

Malibu East *Dialogue*

January 2015

Your Communication and Information Resource

Three cheers for Malibu East's dedicated staff

By Tracy Poyser

The annual staff holiday luncheon has been a festive tradition at Malibu East, but one that many of our residents may not know about. Lovingly organized by Board member and Social Committee chair Sandy Chaet, this year's lunch party on Dec. 19 again brought together as many of our building and garage staff members as possible at one time. It marked another year of exceptional service and dedication to our residents. Of course, since essential functions like the doorman/reception station, Receiving Room and valet parking service can't be left unattended, the festivities lasted from noon to 2 p.m. to give everyone a chance to participate.

The menu featured a delicious lunch buffet with a variety of salads, hot and cold appetizers and tasty Italian entrees, including chicken parmigiana, pasta and pizzas – and, of course, sweet treats to ensure everyone got enough calories.

In addition to Sandy, Malibu East Board members Arthur Arfa, Carol Beatty, Martina Molins, Tom Vaughan and Neil Warner made our employee



guests welcome and appreciated – and several former Board members and residents stopped by to deliver season's greetings in person. Once all were seated and no longer hungry, property manager Violette Deschamps had the happy task of distributing the annual employee bonuses, i.e., the holiday fund contributions from residents and nonresident owners that were distributed to our staff members based on their years of service and salary level. She also shared the many cards and personal notes from residents expressing personal thanks and good wishes.

Vice President Tom Vaughan acted as master of ceremonies of sorts for the highlight of the party – the annual Malibu East employee recognition awards.

See photos on page 4

Recognized for **10 years of service** with a special bonus gift was **Daniel Bacerra**, who was transferred to Malibu East from another residential building garage in 2004. He was born in the Philippines, but his family moved to the United States when he was 3½ years old. Asked what he likes best about his job, his spontaneous response was “the people.” Of course, that's partly because our residents like him back – and are grateful for his speedy and courteous service, always delivered with a smile.

Our second honoree, with **15 years of service**, was garage attendant **Yonan Zaya**, who had to miss the holiday party because he works the overnight shift on Fridays. But, I caught up with him at the 11 p.m. start of his shift to take his picture. He was born in Syria and also lived in Lebanon prior to coming to the United States and Chicago. He's been married for 31 years, with a 30-year-old son and a 28-year-old daughter, both born in the U.S.

He worked in many different places before starting in the Malibu East garage in 1999, including other high-rise garages, a muffler shop and an earlier two-year Malibu East garage attendant job from 1986-88. Asked if he's going to stay another 15 years, he just smiled, as he did in his photo. So, please make sure to smile back at him a lot – we want to keep him here!

But, the undisputed hero of this year's awards ceremony was maintenance man **Carlos Morales** with an astounding **35 years of service**. Violette praised him as a man of very few words, with amazing customer skills and a quiet, competent presence. Kathy Katz, from our Receiving Room, says she loves to hear Carlos sing in the hallways, and Vaughan and Chaet added their own thanks on behalf of the Board and residents.

Chief engineer Lou Colletti said he's been “through hell and high water” with Carlos during his own 31 years at Malibu East. According to Lou, Carlos rarely gets rattled, except that one time early on when he was cleaning the dog run and panicked when he picked up what he thought was a dead bat. Lou rushed to his help with a shovel and gave the bat a mild kick – whereupon it flew off into the wild blue yonder over the lake. “He's been on duty without fail eight hours a day and five days each week, and appreciated by residents and colleagues alike,” said Lou. He also praised Carlos for his resilience and initiative when, after almost losing his hand in an accident with a lawn mower during his fourth year at Malibu East, he used his recovery time to learn English at Truman College.

After a resounding cheer for Carlos from the entire assembly, he graciously shared a bit about his life with this reporter.

