

# Malibu East Dialogue

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## 'Forever young' original owner defies the odds

By Neil Warner

Move-ins at Malibu East are typically a pretty straightforward affair: Arrange a date with your movers, reserve the service elevator, and then let your movers do their thing on move-in day, hoping that nothing breaks in the process.



When Adeline and George Kalant moved into Malibu East on Aug. 4, 1971, something happened that you likely wouldn't see today. Among their possessions, the Kalants had a 125-inch-long sofa, which George had wanted to sell when they moved out of their South Side home. Yet, Adeline liked it and was determined to keep it, so the movers packed it up along with the other belongings. When they got the sofa to the Kalants' unit on our 45th floor with its lower hallway ceilings, the movers realized they had a problem. They spent

much of the day trying to figure out how they could get the sofa inside the unit, but the only solution they could come up with was to saw the sofa in half, which wouldn't have pleased Adeline. Fortunately, a group of construction workers in a vacant unit across the hall came to the rescue, offering to take the sofa to the 44th-floor unit directly below and then to hoist it, using ropes, to the Kalants' balcony on the top floor. Their plan was a success, although Adeline sure had some anxious moments when it was under way.

"Whenever that sofa has to be removed from my unit, someone will probably have to cut it in half," Adeline says now.



Photo by Tracy Poyser

Adeline was born and raised on the South Side, the oldest daughter of Greek parents who had immigrated to the United States separately in 1907 and 1909. Her father operated a wholesale produce business on the South Side. From the age of eight to 14, Adeline rode a streetcar and walked – including underneath a long, dark viaduct – to a parochial grammar school. "Nobody bothered us going to and from school," she says. She then attended Parker High School (now named Robeson) along with her future husband, who lived just two blocks away from her family.

After Adeline graduated from high school, she attended Fox Secretarial

College and worked for 1½ years as a secretary for a labor union. George became an aeronautical engineer and was granted a deferment from serving in the military during World War II to work on the B-24 bomber for its designer, Consolidated-Vultee, in San Diego. George flew back to Chicago and proposed to Adeline on March 13, 1942. On Aug. 23 he returned to Chicago for the wedding, and he and Adeline took the then 12-hour flight on TWA to San Diego to live. Not long after they settled on the West Coast, President Franklin Roosevelt needed fresh troops to turn the tide of the war; as a result, George was drafted into the Army field artillery as a staff sergeant. He served in Germany and was discharged after 22 months.

While in San Diego, Adeline had a secretarial job at Consolidated-Vultee, but she returned to Chicago when George was drafted. After the war they again lived on the South Side, where Adeline served as a den mother for a Cub Scout troop. In 1969 the Kalants decided to relocate to the North Side, as all of their relatives lived there. They saw a small newspaper advertisement for a new 45-story condominium development at the corner of Sheridan Road and Glenlake. Dunbar Builders had just completed a 39-story condo building, The Malibu, next door. A bungalow remained on the corner where Malibu East now stands, and Dunbar had only blueprints to show what the new condo units would look like.

George was an avid reader, and he felt condos were the wave of the future.

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### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Special meeting of unit owners

Tuesday, Feb. 17

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, Feb. 19

(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

#### Board meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 24

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### ComEd Smart Meter presentation

Thursday, Feb. 26

7:00 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, March 4

7:30 p.m. - Community Room

#### Edizon Dayao musical show

Saturday, March 7

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

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

Our condolences to the family and friends of  
*Jack Rainbolt*



# Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

**Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015**

Attendance: Eleven Board members, two management representatives and eight residents

Excused: Richard Strauss

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

## REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Sale of 15F" and "Common-area Wi-Fi" were added to Items Requiring Board Action.
- 2) "Commercial real-estate broker" was added to Old/New Business.

## TREASURER'S REPORT – Joan Scholl

### 1) *Financial statement*

Operating and reserve cash  
\$4,036,458

### 2) *Delinquencies*

\$324,505

## 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, as well as a similar survey related to our satellite television service.

