October 2014

Your Communication and Information Resource

State of the building

By Marcel Molins, President

Editor's note: Here and on the following pages, the Dialogue is reprinting the presentations made by



Malibu East President Marcel Molins and other Board members at the annual meeting of unit owners, held Sept. 9 in the Windjammer Room.

Another year of feverish activity. As you know, our building is now 43 years old. As a result, lots of areas need to be redone or repaired. During the last 12 months, there have been a lot of projects. You have seen some of them and experienced also the consequences; others did not affect you, but they were equally important.

The main purpose of my presentation is to give you an overall view of the work done and in progress and a status of the Condominium. The other officers of the Condominium and the chairs of the committees will give you a more detailed report on some of the projects,

and during the question-and-answer period, we will be happy to try to answer any questions you may have.

Let us review some of the projects you have seen.

The Laundry Room has been completely redone. You have seen the new appliances and the renovated room. You did not see, however, all of the work done to increase the electric capabilities of the room, as well as the upgrade of the water removal system. These two projects represent a substantial improvement of the Laundry Room and allowed us to install more washers and dryers with greater capacities.

The voice communication system required by the City ordinances has been installed and has passed the City inspection. After a good amount of looking at the options, we were able to find a way to hide the cables so that the aesthetics of the halls would not be affected. I hope that you will agree that it was quite successful. In other condominiums that we visited, you can see the cables throughout the halls. We now have a viable one-way communication system (as well as a two-way system in the stairwell) to be used by the Fire Department in case it is needed. Let's hope it is not.

A lot of work has been done throughout the building to meet City code requirements for safety, such as the installation of hinges on all the doors, the closing of holes in water closets and the installation of emergency exit signs throughout the building. By the way, you may have been billed to close holes inside the water heater closets which we now have determined were made by the building staff. If that was your case, you will receive a credit for the cost of such repairs. The Board decided at the last meeting that in such cases the Condominium should absorb the cost.

Work is being done on the facades of the building and the balconies to meet

the City requirements.

Work is being done to replace the sealant around patio doors on the balconies.

A new lighting system was installed in the garage with LED lighting, which is high-performance, luminous and energy-saving. I hope that you will agree with me that the garage looks quite nice.

The Cable Committee, which has many volunteer residents, and the Board studied the alternatives available for a new cable TV system and possible installation of an Internet bulk program for the building. After a lot of research and study, it was concluded that in order to enhance the capabilities of the building, the installation of new cables throughout the building was needed. While it affects somewhat the aesthetics of the building, I think that you will agree that its effect is minimal. I assure you that a lot of research was done to determine whether there were any better alternatives, before this solution was adopted.

Some of the projects that you have not seen:

Major repairs in the elevator penthouses of the building, involving both the repair of the concrete in the outside walls, as well as repairs to the roofs of the penthouses and the vents.

Major repairs of the plumbing in the Captain's Walk, which controls the drainage from the fourth-floor deck. After major research, a way was found to repair the plumbing by installing lining in the pipes so as to avoid

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Malibu East events and meetings

Board meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 7

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Flu shots

Wednesday, Oct. 15

5:30-7:00 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, Oct. 16

(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

Country Doctors band

Saturday, Oct. 25

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 5

7:30 p.m. - Community Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue. For more events: malibueast.org/calendar

Our condolences to the family and friends of Sharon Lancaster



Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

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.

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014

Attendance: Eleven Board members, two management representatives and seven residents
 Excused: Richard Strauss
 Presiding: President Marcel Molins

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Electricity contract" and "Bulk room door latches" were added under Items Requiring Board Action.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

1) Financial statement

Operating and reserve cash
 \$3,641,952

2) Delinquencies

\$287,637 (90-plus days)

3) Audit

Ready to be printed, and then it will be mailed to owners.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

Items requiring immediate Board action

1) Pest control vendor selection

Board approved Allied Services as new vendor.

2) Unit 4L renovation

Tabled, awaiting more bids.

3) SEIU pension withdrawal liability

Directors approved one-time payment to SEIU National Industry Pension Fund for Malibu East's withdrawal from door-men's pension plan, which is being replaced with a 401(k) plan.

4) Electricity contract

Board voted to enter into a new contract for electricity usage in common areas, with the cost for 40% of usage determined by a fixed 26-month contract, 40% determined by a fixed 14-month contract and 20% based on a floating rate.

5) Bulk room door latches

Directors approved the purchase of latches - and closers, if needed - for the bulk room doors to comply with City's life safety ordinances.

Old/new business

1) Budget draft review

Board voted in favor of no assessment increase for 2015, reversing an earlier recommendation for a 2% increase. Parking rates were left unchanged. Directors will vote on the proposed budget at their Oct. 7 Board meeting, when they will approve it for submission to owners for their review and comments. Final approval of the budget will

occur at Nov. 18 Board meeting.

2) HiPoint Internet billing

HiPoint is seeking a temporary billing arrangement. Director Thomas Vaughan will investigate.

The meeting ended at 10:45 p.m. and went into closed session.

Annual meeting of unit owners Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014

Presiding: President Marcel Molins
SALE OF ASSOCIATION-OWNED UNIT 33L
 After an open forum to discuss the pros and cons of exercise, the unit owners overwhelmingly approved a motion authorizing the Board of Directors to sell Association-owned unit 33L at a price of \$181,000, plus or minus prorations. President Molins voted the proxies in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES, REPORTS

President Molins introduced the 10 candidates for election to the Board, as well as those directors whose terms were expiring. Molins gave his report on the state of the Association, and various other directors and committee chairs gave reports (reprinted in this issue).