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Malibu East events and meetings

Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, Jan. 15

(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

Board meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 27

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 4

7:30 p.m. - Community Room

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



Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014

Attendance: Nine Board members, two management representatives and nine residents

Excused: Richard Strauss, Carl Stahlheber, Jake Levandowski

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "H tier" and "Elevators" were added to Old/New Business.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Joan Scholl

1) Financial statement

Operating and reserve cash
\$3,943,335

2) Delinquencies

\$229,876 (90-plus days)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Communications & Cable – Thomas Vaughan

The committee is preparing a survey for residents to identify the types of problems, if any, that our residents are experiencing with our new Internet service provider, and how well they are being resolved. At the Board's request, the committee will prepare a similar survey related to our satellite television service. The committee, in tandem with the Sports & Entertainment Committee, presented recommendations to the Board as to which common areas in the building should be wired for TV and/or Internet service in the future; the Board made one or two minor changes. Directors approved a motion authorizing the disconnection of bulk Internet service for any owner who is more than 60 days delinquent in payments to the Association.

2) Garage – Martina Molins

Of 510 parking spots, 44 were vacant as of Nov. 30. There were no garage claims in November.

3) Finance & Insurance – Neil Warner

Board approved a motion to accept the auditing firm's engagement letter for 2014.

4) Long-Range Planning – Carl Chadek

The committee recommended that the various types of work on a tier – balcony/facade concrete, window caulking, etc. – be coordinated, if possible, so that the residents of that tier would not be inconvenienced multiple times during a short period. A number of capital projects for 2015 were assigned to individual directors or the property manager as facilitators to help ensure that they would reach fruition in 2015.

5) Security & Life Safety – Sandy Chaet

Management is working with the City to resolve all outstanding issues identified by the City during its recent inspections of our property. (See manager's report, page 3.)

6) Sports & Entertainment – Neil Warner

A new yoga class begins the first Monday of each month.

7) Social – Sandy Chaet

The holiday party is being held Dec. 17 in

the Lobby. A ComEd spokesman will explain the company's Smart Grid program to residents on Feb. 26 in the Windjammer Room.

8) ASCO & Community Affairs – Sandy Chaet

The Condominium Ombudsperson Act (HB4204) was passed by both state houses and signed by Gov. Pat Quinn, creating a state office that will provide educational resources and training to unit owners, associations and boards.

MANAGEMENT REPORT – Violette Deschamps

Items requiring immediate Board action

1) 35C right of first refusal

Directors voted to exercise their right of first refusal on unit 35C at a purchase price of \$182,500, plus or minus prorations, with the seller reimbursing the buyer for closing costs up to \$5,500.

2) 16K right of first refusal

Board voted to exercise its right of first refusal on unit 16K at a purchase price of \$168,000, plus or minus prorations.

3) Lower level masonry projects

Directors approved the lowest bid.

4) Delinquent owners and Internet service

See Communications & Cable Committee above.

5) Clean-outs for C, D and E tiers

Directors approved a proposal to install these clean-outs on various floors to facilitate the regular flushing of the building's main kitchen drain lines.

6) Captain's Walk north HVAC replacement

Board approved a proposal that targets a March delivery date.

7) Scavenger rebate resolution

Directors approved the 2014 scavenger rebate application to the City.

8) 39G fine – request for reconsideration

Board granted a reduction in the fine, provided certain requirements are met.

9) 20J cat deposit

Directors waived the requirement for a pet deposit in this Association-owned unit because of extenuating circumstances.

10) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved with modifications.

Old/new business

1) Status of life safety evaluation

Management is addressing the outstanding items identified by the City during or after its recent inspections and is working with the City to resolve other issues in order to pass the City's life safety evaluation and comply with the City's building codes. (See management report, page 3.)

2) Garage vestibule

Klein and Hoffman is preparing an opinion letter on our behalf, arguing against the City inspector's proposed changes for this area.

3) Water heater closets

Klein and Hoffman is preparing an opinion letter on our behalf, arguing against the City inspector's proposed requirements for these closets.

4) 2014 facade projects

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.