### 2) *Garage – Martina Molins*

Of 510 parking spots, 44 were vacant as of Dec. 31. There were no garage claims in December.

### 3) *Finance & Insurance – Neil Warner*

A certificate of deposit is being renewed for a 14-month term with a yield of 0.40%.

### 4) *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. The City is scheduling court dates for buildings not in compliance. (See manager's report, page 3, for some of the changes that will be made.)

### 5) *Sports & Entertainment – Neil Warner*

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

### 6) *Social – Sandy Chaet*

ComEd spokesman Luis Diaz-Perez will explain the company's Smart Grid electric meter program to residents at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Windjammer Room. Musician Edizon Dayao will perform at 7:30 p.m. March 7 in the Windjammer Room. An Easter egg hunt will be held at 10 a.m. March 28.

### 7) *ASCO & Community Affairs – Sandy Chaet*

No legislation to report on. ASCO will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at Malibu Condominium, 6007 N. Sheridan, with election of officers and a presentation on ComEd's Smart Grid program.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT – Violette Deschamps

### Items requiring immediate Board action

#### 1) *Elevator modernization – hiring of contractor*

Directors voted to hire Schindler Elevator Corp. for complete turn-key modernization of our four passenger elevators and service elevator, including a lock-off flag indicator for the service elevator on each floor, at a cost of \$1,546,293. Board also approved the hiring of Schindler for elevator maintenance during the modernization and for 36 months after the project is completed. Board also directed our elevator consultant to negotiate the inclusion of maintenance for the Captain's Walk/Malibu elevator in the contract with Schindler.

#### 2) *12K and 15F right of first refusal*

Board voted to exercise its right of first refusal on unit 12K at a purchase price of \$159,900, plus or minus prorations, as well as on unit 15F at a purchase price of \$139,000, provided that a complete sales package is received.

#### 3) *Sliding door – Lobby to garage*

Directors approved a proposal to repair the sliding glass door from the Lobby to the garage.

#### 4) *LSE – door fire rating evaluation*

Board approved a proposal that would satisfy the City's life safety evaluation requirements.

#### 5) *LSE – fire-rated windows*

Directors approved the lowest bid to replace the windows in the Children's Playroom and the Teen (ping-pong) Room with fire-rated glass, per City requirements.

#### 6) *LSE – bulk room door closers*

Board approved the purchase of automatic door closers for the bulk rooms that haven't already been so equipped.

#### 7) *35C renovation – hiring of contractor*

Directors approved a proposal to renovate Association-owned unit 35C.

#### 8) *16K repairs – hiring of contractor*

Board voted funds to renovate Association-owned unit 16K, but an amount less than either of two existing bids.

#### 9) *Garage drain project*

Directors approved a proposal to remove, dispose of and replace deteriorated drainpipes at 13 locations in the garage.

#### 10) *Clean-outs of kitchen drainpipes*

Management provided sections of drainpipes from recently cleaned-out kitchen drain lines in tiers C, D and E, showing the pipes were up to 90% clogged with built-up debris. As a result, to minimize any imminent drain backups, the Board approved a proposal to install clean-outs and then power-rod and flush the building's primary kitchen drain lines (not the pipes inside individual units) in all

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seven remaining tiers as soon as possible, rather than the 3-4 tier clean-outs that had originally been planned.

#### 11) *Generator relocation*

Board approved a feasibility study for relocating the generator to a different portion of the boat dock.

#### 12) *Patio door preferred vendor*

Directors approved the cost of installing glass patio door units from two vendors in the Windjammer Room for inspection by owners who might be considering the replacement of patio doors in their own residential units.

#### 13) *D & O insurance renewal*

Board approved a one-year renewal of the directors and officers insurance policy at a cost of \$60 more than last year's policy.

#### 14) *Internet services*

Directors ruled on two requests to opt out of bulk Internet service.

#### 15) *Notary public fee*

Board approved a \$1 charge for residents wishing to have a document notarized in the Management Office.

#### 16) *31D hearing outcome*

Directors ruled on the disposition of various charges related to the unit.

#### 17) *22.1 disclosure statement*

Approved.