ELECTION RESULTS

Sudler property supervisor Dean Lerner read the preliminary election totals, as tabulated by our accounting firm, subject to revision. Six candidates were elected for two-year terms, and the candidate with the seventh-highest total was elected for a one-year term.

Official vote totals for Board election:

Marcel Molins	37.22%
Arthur Arfa	30.82%
Sandy Chaet	30.52%
Neil Warner	27.48%
Carl Chadek	27.30%
Joan Scholl	25.28%
John Levandowski*	17.59%

Not elected:

Allan Eckardt
Carlos Reyes
Joe Touchstone

* Elected for a one-year term; the top six were elected for two-year terms.
 Percentage of unit owners who voted: 33.34%.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Regular Board meeting Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014

1) Election of officers

See box on Page 4 for results.

2) Sale of unit 33L

Following the unit owners' earlier authorization empowering the Board to act, the directors unanimously approved the sale of Association-owned unit 33L at a price of \$181,000, plus or minus prorations. (See Page 6 for Thomas Vaughan's historical review of how the Association has fared with its exercise of the right of first refusal on numerous units over the past six years.)

The meeting ended at 10:30 p.m. and went into closed session.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Doorman's Station..... 773-271-1769
 Garage Office 773-271-5193
 Management Office 773-271-1732
 Receiving Room 773-271-2608

CAPTAIN'S WALK MALL

Dr. Ahmad Bastani 773-506-9600
 Drs. Jack & Kerstin Horbal .. 773-275-0110
 First Commercial Bank..... 773-564-4122
 Gem Staffing 877-436-2230
 Sheridan Hair & Body Studio 773-561-6595
 Malibu Cleaners 773-728-6023
 Malibu Convenient Store..... 773-769-5440
 H. M. Wagner Realty..... 773-334-0200

CITY SERVICES/UTILITIES

Aging & Disability 312-744-4016
 Alderman Harry Osterman ... 773-784-5277
 Assessor's Office..... 312-443-7550
 AT&T..... 800-288-2020
 AWB 312-951-9600
 Chicago Transit Authority 312-664-7200
 Chicago Park District 312-747-2200
 City Hall Inquiry & Info..... 312-744-5000
 Com Ed..... 800-334-7661
 Consumer Services 312-744-4006
 Edgewater Branch library 312-744-0718
 Family Pride Laundries 630-620-4700
 48th Ward Streets & San 312-744-2130
 HiPoint Technology Svcs 312-238-9506
 Police (24th Dist.)..... 312-744-5907
 Police/Fire Emergency Only 911
 Police/Fire Non-emergency 311
 RTA Travel Information..... 312-836-7000
 USA Wireless..... 800-433-4558

State of the building

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inconveniencing all of the tenants of the Captain's Walk.

Improvements were made in the units purchased by Malibu East in order to get them ready for sale or lease.

We have started to work on the elevator modernization. Mechanical and aesthetics consultants have been hired, and construction specifications and drawings are being prepared. We expect that the work will start next year, one elevator at a time. It will be a painful exercise, but very much needed.

We have arranged with ComEd for the replacement of several transformers and continue to monitor their performance, as well as the performance of all other transformers.

The Captain's Walk HVAC system is failing. We have been working on finding the best equipment and the best location for the equipment in order to increase the efficiency of the system.

Major electrical and concrete work is being done on the Sheridan Road retaining wall.

A new HVAC system has been installed in the Management Office, which hopefully will keep the office warm enough in the forthcoming winter days.

We were able to rent portions of our garage to our neighbors in El Lago and Thorndale Beach South, which were making major repairs to their own garages.

The work in preparation for building a staircase into the boat dock area is progressing. We expect that once the work is done, the boat dock will become available for use and enjoyment by all residents.

I could continue telling you about the many other projects that have kept management and the Board busy, but I think that this recitation of some of the projects done or in progress is enough. So I will spare you the rest of the projects.

The purchase and sale and/or leasing of apartments has also kept us quite busy. You will hear a report from Tom Vaughan. We are very happy with the support we have received from a great majority of the owners with respect to

our program to maintain the price of the units. We believe that we have been quite successful in this endeavor and at the same time we have made and continue to make a good investment return for all the owners.

All these projects were done pursuant to a contract. So a lot of contracts have been negotiated, reviewed and revised. This is a lot of lawyer-hour bills that the Condominium has saved due to the fact that the lawyers on the Board and other Board members and management have done the negotiations, reviews and revisions.

The Condominium continues to be in a good financial condition, as will be reported to you by our treasurer, but we must continue to be vigilant. The City and the State continue to impose new and expensive requirements on all condominium associations, and we need to have a good cushion to cover emergencies, if they ever occur. The condition of our plumbing, given the age of our building, continues to be a concern. We need to be prepared, if the system fails. We also wish to continue our program to modernize and upgrade our infrastructure and facilities – for example, the Lobby and the atrium – and this can be done only if we have the funding required to do so.

The Finance Committee has been working on the budget for the next year. Dean Lerner will provide a report on the progress to date. The committee is recommending to the Board a small increase of 2%. The Board will review the proposed budget at the Board meeting that will take place two weeks from today.

Overall I think that you should be proud of the work done by management and the Board. I am. I am also very happy about the fact that the Board and its committees have worked very collaboratively, and in the process, we have been able to continue to do our best for the building with the assistance of many other owners who have volunteered to work as part of the committee structure we have in place.

Thanks for all your assistance and support.



What's happening around the building

by Violette Deschamps,
Malibu East Manager

LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION: The inspector of the City contacted management on Sept. 25 to convey the following:

- The City inspection will take place on Oct. 29;
- All the necessary fire safety work must be completed before the inspection;
- Each door, including the unit doors, will be inspected for proper closing; access to each door is REQUIRED for Oct. 29, no exception.