Golf Construction was unable to finish the H-tier balcony/facade repairs due to the early onset of cold weather in November and other factors and has demobilized the swing stage for the year. Golf will mobilize the swing stage in the spring, at no charge to the Association, to apply the temperature-sensitive membrane coating to the repaired areas as required to complete the work on the tier. Golf has offered additional financial concessions to the Association in return for failing to finish the project on schedule.

5) Patio door preferred vendor

Board authorized management to replace two sets of sliding glass doors and windows in the Windjammer Room, by two different vendors, for review by owners who are interested in replacing the doors/windows in their own units.

6) Water heater plumbing issues

Needs further study.

7) Association-owned units

Twelve units are being rented, and four are vacant and have been listed for sale and/or rent.

8) H tier

Director Sandy Chaet complained about Golf Construction's performance on this project. Management related Golf's explanation and explained that Golf has made concessions as a result of failing to complete the project on schedule (see "2014 facade projects" above).

9) Elevators

Director Neil Warner expressed his frustration over the subpar performance of our elevators and the apparent lack of timely maintenance by our vendor.

The meeting ended at 10:29 p.m. and went into closed session.

Special meeting of unit owners Dec. 30, 2014

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

After some introductory remarks by President Marcel Molins and 2nd Vice President Thomas Vaughan and an open forum to discuss the pros and cons of buying the units under consideration, the owners unanimously approved a motion authorizing the Board of Directors to exercise its right of first refusal on unit 35C at a purchase price of \$182,500, plus or minus prorations, with the seller having agreed to pay up to \$5,500 in buyer's closing costs and/or prepaids. President Molins voted the proxies in favor of the motion. After another open forum, the owners unanimously approved a motion authorizing the Board to exercise its right of first refusal on unit 16K at a purchase price of \$168,000, plus or minus prorations. President Molins voted the proxies in favor of the motion.



What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

2015 PROJECTS: Will Malibu East undertake many construction projects in 2015? Here are the most anticipated projects:

1. Elevator modernization: This project consists of the complete replacement of the cab interiors and a majority of the electric, electronic and mechanical components of the elevators. One elevator at a time will be taken out of service for about four to six months until its modernization is completed. The first elevator to be modernized will be the service elevator, which will be equipped with heavy-duty cab finishes and LED lighting. We have received six bids from reputable companies all eager to work for Malibu East. The Board of Directors will interview a select group of bidders in January. We are anticipating launching the modernization work in early summer of 2015.
2. Patio door sealant project will resume in the spring. It is the objective of the Board to complete all remaining eight tiers in 2015.
3. Façade project, which consists of repairing the deteriorated concrete of the balconies and recoating the repaired areas, is also scheduled to start in the spring.
4. In-depth rodding and flushing of the drain pipes of the kitchen tiers: Malibu East initiated this project in 2013, starting with the H and J tiers, followed by the C and D tiers in 2014. We are planning to have three additional tiers done in 2015.
5. Garage drainage system has been damaged over the years due to salt, sand and other debris collected primarily from the streets. We are planning to replace the bad sections and fittings in early 2015.
6. Domestic water pumps: At least two of the three water pumps will be replaced.
7. Reconfiguration of the compactor room: As a result of the life safety inspection, it is necessary to improve the closing of the doors to

bring that room up to code. This project will also involve the replacement of the compactor, which has reached the end of its useful life. We are hoping that this overall project will improve the containment of the waste odors.

8. Reconfiguration of the water heater room in the lower level will allow for better usage of space that is currently unusable, by dedicating this portion of the room to store tools and equipment needed by the maintenance crew.
9. Replacement of the Captain's Walk's north HVAC unit, which has reached the end of its useful life: The replacement is projected for the spring of 2015. This project involves important masonry and electrical work besides the mechanical work.
10. Captain's Walk windows and outside doors: The single-pane windows and doors are projected to be replaced in 2015. They are causing significant energy loss and discomfort and contribute to the stack effect in the building.
11. Sheridan Road drainage system: Management will proceed with a preliminary investigation of the drainage issue and make a recommendation to the Board for the necessary corrective measures to be implemented in 2015.
12. Security system: The Board's goal is to have a comprehensive assessment of the current systems in place and the most effective replacement or enhancement programs.
13. Lobby renovation: The Board is looking into hiring a consultant to assess the existing conditions of the main Lobby and potential improvements.

LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION: Only a handful of owners remain in violation of the City's Life Safety Evaluation. The City informed us that there will be no additional inspection in 2014. The next inspection will take place in 2015 prior to the court hearing date for Malibu East.

Bulk rooms: Per City requirement, new latching handles were installed on the bulk room doors. You will no longer simply push the door open as it is now latched; you will have to turn the handle to unlatch and open the door. These new handles are NOT locked; you can open the door and deposit your recyclables in the blue bins or on the floor as usual. (Do not leave them in the hallway in front of the door as we did experience after the new handles were installed.) We will also proceed with the installation of automatic closers on all bulk room doors because the doors no longer latch with the spring hinges alone. Please help us until then and latch the door when leaving the bulk room.

Lower level doors: Per City requirement, we are proceeding with the replacement of several doors to bring them up to code. First, the sliding glass door of the Laundry Room will be replaced with a solid core fire-rated door equipped with a small window (100 square inches). Then the doors of the Receiving and Compactor rooms will also be replaced so that they comply with the City code.

H-TIER BALCONY/FACADE REPAIR WORK: Golf Construction has completed the concrete work on this tier, and it proceeded with the demobilization of the scaffold in early December. The application of the membrane coating over the new concrete has been postponed to the spring.

BED BUGS: We have noticed in the past few months an increase in bed bug alerts, during which bed bugs have been found in larger numbers. Do not hesitate to contact management as soon as you witness or suspect any bed bug activity. **DO NOT WAIT OR TREAT THE UNIT BY YOURSELF; IT DOES NOT WORK.** Keep in mind that bed bugs are difficult to eliminate, even for the pest control experts.

We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

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



Community Calendar
By Betty Mayian

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Jan. 27 thru March 28

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

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Photos from the staff holiday luncheon

(all photos by Tracy Poyser)



Winter markets

By Neil Warner

If, like me, you are experiencing some withdrawal symptoms because the summer farmers markets are a distant memory, there is hope. A few indoor farmers markets are offering up locally grown or produced items for purchase during the cold months – until the return of the more numerous neighborhood markets in the spring/summer.

Two of the winter farmers markets are less than two miles from Malibu East.

The Glenwood Sunday Market is held once a month through May, indoors at The Glenwood Bar, 6962 N. Glenwood Ave. The dates for 2015 are Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12 and May 3.

Also nearby is the Andersonville winter market, which begins Jan. 18. It will be held the third Sunday of each month through April, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Swedish American Museum, 5211 N. Clark St.

For an every-week market, the Evanston Ecology Center hosts a Saturday market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ladd Arboretum, 2024 N. McCormick Blvd., in Evanston.

The renowned Green City Market has moved indoors from its regular location in Lincoln Park to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Drive. Beginning Jan. 24, this market is held every other Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 18. As the king of local farmers markets, the Green City Market features an estimated 45 vendors at its indoor location.

Another option is the Logan Square market, 2755 N. Milwaukee Ave., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Sunday through March 29.

With these markets providing cold-weather options, the return of the outdoor markets will happen before you realize it.

Visit www.MalibuEast.org
for management notices
and updated calendar

Cratty performs



Longtime Malibu East resident Norm Cratty will lead off the tenor section of a 200-person choir performing in “Too Hot to Handel: the Jazz-Gospel Messiah” on Jan. 17-18 at the Auditorium Theatre. It marks the 10th year this event will celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Soloists Rodrick Dixon, Alfreda Burke and Karen Marie Richardson star in this production, which incorporates a jazz combo, an orchestra and the choir.

The Jan. 17 performance begins at 7:30 p.m.; the Jan. 18 show starts at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$70. The Auditorium Theatre is located at 50 E. Congress Parkway.