#### 18) *Common-area Wi-Fi*

Board approved a proposal by HiPoint Technologies to wire common areas of the property that aren't already wired for WiFi Internet service.

## Old/new business

#### 1) *Kitchen drain clean-out project extension*

See item #10 requiring immediate Board action, above.

#### 2) *Storage locker assignment*

Directors ruled that assigned storage lockers can't be exchanged among owners.

#### 3) *LSE update*

Although management is making every effort to comply with the City's life safety evaluation, including correcting non-LSE building code violations, it has enlisted our engineering consultant, Klein and Hoffman, to submit written arguments as to why several violations should not apply to us.

#### 4) *Association-owned units*

A realtor we have used will assess the units we recently purchased.

#### 5) *Commercial real-estate broker*

Management wants to review with the broker the proposed changes to signage that would advertise the availability of leased space in the Captain's Walk.

The meeting ended at 10:20 p.m. and went into closed session.



## What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

**NOTARY PUBLIC:** Caitlin Gilman in the Management Office is now a certified notary public. The Board of Directors adopted a motion to allow Caitlin to offer the service, during business hours, to our residents and commercial tenants for a nominal fee of \$1 per document.

### 2015 PROJECTS:

- Elevator modernization: The Board of Directors adopted a motion on Jan. 27 to hire Schindler Elevator Co. to proceed with the modernization of the elevators and preventive maintenance. The modernization work will start with the service elevator in late spring or early summer. Each elevator will be out of service, sequentially one after the other, for 4-5 months each, depending on the complexity experienced by the modernization crew.
- Patio door sealant project will resume in the spring. It is the objective of the Board to complete all remaining eight tiers in 2015.
- Façade project consisting of repairing the deteriorated concrete of the balconies and recoating the repaired areas will also likely start in the spring.
- In-depth rodding and flushing of the drainpipes of the kitchen tiers: Malibu East urgently proceeded with the clean-out work on the L tier as we were experiencing repetitive clogs in the last month. It was very well-advised as the plumbers experienced great difficulties due to the large amount of buildup in the pipe (the most difficult of the first six tiers).
- Garage drainage system: The Board of Directors adopted a motion on Jan. 27 to proceed with the repair work. Self-parkers will be contacted by the garage manager to relocate vehicles as needed by the plumbers.
- Reconfiguration of the compactor room: The masonry work has been completed; awaiting the installation of the new doors.
- Reconfiguration of the water heater

room: The masonry work has been completed; awaiting the installation of the new doors.

- Installation of a second exit (stairwell) in the Captain's Walk leading to the boat dock: We are expecting the permit to be issued by the City this month.
- Replacement of the north HVAC unit in the Captain's Walk: Awaiting delivery of the equipment to be installed in the garage.
- Captain's Walk restrooms: A meeting took place with the architect to review the drawings; awaiting permit application and renovation bids.

**LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION:** Be aware that the City requires the replacement of the Laundry Room sliding glass door with a fire-rated door. The new one will be a swinging metal door with a small glass window based on the limitations allowed by the fire code. Also be aware that Malibu East will install another set of fire-rated doors to access the garage from the Lobby, as required by the City. The staff will proceed with the installation of automatic closers on the bulk room doors; meanwhile, please safely latch the door by pulling the handle, until the automatic closer is put in place.

**IMPROPER BEHAVIOR:** Because of a recent incident, we remind residents that drinking alcohol in the common areas at Malibu East is prohibited, other than at private events in the Windjammer Room or at certain Board-authorized functions. Please promptly report any improper or suspicious behavior to management or the front desk. We will investigate the reported behavior and remind the individual(s) involved that they must abide by Malibu East's Rules and Regulations.

**BURNING ODORS:** We experienced a burning odor in the afternoon of Jan. 30 that lingered from the 26th floor up. Suffice to say that we knocked on all doors from the 26th floor up to the 45th floor with NO success at locating the source. We cannot emphasize enough

## Staying fit during winter

By Neil Warner

Those of us who are accustomed to regularly walking around the neighborhood can be stymied when either the snow or the very cold weather typical of Chicago winters rears its ugly head. That's when we must turn to Plan B.