CABLE TV AND INTERNET SERVICES:

Management understands that residents have many questions about the new cable TV and Internet wiring. You may ask yourself, "What if I do not want the Internet?" or "Where will the wires be brought into my unit?" or "How much will I pay for the service?" or "When will my new service be live?"

Except for the monthly charge of the basic service and the possibility of being excluded from the Internet service, management does not have answers to the questions. You should address them directly to either USA Wireless or HiPoint as they are the ultimate experts responsible for a smooth transition.

USA Wireless and HiPoint are prepared for your questions.

In a nutshell, any questions regarding scheduling, appointments, service loss, wiring installation or service options must be brought to the attention of **USA Wireless at 847-831-4561** (cable TV) or **HiPoint at 312-238-9506** (Internet). You may contact management for a formal complaint about the service installation and/or products or if you want to be added to the Internet opt-out list.

CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION:

Management has devised a revised application form. This application will serve for small or big projects, small improvements or extensive renovation. Please contact us if you planning the replacement of your water heater, the repair of your garbage disposal, the replacement of your carpet, the installation of a new condensing unit, the renovation of your bathroom, and so forth. We will help you through the process.



Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ANDERSONVILLE ARTS AND DESIGN WEEKEND

Night of 100 pARTies.

A night of parties throughout the neighborhood in dozens of stores.

6-10 p.m. Oct. 10

Self-guided art walk

Andersonville businesses are hosting visual artists and local designers all weekend.

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 11-12

andersonville.org/ArtsWeekend

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.

Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

5917 N. Broadway

312-742-7502

goo.gl/MSZSES

EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

6000 N. Broadway

Mon. and Wed.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tue. and Thu.: noon - 8 p.m.

Fri. and Sat.: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(closed on Sundays)

312-742-1945

chicrib.org/locations/28

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

During the Andersonville Arts Weekend, Oct. 10-12 (see above), the historical society will host the Plein Air Painters of Chicago, Friday 5-9 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Current exhibit: "Motoring through Edgewater" (thru March 13, 2015).

Regular museum hours:

Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

5358 N. Ashland Ave.

773-506-4849

www.EdgewaterHistory.org

WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER

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

whitecrane.wellness.org

THEATER / SHOWINGS

CITYLIT THEATRE

"At Home at the Zoo" by Edward Albee

"Zoo Story" and its prequel, "Homelife," together make one of the simplest and most shattering plays ever written.

Thru Oct. 26

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

citylit.org

HELL IN A HANDBAG PRODUCTIONS

"The Birds," adapted by David Cerda and Pauline Pang

A ridiculous parody of the classic Hitchcock film and a look inside the mind of lead actress Tippi Hedren.

Thru Nov. 1

Berger Park Coach House

6205 N. Sheridan Road

800-838-3006

handbagproductions.org

LIFELINE THEATRE

"Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte

After a troubled childhood, Jane Eyre searches for new purpose as a governess. She gets turbulent passion and secrets.

Thru Oct. 26

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

NEWHART FAMILY THEATRE

"Proof" by David Auburn

Catherine is the daughter of a brilliant but mentally disturbed University of Chicago mathematician. How much of her father's madness will she inherit?

Thru Oct. 5

Mundelein Center on Sheridan

773-508-8400

goo.gl/G5OKXM

RAVEN THEATRE

"All My Sons" by Arthur Miller

Just after World War II, a tragedy haunts the Keller family and threatens to break the bonds between father and sons.

Thru Nov. 15

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

REDTWIST THEATRE

"Another Bone" by Cathy Earnest

A 9/11 story of a widow of a fireman, who tries to move forward after total devastation.

Thru Oct. 19

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwist.org

STEEP THEATRE

"The Vandal" by Hamish Linklater

A startling and funny new work on how we carry on without the people we've loved.

Thru Nov. 8

1115 W. Bryn Mawr

773-649-3186

steeptheatre.com

THEO UBIQUE THEATRE AND CABARET

"A Kurt Weill Cabaret"

A night of the music of German composer Kurt Weill. Dinner-show packages.

Thru Oct. 19

6970 N. Glenwood

theo-u.com

2014-15 Board of Directors

Marcel Molins, President

Richard Strauss, Vice President

Thomas Vaughan, 2nd Vice President

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Neil Warner, Assistant Treasurer

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Carol Beatty, Director

Carl Chadek, Director

Sandy Chaet, Director

John Levandowski, Director

Martina Molins, Director

"Town Crier" announcements by Caitlin Gilman

We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

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

Aesthetics & Building Maintenance

By Carl Chadek

Here, at the beautiful Malibu East, we live in a 45-story, resort-style, iconic building on the lakeshore. Maintenance can be challenging. Management, staff and our Board of Directors have been working very hard to maintain "normal" operations and maintenance in the face of the looming life safety inspections. Considerable time and resources, both personnel and financial, have been put toward bringing the building into compliance with the City's life safety ordinances. No small task. That being said, the Aesthetics & Building Maintenance Committee has consideration of the items listed below. Please know that many of these things overlap with other committees and that everything we do here is reviewed and approved by our Board of Directors. And, of course, our excellent management advises us.

Laundry Room - Completed. This project was, no surprise, very dramatic. We have now a Laundry Room that is far better than anything previous. New plumbing, drainage, lighting and HVAC, along with new water heaters and energy- and water-efficient machines, make us the leader on Sheridan Road. Not to mention the spectacular artwork!