2014-15 Board of Directors

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- Martina Molins, Director
- Richard Strauss, Director

Holiday party photographs



(Photos by Tracy Poyser)

2014 - 2015 COMMITTEES
(Membership limited to Board members unless otherwise noted)

Admissions	Martina Molins (Chair) Arthur Arfa (Vice-Chair) Carl Chadek Joan Scholl Thomas Vaughan Neil Warner	Garage	Martina Molins (Chair) Richard Strauss (Vice-Chair) Arthur Arfa Sandy Chaet Jake Levandowski Neil Warner
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Staff holiday luncheon (Continued from page 1)

Carlos was born in the State of Michoacán in southwestern Mexico, and his family moved to Mexico City when he was four or five years old. One of 16 children (only six are still alive today), he went to school for six years and then started working to help support the family, taking any job he could find, from shining shoes to selling newspapers. After mandated military service of almost two years, he moved to Chicago at the age of 20, having been urged to immigrate by an older brother who already lived here. His first job at a hotel in Evanston, where he worked 12 hours a day for an abusive boss, lasted from 1977-79. When he quit, he spent a Friday walking from Howard Street to Hollywood along Sheridan Road, filling out applications in every condo and commercial building along the way – and he lucked out with Malibu East. He passed a lie detector test the following Monday, and after a year working in the garage, residents recommended him to the building manager. So, he happily joined our maintenance crew and almost doubled his wages.

His initial duties included outside work and night shifts, but he succeeded in getting regular daytime shifts, which were better for his health and family life. He and his wife, Carmen, had four sons three years apart – the oldest is now 28. Carlos tries to visit Mexico at least once a year. He still has one older brother and a sister there but considers Chicago his home, and his Malibu East colleagues his second family. The smiles in our group picture are living proof of that!

So, please don't forget to congratulate Carlos the next time you see him. That goes for Daniel and Yonan also, the next time they bring you your car.

Board meeting dates

January 27	September 8
February 24	(Annual meeting)
March 24	September 29
April 28	(Budget review)
May 26	October 12
June 23	November 17
July 28	(Budget approval)
August 25	December 15

Holiday party

By Sandy Chaet

Our annual holiday party Dec. 17 in the Lobby was a huge success due to the efforts of many. Thanks to the Social Committee and the many residents who helped. Thanks to our Management Office personnel and maintenance staff for all of their help. To all of the residents who brought food, your contributions were delicious and well-received.

What has made this party so successful through the years is the participation of our residents. It was good to see so much interaction between old and new friends.

Also much appreciated were the generous donations from the following establishments. The next time you visit or order from them, please say thanks!

- Pete's Pizzeria and Bakehouse, 1100 W. Granville, 773-262-4040, pizzas.
- Tedino's Pizzeria and Restaurant, 5335 N. Sheridan, 773-275-8100, pizzas and buffalo wings.
- Villa Palermo, 2154 W. Devon, 773-465-4800, pizzas.
- Wing Hoe, 5356 N. Sheridan, 773-275-4550, chicken wings.

Holiday fund eclipses 2013

By Neil Warner

Contributions to Malibu East's 2014 holiday fund set a record, with \$34,914 having been donated by residents, non-resident owners and Captain's Walk businesses. That includes \$906 received after the deadline, an amount that will be carried forward to the 2015 fund. The total exceeded the 2013 contributions by more than \$1,100.

With the benefit of a balance carry-over from 2013, \$35,000 was distributed to nearly 40 employees – including maintenance staff, doormen, Receiving Room personnel, garage employees, security staff and Management Office personnel – based on tenure and salary. The holiday fund checks were handed out, along with lists of contributors' names, at the employees' holiday luncheon on Dec. 19 in the Windjammer Room.

Contributions came from 278 residential units and three commercial tenants, averaging \$124.

Malibu East's employees thank all those who contributed to the fund, making their holidays even merrier.

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