Fortunately for those of us who live at Malibu East, we have a number of alternatives – without leaving the building.

Foremost among the options is the Fitness Room – or rooms, I should say. On our fourth floor we have three rooms containing fitness equipment.

Between the Billiard Room and the Windjammer Room, we have the north-facing Fitness Room, with its floor-to-ceiling windows for peering at Lake Michigan while exercising. The Fitness Room contains mostly Life Fitness equipment that will accommodate many types of cardio work and strength training. Available equipment includes three treadmills, two elliptical cross-trainers, an upright bike, a recumbent bike, a dual adjustable pulley weight machine with adjustable bench, a leg press/calf raise machine and a multi-press weight machine. This room, which is accessed using your common-area fob once you sign a liability waiver, also contains many free weights in various sizes.

Directly across the hall is an auxiliary

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all of the trouble, energy and stress we are going through to identify the source of smoke or burn odors in the building. It puts all of us on our toes. For your information, it is rather difficult to locate the source of an odor as air travels fast and in all directions in the building depending on the weather and winds. Please help us in those challenging moments and contact the front desk to report any cooking accidents. Do not be embarrassed as burning food happens to everyone; there should be no shame at all. To the contrary, we will be tremendously thankful for such information.



## Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

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#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Current exhibit: "Motoring Through Edgewater" (thru May 3).

Regular museum hours:

Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

5358 N. Ashland Ave.

773-506-4849

www. EdgewaterHi story. org

#### WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER

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1355 W. Foster Ave.

773-271-9001

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### THEATER / SHOWINGS

#### CITY LIT THEATRE

"Father Ruffian," Shakespeare's Falstaff story

An adaptation of "Henry IV," parts 1 and 2.

Thru Feb. 15

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

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#### JACKALOPE THEATRE

"Four" by Christopher Shinn

Set in 1996, in Hartford, Conn., two couples get to know themselves, and

each other, as they navigate the journey from strangers to intimates.

Feb. 19 thru March 28

Broadway Armory Park

5917 N. Broadway

773-340-2543

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#### NEWHART FAMILY THEATRE

"How Carson McCullers Saved My Life" by Sarah Gubbins

About the transformative power of literature as learned by a student victim of cyber-bullying.

Feb. 20 thru March 1

Mundelein Center for Performing

Arts

1020 W. Sheridan

773-508-8400

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#### RAVEN THEATRE

"Dividing the Estate" by Horton Foote

A once-wealthy Texas family battles over splitting up the estate in this darkly funny play.

Thru March 28

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

#### STEEP THEATRE

"The Life and Sort of Death of Eric Argyle" by Ross Dungan

It's late and the hero is still in his pajamas. People are staring at him and he has been dead for two days. A heartwarming story about lives lived without regret.

Thru Feb. 28

1115 W. Berwyn

866-811-4111

steeptheatre.com

#### STRAWDOG THEATRE

"The Sweeter Option" by John Henry Roberts

A fast-paced and darkly psychological thriller set in 1971 Chicagoland.

Feb. 13 thru March 28

3829 N. Broadway

773-528-9696

strawdog.org

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### Staying fit during winter

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fitness room, which also opens using your fob. This room holds three older treadmills, a stair climber and a ballet bar and mat.

Immediately to the east of the corridor leading to the pool area is another room that contains a recumbent bike, a Schwinn Airdyne, a Power Rider and a three-position multi-weight machine. The key to this room must be signed out at the doorman's station.

For those of you who dream of participating in Hustle Up the Hancock (our own Tom Vaughan and Melodie Garcia are regulars in that charity event), we have stairwells at either end of the building for you to consider. If you choose to climb stairs, you may find the east stairwell the more inviting of the two, considering that it is painted and thus less dusty and it doesn't contain the vents that make the west stairwell colder.

Although racquetball is less popular these days, we have a fine racquetball/handball court on the lower level, behind the Receiving Room. The key is at the doorman's station.