Atrium lighting - We are still working on finding a replacement fixture within required specifications and price. Yes, this is taking too long. However, the company that installed the lighting is committed to finding us the right solution.

Sheridan Road retaining wall - In process. Our management has coordinated the restoration of the retaining wall with our contractor who is working on the penthouses. The electric supply for the lighting became an issue and created extra work. This project will be done before the weather turns. The aging lighting will be addressed with landscaping.

Landscaping - The overall landscaping of our property will be addressed as we progress with our elevator modernization and Lobby renovation. The iron fence on Sheridan Road, the atrium, the

Glenlake streetscape, the dog runs and the boat dock entrance are all in need of attention.

Elevator renovation - Interior design elements and controls have been selected. There was a live demonstration in our Lobby of the control panels and we will have a display of the cab interior design and finishes soon. This is an enormously complicated project. Our elevator consultant and cab interior designer are currently working to develop an RFP (request for proposal) to go out to bid on the overall project. Contract negotiation, Association review, consultant review, contractor lead time for drawings and surveys and contractor scheduling, in addition to ordering materials for both the mechanical and aesthetic elements of the elevators, is very time-consuming. Previous comments from me were perhaps a bit overly optimistic about the time frame - please forgive my enthusiasm. At the time of this writing, our elevator project will begin with the bidding process in the next few weeks and actual construction, beginning with the service elevator, will start in July 2015.

Lobby renovation - Once the elevators have been started, we will begin planning for the Lobby. Doorman station, main entrance, passenger elevator lobby, freight elevator lobby and its door, mailbox room, windows, security and other items must be addressed. Of course, any renovation of our grand Lobby must maintain the overall original design aesthetic of our beautiful building while bringing it into the present.

Lower level - Overall renovation of the hallways. Laundry Room and freight elevator hallway, the lower-level passenger elevator lobby, east hallway, east Captain's Walk entrance and service hallway (where the dumpsters are parked) are all in need of attention. A clean, bright and functional design approach with appropriate floor treatment and proper lighting is the goal.

Fourth-floor interior - Overall renovation of the east end. Windjammer Room, Community Room, underutilized spaces that currently hold old exercise equipment, deck entrances and windows need attention. The biggest of these items, of course, is our Windjam-

mer Room, which has become very worn and dated.

Fourth-floor exterior - The wind-break/pool surround is in dire need, and the cement surface around the pools is "popping" and needs serious attention. New lighting to match whatever may be selected for the Sheridan Road streetscape, gazebo maintenance, the tennis court fence and other items must be addressed.

The news is neither good nor bad. It's just maintenance and must be done. Aesthetics drives property values more than any other item. Certainly, however, if the building is not maintained, aesthetics don't matter. See where this is going? And here's good news: We can afford it all.

Carl Chadek is the chair of the Aesthetics & Building Maintenance Committee.

Tips for snowbirds

If you are a snowbird who flies south to escape the Chicago winter, here are some tips that will help you feel secure.

- Notify the building's Management Office about your intention to leave Chicago, the dates you will be gone and your contact information at your winter residence.
- As a backup plan, give the office the names and phone numbers of two or three emergency contacts in the event you cannot be reached.
- For emergency use, give the office a spare set of keys to your condo. Additionally, if you have an alarm system, give the building manager instructions on how to use the alarm.
- If you control the heat in your condo, leave the thermostat at a minimum of 63 degrees Fahrenheit to ensure the pipes will not freeze.
- Stop all newspaper deliveries and make arrangements for someone to pick up your mail or for the post office to forward it to your winter residence.
- To avoid drawing attention to your absence, ask a neighbor to pick up any fliers that may be delivered outside your front door.

Source: Sudler Property Management's Skyline Views

Garage

By Martina Molins

The current garage capacity is 510 spaces, down from 520-plus spaces a couple of years ago. The reduction in the number of parking spaces is due to an increase in single self-park spaces, the creation of walkways in the garage to the doors leading to the elevators in the residential tower, and the installation and storage of equipment. That the 510 capacity figure includes 20 aisle spaces, which are usually used for guest parking, reduces the number of available spaces further.

However, the garage remains under-occupied at present, with only 464 vehicles parked there, and this figure includes 26 cars from El Lago pursuant to an agreement between the respective condo boards. For a few months, 31 cars from Thorndale Beach South were also parked here during construction in its garage. That helped generate income that made up for spaces not used by Malibu East residents.

It stands to reason that the garage will eventually fill up again if and when the economy recovers. It is possible that, unless the configuration of parking spaces is then changed to accommodate at least one car per unit, there may, in the future, even be a shortage of available parking spaces for residents and for guest parkers for parties and during holidays.

On the positive side, there is a waiting list of eight for single self-park spaces. The garage manager is temporarily assigning these cars to the empty tandem self-park spaces to maximize Association income.

The installation of energy-efficient lighting this year has made the garage brighter and is expected to save on energy costs. However, the bright lighting makes the dirty curbs much more visible. I do hope that the budget allows for an additional cleaning person who works part time cleaning the garage and can perhaps also relieve the maintenance crew.

The garage floor membrane is delaminating in several spaces, and management is trying to get it repaired without undue inconvenience to parkers before winter. The garage drains

remain a perennial problem, which management is working to resolve.

As of the end of August, there were 17 garage claims in 2014, with seven having been approved.

Martina Molins is the chair of the Garage Committee.

Country Doctors to perform

By Sandy Chaet

The Social Committee invites you to come to the Windjammer Room on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and enjoy a band called The Country Doctors.