If strenuous exercise isn't your thing, you might try yoga. The yoga class meets at 7 p.m. each Monday in the Windjammer Room for a one-hour session. You can join the class at the first session, typically the first Monday of each month (this month, though, it's Feb. 9), and must commit to one month's worth of classes, paid in advance. The cost of the class is approximately \$10 per session.

### "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*.

**Adeline Kalant***(Continued from page 1)*

(Condominium construction in Chicago had begun in the mid-1960s and was still quite new.) Meanwhile, Adeline “could not believe we were buying from a blueprint.”

They put down a deposit – only \$10 – and settled on a two-bedroom unit on the 26th floor. “We felt that was high enough,” Adeline says. However, when they got home and told their son, Cary – then a student at Roosevelt University – that they had placed a deposit on a condo, he asked them, “On which floor?” When they said it was on the 26th floor of a 45-story building, he asked why they hadn’t purchased a unit on the top floor. The next day they went back to the sales agent and asked if he had an available unit on the 45th floor. He said no, they were all spoken for, but recalled that one buyer had placed a deposit on two top-floor units because he wasn’t sure which one he wanted. So, the sales agent talked to the prospective buyer and persuaded him to choose one of the two units, leaving the other one for the Kalants.

A year or two later, before he finalized the purchase of the condo, George wanted to see the view from the 45th floor. At that stage in the construction, the only way he could get to the top floor was to take an express elevator to the 21st floor and then climb the stairs to the 45th. The unscheduled workout didn’t take away from the fabulous view he saw when he reached his destination, and the purchase was sealed.

With only three other families initially living on their floor, the Kalants faced a number of challenges in their first few months at Malibu East. Even before they moved in, the builders had installed blue fixtures in the bathrooms, although the Kalants had requested green ones, so the fixtures had to be replaced. Rainstorms would typically result in water leaking into their unit, getting the furniture wet, until the builders discovered a solution. Also, there was no carpeting in the main corridors during the early months after owners began moving in. And, the commercial mall that would become the Captain’s Walk was still under construction.

“On the first windy day, our chandelier was swinging back and forth,” Adeline recalls.

She shared several of the original issues of the building newsletter, initially named Breezes from the Malibu East as published by Dunbar Builders. The old issues showed various social events, residential units and recreation rooms, plus identifying a number of original residents, some of whom still live here. The original issues also addressed some of the growing pains that owners were coping with, such as balcony screens that had yet to be installed and the absence of parking rules in the garage.

Adeline also shared Issue No. 1 of the renamed The Conversation Piece, a double-sided sheet of paper that reported the election results for the very first Malibu East Board of Directors, in July 1973, after the turnover of the building by Dunbar. More than 40 candidates – can you believe it! – volunteered to run for the Board, and 400 out of 498 eligible units cast ballots. Ray Blackstone was elected as the first Board president, and six committees were established. Adeline would later become a member of the Social and Recreation Committee under chairman Esther Klopfer. (Editor’s note: If you have any pre-2000 issues of the Malibu East newsletter that you intend to discard or wish to donate, please contact the Dialogue editor or the Management Office.)

“The people here have always been friendly,” Adeline says when asked whether the Malibu East community has changed over the years. “The building is getting better. The doormen and other employees are nice.”

George passed away in 1995, but Adeline has remained active. After having taken piano lessons for eight years as a child, she took lessons again at Berger Park in her 70s. She participated in two piano recitals with her much younger fellow students, and she still likes to play the piano at home.

Adeline worked as a Democratic judge for the primary and general elections for an amazing 62 years, usually taking a leading role because of her experience as a judge. With the 22nd Precinct polling place located in our Lobby for

years, it was convenient for her, even though an election judge’s workday can be 14-16 hours long.

“I enjoyed (serving as an election judge),” Adeline says, “meeting all the people in the building.”

When asked if she had any particularly memorable experiences as an election judge, Adeline recounted the time she asked a prospective female voter a question to verify her identity. The woman took offense and threw a book at her ... and fortunately missed.

After she moved to Malibu East, Adeline began attending St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church at Sheridan and Hollywood. She joined the women’s club there, serving as president for two years. She still does volunteer work in the church office.

Although a couple of falls during the past two years have set her back physically and cut back on her walks in the neighborhood, she still goes out when she can and participates in Malibu East’s Thursday afternoon discussion group once a month.

This month Adeline will turn 94. When asked how she has managed to stay so fit physically and mentally, Adeline shrugs. “I don’t know. I grew up on a Mediterranean diet. No fast food.”

Her son, who worked in real estate, and her daughter-in-law, a former school principal, are both retired now and living in the northwest suburbs. She has two grandsons – George, 34, a former engineer who now works at the Mercantile Exchange, and Dean, 30, an attorney who was married in June.

When visiting his grandparents here as a toddler, George learned about numbers by being allowed to press the appropriate elevator button, Adeline remembers.

Her son would like her to move to the suburbs, near her family, but she is reluctant to give up the independence she has here. “It’s so convenient living here,” Adeline says. “I’m now using all of the stores in the mall downstairs, and the dentist, too.”

Those of us who have had the pleasure of talking with Adeline and experiencing her positive attitude hope she stays at Malibu East a long, long time so we can all help celebrate her 100th birthday!

**Restaurant review****Revival Social Club:  
Comfort food and  
friendly vibes!***By Tracy Poyser*

The stretch of Granville between Broadway and Kenmore keeps changing – and we hope that the Revival Social Club, the newest addition to its restaurant scene at 1133 W. Granville, is here to stay. With a little bit of tweaking here and there, it sure has the potential to become a favorite!

That's what your Dialogue Diners concluded after their first dinner visit to the Revival Social Club (although Neil and Debbie Warner confessed that they had eaten a late lunch there earlier in the month). It's a new gastropub and all-day restaurant that quietly replaced the popular M. Henrietta restaurant in mid-November. It's a fun and eclectic mix between a bar, a breakfast/lunch diner, a sit-down restaurant and a friendly neighborhood hangout.

To proud proprietor Alan Stoll, the Revival Social Club has been a dream project long before he started negotiating for the space on St. Patrick's Day of 2014 – and the result reflects his very personal touch. There's a feel of quality rarely found in casual restaurant décor. The 74-seat dining area features mellow lighting, solid hardwood tables and comfortably shaped chairs set in rows that invite conversation with other diners. The arched front windows make it pedestrian-friendly from the outside, and airy from the inside. Two bars – both with food service – invite lingering on elegant hardwood barstools with

plenty of elbow room. Soundproofing, though not perfect, is good enough to allow conversation without yelling. And – bliss – there's no loud background music. Summer promises a 20-seat back patio, which should be nice and cozy too.

The four of us had a reservation and were seated right away at 7 p.m. on a Wednesday – and tables filled up almost completely shortly after we arrived. A couple of their craft cocktails – the Chai Town, made with Koval vodka, chai tea, Koval Ginger, honey and nutmeg, and the Kentucky Mule, made with Very Old Barton bourbon, ginger beer and lime – are a testament to mixologist Vlad Novikov's skills. There's also a nice selection of wines by the glass, a trendy list of beers and a half-dozen house-made liqueurs.

*Photo by Tracy Poyser*

The dinner menu isn't huge but seems to "elevate" comfort foods with interesting twists and unusual condiments, including a bit of a spicy kick for many items. We started with a shared appetizer of roasted brussels sprouts with dates, bacon and blue cheese (\$9). It was a nice-sized portion, enough for four, but could have used a little more time in the oven to deepen the interest-

ing combination of flavors.

On to the main courses, which are served after 5 p.m. Beth, who had just returned from a South American trip and was craving fresh veggies, tried the kale and Mandarin salad wrap (all salads can be served as wraps) with blue cheese, mustard vinaigrette and candied nuts (\$8). She enjoyed it, but without giving it major raves. Debbie's curried chicken pot pie (\$13) was a large and fragrant portion of chicken with a variety of veggies and a creamy sauce, served in a skillet and topped with a big sheet of puff pastry – enough to feed two. Neil's basil pesto salmon on a bed of cauliflower puree and sauteed kale with garlic and tomato crisps (\$16) was extremely flavorful and cooked just right – rich, juicy, and with a beautiful herb crust giving it texture.