The Country Doctors founded their group in 2001. "Their roots are in the heartfelt repertoire of country musicians who played and sang with a purity of emotion often lacking in the genre today, while at the same time embracing contemporary artists who share a similar approach to country music," according to their Facebook page. The band performed at EdgeFest this year. In 2011, they opened Country Music Day at Taste of Chicago. That same year, they were nominated for a Chicago Music Award as best country-western entertainer. They have two albums on the independent Medical Records label. They have performed at Uncommon Ground, California Clipper and many street fairs.

The Country Doctors emphasize vocal harmonies, tight arrangements and instrumental solos. A typical performance will include their original songs, as well as from others such as Hank Williams, Buck Owens, Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash and music from contemporary and alternative artists. Most importantly they like to have fun at their performances with their music and their audience.

The evening will include light refreshments, and you are welcome to bring your own spirits. Mark your calendar, we'll see you there. More information to follow!



Association-owned units

By Thomas C. Vaughan

For the past six years, our Board of Directors has taken the position that unreasonably low-priced sales reflect negatively on Malibu East and affect property values for all. As a result, the Board, with owner approval, has exercised its right of first refusal and purchased 22 units on behalf of the Association. We today own 17 units but, after tonight's approval of the 33L sale, will be down to 16 after our sixth sale of a unit. Tonight's sale profit will return to us a 46% annualized return on this single investment.

These six sales in total have returned to the Association a 29.5% annualized rate of return for our investment dollars. This is after covering improvement expenses, buying and selling costs, monthly condominium assessments, real-estate taxes, electricity expenses and insurance. These Association sales have changed the recorded sales values of these units as follows:

<u>Bought</u>	<u>Sold</u>
124,000	195,000
152,000	240,000
107,120	172,000
109,000	181,000
162,000	220,000
162,500	207,000

Our actions have increased the recorded prices used in comparable sales records by 49% for these units.

Of the 16 units we continue to own, 12 have been rented, and four either are listed for sale or are in the process of being made ready for sale or rental. The vacant ones are all one-bedroom while the rented group has three one-bedroom and nine two-bedroom units.

When you take into account the four empty units, our overall return on investment (including improvement expenses) for owned units is 3.4% after all expenses, which is much more attractive than current CD rates.

Your Board believes that this program has been most positive for owners and has been possible because of the fiscally conservative discipline applied to budgeting and our capital reserve fund.

Thomas C. Vaughan is the Board's 2nd vice president.

ASCO, community affairs

By Sandy Chaet

Thanks again to all those who sent emails and made phone calls regarding the proposed fire sprinkler requirements from the state fire marshal and similar communications to Gov. Pat Quinn to veto Senate Bill 2664. The proposed fire safety change was stopped for now, with your help and the help of state Rep. Sara Feigenholtz.

Gov. Quinn received over 6,000 messages regarding SB2664 and, on Aug. 19, vetoed the bill with an amendatory change. This bill would have greatly limited an association's ability to collect unpaid assessments from a buyer/bank in a foreclosure case. The governor proposed that the Illinois legislature amend SB2664 to provide that condo associations be allowed to collect all assessments, attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the association, while keeping the nine months' worth provision in the original bill. The future of all of this depends on the bill's sponsor, Sen. Michael Hastings. He can either move that the Senate accept the governor's changes, move that the Senate override the veto, or take no action, which will keep the current law in place. Whatever the Senate decides to do, the House will have the same options. If both houses approve the governor's changes, the proposed amendment will become law.

Until Sept. 25, homeowners who live in Lakeview, including the 48th Ward, can appeal their property tax assessment to the Cook County Board of Review. This can be done individually (Malibu East often files a separate appeal on behalf of all owners through its tax attorney), and appealing your property tax assessment is an opportunity to ensure your property tax bills are fair and accurate. You may file online at

CookCountyBoardOfReview.com. Or if you have questions or need help filing an appeal, you can call Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer's office at 312-603-4210 or info@bridgetgainer.com.

The Edgewater Fall Art Fair will be held Sept. 27-28 on Granville, from Kenmore to Broadway. Also on Sept. 28, the Edgewater 5K Walk/Run will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. on the west side of Sheridan Road.

If you would like to be on the email list for ASCO (Association of Sheridan Condominium/Co-op Owners) and/or Ald. Harry Osterman so as to receive more community information/updates, please give me your name and email address in an envelope left with the doorman or Management Office.

Sandy Chaet is Malibu East's ASCO representative, serving as ASCO vice president.

Sports & Entertainment

By Neil Warner

The yoga class has been meeting continuously since November 2005, with the current instructor having been with us for eight years. The class meets each Monday in the Windjammer Room. Newcomers can join the class at the first session, which is usually the first Monday of the month. Beginners are welcome. The class size ranges from 10 to 14 participants.

The Zumba class continues on Sunday evenings in the Racquetball Court on the lower level, being taught by the dedicated Adelle White, at no cost to participants. Check our bulletin boards or our redesigned website (www.malibueast.org) for class dates, and just show up if you want to try it out.

The Fitness Room continues to get moderately heavy use and is our most frequently used recreational amenity.

Other recreational amenities include the Billiard Room, the saunas, the ping-pong table in the Teen Room, the Racquetball/Handball Court and the tennis court.

The swimming pools are still open but will close when the weather turns cold. We seem to have had better results with the pool attendants this year.

If you have ideas for activities that the Sports & Entertainment Committee might implement, either send your idea to the Sports Committee or tell the Management Office that you'd like to be invited to the next committee meeting, since this is a standing committee that is open to all residents.

Neil Warner is a Board liaison to the Sports & Entertainment Committee.

Treasurer

By Joan Scholl

The following are highlights of our year-to-date unaudited financial data through July 31, 2014:

1. **Operating and Reserve Fund cash balances** are approximately **\$3.5 million**.
2. We own **17 units** and our investment cost is approximately **\$2.2 million**.
3. Combining the two, our assets are in excess of **\$5.7 million**.
4. Revenue and expense highlights for the seven months include the following (compared to the budget, since assessments are based on the budget):
 - a. **Operating revenues:** over budget by approximately \$155,000.
 - b. **Operating expenses:** under budget by approximately \$445,000.
 - c. **Combining the two**, there is a year-to-date favorable budget variance of \$600,000, projected by Sudler to be \$531,000 by year-end.
 - d. **Reserve Fund repairs and replacement expenditures:** approximately \$345,000, projected by Sudler to be \$1.3 million by year-end, or under budget by almost \$1 million.
5. Our **2013 audit** is complete and should be mailed to unit owners soon. Per the audit, revenues were in excess of expenses by almost \$1.7 million. Of that amount, \$1.13 million was the budgeted increase to the Reserve Fund, and the excess, approximately \$535,000, was an additional increase to the Reserve Fund. Based on those amounts, monthly assessments consisted of 43% set aside in the Reserve Fund for major repairs and replacements (29% was budgeted and 14% was an excess); 57% was used for current operations.
6. As in the prior year, a motion was made to transfer any current year's excess operating revenue over expenses to the Reserve Fund. The motion, as follows, was made by unit owner Sandra Papp: I move that any Operating Fund surplus for the year ended December 31, 2014, as determined by our annual audit, be transferred to the Reserve Fund.

Where to shop for groceries

Ever since parent company Safeway closed the Dominick's grocery chain last December, many of our residents have been searching out other options. Some switched to local fixture Jewel-Osco, and others to Mariano's, which bought a number of the Dominick's stores. And some may be waiting for Whole Foods to reopen the former Dominick's at Broadway and Glenlake sometime next year.

For those who are still searching for alternatives, we offer a list of stores – large and small, ethnic or not – most of which are within a couple of miles of Malibu East. This list is by no means comprehensive; there are countless such stores in our area. And, of course, you can buy a variety of groceries at drug stores such as Walgreens and CVS and at general merchandise stores such as Target.

If you have your own neighborhood favorite that you'd like to share with us, feel free to email us with the name and address of the store and why you like it (dialogue@malibueast.org), or you can write it on notepaper and leave it for the *Dialogue* with the doorman or Management Office.

Aldi, 6221 N. Broadway – No-frills, low-cost shopping. Mostly in-house brands. Only cash and debit cards accepted.

Devon Market, 1440 W. Devon – Specializing in Eastern European and Hispanic products. Low-cost meat and produce. Free delivery with \$100 purchase.

Edgewater Produce, 5509 N. Clark – Small but inexpensive store, with good produce and house-made salsas and guacamole.

European Food Mart, 1063 W. Granville – Gelato, European cookies, baked-to-order burek.

Fresh Farms, 2626 W. Devon – Imported groceries from many countries; good selection of Indian and Pakistani products.

Holzkoepf's Meat Market, 6155 N. Broadway – High-quality meat; limited number of non-meat items.

Jewel-Osco, 5343 N. Broadway and 5516 N. Clark – Very large selection of products, with own bakery, deli and

prepared foods.

Kukulu Market, 6135 N. Broadway – Ethiopian specialties, such as injera and Ethiopian coffee and spices.

Malibu Convenient Food Mart, 6033 N. Sheridan (in Captain's Walk) – Basic groceries and produce; liquor; some specialty items.

Mariano's, 5201 N. Sheridan – Extensive product selection, hot prepared-foods bar; large deli section; will cook selected food items for eating in store or taking home.

Middle East Bakery & Grocery, 1512 W. Foster – Variety of prepared dips, soups, savory pies, cured olives, breads, cooked falafel, anything Middle Eastern.

Morse Fresh Market, 1430 W. Morse – Inexpensive produce, well-stocked deli, prepared foods.

Patel Brothers, 2610 W. Devon – Large selection of Indian groceries and spices.

Tony's Finer Foods, 5233 N. Lincoln – Coffee and gelato bar, juice bar, fresh guacamole and salsas, large deli.

Social Committee

By Sandy Chaet

Thanks to Aida Calvopina, Karen Cassidy, Jovita Duran, Betty and Ara Mayian, Barbara Murphy, Marissa Michaels and Ruth Betty Spilky, who help plan and organize the Social Committee's events and activities during the year. It couldn't happen without all of you. Thanks to Aida for chairing the Thursday afternoon discussion group, Betty for chairing the Candidates Night, Larry Rosen for making our flyers, to the Malibu East staff and office for your help, and to all of you who have supported and attended the Social Committee functions. Thanks to Adelle White for leading our Zumba class each Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m., and to Dianne Hodges, who instructed our Fitness Through Belly Dance class.

The Thursday afternoon discussion group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room. Please watch the bulletin board and MalibuEast.org for more information.

Just an elevator ride down to the fourth-floor Windjammer Room, and you can receive your flu shot from the Respiratory Health Association on Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The flu shot costs \$25, check or cash. If you are on Medicare, there is no charge for the shot; you just need to bring your Medicare card. Participants who belong to an HMO are self-pay.

On Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Windjammer Room, listen and dance to a band called The Country Doctors. See a separate article about the event elsewhere in this issue.

If you have an idea for an activity, party or speaker, please leave me a note. We would like your input. Even better, join the Social Committee. Just leave your name, unit number and telephone number for me with the doorman or the Management Office, and you will be contacted.

Sandy Chaet is a Board liaison to the Social Committee.