I consider myself an expert on grilled cheese sandwiches, so I had to try the New School grilled cheese (\$11), featuring buttered Texas toast, white cheddar, goat cheese, prosciutto and tomatillo jam – with a side salad in a light vinaigrette to balance the richness. Without exaggerating, this was the best grilled cheese I had ever eaten, and I inhaled every crumb. The toast was crunchy, yet light, and the mélange of gooey melted cheeses was balanced by the salty ham bits and sweet/spicy tomatillo jam. I'll have a hard time trying anything else on future visits.

Although Matt, our waiter, tempted us with a choice of three desserts, we just didn't have room for that or for the interesting specialty coffee selection – a bit of competition for Metropolis down the street.

I asked Neil and Debbie about their

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HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

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**Revival Social Club***(Continued from page 6)*

previous lunch experience with their neighbors. The group had tried the North Side meatballs, sloppy Jose, coffee-crusted beef tacos and spinach Baby! salad. That meal was hit-or-miss. The sloppy Jose (\$12), a take on the sloppy joe but made with braised short rib, was flavorful. On the other hand, the coffee-crusted beef in the large portion of tacos (\$10) was overwhelmed by the pickled slaw, and the meatballs (\$9, made with pork) were a bit on the sweet side, perhaps because of the tomato chutney. The spinach salad (\$8) was good but with too much dressing added. The “handhelds” come with a choice of pickled pepper medley, fries, side salad or dill-fingerling potato salad. The drink menu that day listed an enticing bacon old-fashioned, but alas, they were out of the house-made candied bacon that’s vital to the drink.

Service still needs a bit of ironing out. Although Matt had taken our drink and appetizer order right away, it took almost half an hour for our brussels sprouts to arrive – and then equally long for the main courses. Matt did check in with us and apologized for the delays – and somehow the warm décor and ambiance of the place made conversation easy and waiting less noticeable.

Yelp! and other restaurant review sites echo the inconsistency we found, probably due to the growing pains and instant popularity that can overwhelm a kitchen – but there are an equal number of raves. Chef Matthew Brems' American-influenced fare is clearly a step up for the neighborhood, as is Alan Stoll's sense of ownership pride and seeing “his dream baby” take shape. So, don't hesitate to give it a try. By the way, they are planning on a special Valentine's Day menu.

The Revival Social Club is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., on Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight, and on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The website is [www.revivalsocialclub.com](http://www.revivalsocialclub.com). For reservations, phone 773-293-6435 or use the Open Table free reservation service.

**Dayao to entertain***By Sandy Chaet*

At the recommendation of several residents, entertainer Edizon Dayao will perform in the Windjammer Room at Malibu East on Saturday, March 7 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Performing with an orchestra, Dayao is a singer and plays keyboards and saxophone, featuring music from the '50s, '60s and '70s, as well as contemporary music, Broadway tunes, rock and roll, and even some line dances. Dayao has performed at such venues as Drury Lane, USO shows, Chambers Seafood Grille & Chop House in Niles, Dover Straits in Mundelein, and Mather Life-Ways.

There will be no charge for the evening of entertainment. Watch for a flier with more details. Save the date for an enjoyable evening of music, as well as dancing.

**Learn about Smart Meters***By Sandy Chaet*

Chicago residents are among the first consumers in Illinois to receive Smart Meters from ComEd, which is modernizing its systems. All Chicagoans will receive a new meter, with our area set for some time in late March or early April.

On Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Windjammer Room, Luis Diaz-Perez from ComEd will be here to explain the Smart Grid program. Among the topics to be discussed will be better electricity service with fewer and shorter outages, more accurate billing, the availability of more pricing options for smarter energy use, and the ability to check your current month's energy usage online before a bill is sent to you.

Refreshments will be served.

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