Malibu East residents Rita Whaley and Tracy Poyser chat with Mayor Rahm Emanuel during the residents' art show at the Granville "L" station.

(Photos by Judy Barahal)

New cable TV, Internet service

By *Thomas C. Vaughan*

In February, the Board of Directors retained Bryan Rader of Bandwidth Consulting to help us solicit bids and analyze Malibu East's options given the upcoming December expiration of our DirecTV contract. Bryan is a noted industry adviser and consultant. A Cable Committee was formed, with both Board members and residents, to help consider our options. A questionnaire was developed with Rader's help and was sent to owners and residents, soliciting their thoughts on the direction we should take. Over 80% of the 176 survey respondents felt we should change our 1970s cable wiring now. Between respondents and Internet service provider data, we know that at least 89% of our residents have Internet service, and a clear majority felt we should explore a bulk purchase of service if the price was appealing. Retaining DirecTV was favored by 52% in this survey.

Over the next two months, we spoke to DirecTV, RCN, AT&T and Comcast, and reviewed their proposals. USA Wireless, a DirecTV service partner, presented the only proposal that avoided rewiring without either adding molding down our hallways and into units or attaching molding to the bricks on the outside of the building. HiPoint Technologies collaborated with USA Wireless to supply an Internet component to the offer. They proposed to hide the new wires against the walls on our balconies by coring into the balcony floors. Ground-penetrating radar was proposed to position these cored holes without severing the supporting steel rebar. Our outside engineering firm, Klein and Hoffman, vetted this idea. DirecTV and HiPoint offered to underwrite the complete costs of the coring and wiring. Sample molding was installed on the fourth and 30th floors, with a sample coring also done on the fourth. The appearance was not at all intrusive and blended in with the white wall behind the installation.

With our consultant's guidance, we were able to negotiate five-year contracts with both vendors, and they began construction. They have completed the outside wiring and enclosed it in molding on all of the south tiers, except for the L units. As of the end of September they will have

finished the outdoor work on the B and D tiers on the north side and were working on the F and H tiers. Once the wiring is completed on each tier, USA Wireless and HiPoint make appointments to enter the units and finish the interior wiring. As of today (Sept. 9), they have finished installation on 51 of our units. It is planned that all construction will be completed by early November, finishing with the M and L tiers.

The price of DirecTV bulk service will be added to our monthly statements at \$23. This is a 28% reduction from the \$32 per month we pay now. With the new individual wires running directly to each unit, there is a broader array of additional DirecTV services available for residents that they can order directly.

HiPoint's Internet service will be at 100 megabits per second, both upload and download, utilizing fiber-optic service to our building. As we are bringing units online now, they are temporarily utilizing a microwave signal, and residents are seeing about 35 to 75 Mbps speed. They will switch to the fiber-optic source in November and will then start charging for their service at \$24 per month. This rate is below what AT&T and American Wireless Broadband charge for much slower service. There are a few spots available for residents who do not use the Internet and wish to opt out of the service. Should you not want to be connected, please inform Caitlin in our Management Office of the reason, and she will add you to the list. Should you choose to connect to the service at a later date, there will be service fees charged at that time. If you have any Internet service now, our cost is much cheaper than any other Internet provider, even if they tout their savings due to bundling services. As best as we can determine, you will be better off with HiPoint's Internet service and unbundled prices for your other services elsewhere.

HiPoint is offering to hold a technology seminar with their Genius Squad in October or November. This will be an excellent event for us all to learn. We will keep everyone posted.

These are exciting times for Malibu East. This new infrastructure will add value to our units and differentiate us from neighboring buildings that are still using 1970s technology.

Thomas C. Vaughan is the chair of the Communications & Cable Committee.

Dialogue

By *Neil Warner*

The mission of the *Dialogue* is to promote communication between the Board of Directors, management, owners and residents, through Board-meeting notes and news articles about what's going on in the building and profiles of the building's residents and employees. We then fill out issues with articles about community events or businesses and other articles that we hope will be of interest to a number of residents. We hope we're succeeding in our mission, but we'd like to hear from you if you have suggestions as to how we might do it better or what we might add to our issues. If you have suggestions, please send them to the *Dialogue* editor or come to one of our monthly staff meetings, which is usually the first Wednesday of the month.

I wish to thank the volunteers for their hard work in writing articles and delivering *Dialogues* each month, as well as to Larry Rosen, who lays out each issue and coordinates production with the printer. The *Dialogue* has featured some excellent human interest articles about residents in the past few years, and our staff members deserve a lot of credit for those.

We invite any interested resident to join our staff, whether it's in the role of writing articles or delivering issues.

Our website (www.malibueast.org) was recently redesigned by webmaster Larry Rosen to prominently show a calendar of upcoming events at Malibu East, and the site's home page highlights a number of recent *Dialogue* articles. With the help of staff photographer Tracy Poyser, we're assembling photos of the building and its amenities, which will eventually be displayed on the website. Eventually, in conjunction with a new web portal that our management company, Sudler, is developing for use by unit owners, we hope that our website will be much more useful to residents, as well as a source of valuable information and a beneficial sales tool for potential buyers and renters.

Neil Warner is the editor of the Dialogue.

Interviewing the immigrants

By Betty Mayian



What does it mean to be an immigrant? You may know only if you are one, or if you have asked the question of another. Maybe your parents or grandparents were immigrants. Maybe it goes even further back. I wish I had asked the question of my grandparents. Each answer is different, yet the similarities are there, if you look closely.

Next year, in March, the Edgewater Historical Society, at 5358 N. Ashland Ave., is having an exhibit on that very subject – what it means to be an immigrant. It has been my privilege to help find the people whose stories will be told at that time. We have many different countries that have already been represented by at least one person, and we have had more than one from several different countries. I am so lucky to live in a building that is a mini-United Nations. When I ran out of luck at one of the agencies in Edgewater, I found many neighbors right here in Malibu East who told their stories.

Almost everyone has their reason for coming to America. Why here? Why Chicago – and why Edgewater specifically? Two big categories are called “push” and “pull.” You can guess the definitions by the names I just mentioned. A “push” is when there are no other options for the individual. If they stay in the country of their birth, they might be killed or starve to death. The atmosphere is hostile and there are no viable options available. A “pull” is when there is an attraction here that makes the decision to move to the United States more attractive than staying where they are. It might be for a better

education – or a better job. Maybe their parent or spouse made the decision, and they went along with it. We are interested in what kind of help they receive in our area. There are several agencies that work with the immigrant and refugee population. In many cases the help is specific to an individual country – like Ethiopia or Burma.

At each interview, questions are asked to find what brought the person to this spot on the map. When the answers are given, the parallels are made. This is a country of immigrants, and we share many reasons for the choices we make.

The original theme for our exhibit was to be about the census data and how Edgewater is a port of entry for the Chicago area. When the museum got the ability to utilize interns from a couple of universities, we decided to use these students to videotape the interviews and transcribe them for us and for their own grades.

So we started with three doctoral students from the Adler School of Professional Psychology. Their direction was to give the Historical Society 200 hours each, doing assigned reading, lectures, interviews, transcriptions and reflections on the project. Monitoring them was a monumental task for our volunteer, Dorothy Nygren, to undertake. She monitored them, gave them direction and gave Adler her thoughts on the students' progress.

One of the students left the university and moved to another state, but the other two got a great deal from this project. Since they are studying to be psychologists, this helped to give them the background they need to talk to their future patients. Interviewing is very important for their field of study. In fact, one of them has decided to change fields, when she

realized that she empathized too much with the interviewees. The third student progressed the most and was grateful for the background this internship provided.

The other four students were from DePaul University and were undergrads with majors in history and sociology. They did only a couple of interviews each but seemed to enjoy the project. We hope that we can use both schools again to continue this project.

You might be interested in the countries for which we have done the immigrant stories. You may see a few country gaps that could be filled by you or someone you know. If you want to be on our future list, contact me at bmayan@sbcglobal.net

Countries where we have had at least one interview, in alphabetical order: Albania, Argentina, Austria, Bosnia, Burma, Canada, Ecuador, El Salvador, England, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, India, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Montenegro, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, South Africa, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand and Tunisia. There were also interviews with some individuals who run programs for refugees: Care for Real directors and a person from the North Shore Baptist Church.

The exhibit will be a mix of still photos, videos, transcribed interviews and census data. We may ask some of the immigrants to come to the museum to see what has been done – and maybe talk about the process. The Edgewater Historical Society thanks everyone for their participation and hopes to have many more interviews added to the mix for this study of Edgewater as a welcoming place for people from all over the world.

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Museum sheds light on Swedes

By Barbara Abarbanell

The Swedish American Museum is in a 24,000-square-foot building and has a gallery with special art exhibits, a permanent exhibit ("The Dream of America: Immigration to Chicago"), The Brunk Children's Museum of Immigration, a library, a genealogy center and a museum store. All areas are wheelchair-accessible. There are three floors with elevator access. Limited complimentary off-street parking is available on a first-come basis at the corner of Ashland and Foster for museum visitors and volunteers.

Kurt Mathiasson, who owned Svea restaurant across the street (5236 N. Clark St.), spearheaded the Swedish American Museum idea. It started with an empty store for lease in Andersonville at the beginning of the U.S. Bicentennial year, 1976. Mathiasson's enthusiasm brought together a band of volunteers, including Chicago's "Grand Old Lady Sweden," Selma Jacobson. With private donations they accumulated from the local Swedish communities, they transformed the ground-floor store into a makeshift museum just in time for His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden, to inaugurate it. Mathiasson died on March 9, 2000, at the age of 70.

Ms. Jacobson was a natural historian and became a local public figure when Mayor Richard J. Daley asked her to prepare a history of the Swedish people in Chicago for a holiday folk fair in 1964. This led to her private collection being archived in 1968 and became the beginning of the Swedish American Museum's permanent exhibit. Ms. Jacobson died on Dec. 14, 2000, at the age of 94.

An excellent history of the Swedes in Chicago is available online at this link: www.encyclopediainchicagohistory.org/pages/1222.html

The historic water tower that had supplied water for the museum's fire suppression system was damaged by the harsh winter of 2014, as a thick layer of ice cracked the base of the tower. On March 20 it was removed from atop the museum, and the 16-foot-high tower was relocated to the mu-

seum's parking lot in an operation that lasted more than 13 hours. The museum is working to raise \$150,000 to either restore the existing tank or create a replica that can be returned to the Andersonville skyline.

The Swedish American Museum is a lovely heritage museum, an intellectual and aesthetically pleasing two-hour respite. Despite its storefront architecture, the interior is light, airy, well-planned and so pleasantly relaxing. The museum store features crafts and decorative accessories at nominal prices and is staffed by volunteers. Clark Street is a terrific stroll-around place, too.

Swedish American Museum
5211 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640
773-728-8111

www.swedishamericanmuseum.org

Mon.-Fri.: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sat.-Sun.: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission rates:

\$4 adults; \$3 children/students/seniors; \$10 families.

Free admission the second Tuesday of each month.



2014 Edgewater Fall Art Fair
(Photos by Ken Ilio)

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