

Malibu East Dialogue

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Meet Malibu East director Carl Chadek

By Lori Ziesmer

I have a lot of respect for the 12 people volunteering their time currently serving on the Malibu East Board of Directors. It takes a lot of time, talent, commitment and vision to be a successful Board member. I had been hearing about Carl Chadek, and the great work he has done as a member of our Board, for many months. I was excited to finally meet Carl and interview him for the *Dialogue*.

Carl welcomed me into his home with a huge smile. I could not help but notice right away the beautiful piano and the Lyon & Healy Style 23 Concert Grand harp both sitting in his living room. When I asked about his interest in music, Carl told me that he started playing the organ around age 8 in Milwaukee, where he was born and raised. He also plays piano and flute.

Carl has been a full-time musician for 35 years. For the past 12 years he has been the director of music at St. Hilary Parish on the North Side. However, music is his second career. Carl first made his living in the computer science



industry but knew this was not to be his lifelong work.

As an adult Carl went back to school to study music and has a degree in fine art/voice (he is a baritone) and piano from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He spent many years making his living traveling as a singer, performing at the Madison (Wis.) Civic Opera and the Florentine Opera in Milwaukee, and once sang in the ensemble at the Chicago Lyric Opera. When I made a comment that he was using all of his brain between his two careers, Carl responded that music and math are related by analytics.



Carl first became involved in condominium boards when he lived in Milwaukee, where he served on the board of his condo association. He has lived in Chicago since 2001. This is his fourth address since relocating to Chicago. From his balcony he can see the other three buildings he previously lived in. When it was time to purchase his current home, Carl knew he wanted to live on a high floor in a well-maintained building and decided on Malibu East.

One of the reasons Carl wanted to get involved with our Board was to help foster change. The first time Carl ran for

the Malibu East board, he was not elected. After the election he started going to the open portion of the Board meetings, and he met and developed a rapport with more residents. Carl decided to run again and was elected. He is now almost halfway through his second term, which ends in September 2016.

Being an analytical thinker from his computer science and music training, Carl was a logical choice to become part of the Architecture, Aesthetics, Building Maintenance & Services Committee during his first term. He sits on this committee with five others. When Maria Damp resigned from the Board and moved away, he became the chair of the committee, a position he has held since 2014. Carl is passionate about not only maintaining the building, but improving our overall living conditions at Malibu East. He gets excited when he talks about what has been accomplished and his hopes and vision for the future.

The Laundry Room project was very ambitious and became much more involved than expected once the flooring came up and the Board realized the plumbing needed to be replaced. Carl's committee produced a survey to understand what our building residents thought were important features for the Laundry Room, and committee members visited several other buildings to see firsthand what the finished product might look like. While the overall project took longer to complete than originally planned, we now have a high-end product that should last 20-plus years.

Carl wrote extensively about the upcoming elevator project for the March 2015 issue of the *Dialogue*. After reading his article, we can all be confident that much research, thought

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Malibu East events and meetings

Special meeting of unit owners

Tuesday, May 19
7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, May 21
(every 3rd Thursday of the month)
2:00 p.m. - Community Room

Board meeting

Tuesday, May 26
7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, June 3
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, April 28, 2015

Attendance: Ten Board members, one management representative and 10 residents

Excused: Richard Strauss, Sandy Chaet
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "30G sale" and "Pool repairs" were added to Items Requiring Immediate Board Action.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

1) Financial statement

Operating and reserve cash
\$3,513,682

2) Delinquencies

\$317,424

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Architecture & Aesthetics - Carl Chadek

The elevator modernization contract should be signed in a few weeks. After looking at an elevator with a glass ceiling as initially proposed for our passenger elevators, the committee recommended, and the Board approved, switching to a metal ceiling. At the committee's suggestion, the directors also approved replacing the upper middle panel at the rear of each redesigned passenger elevator cab with a tinted mirror. The committee will investigate ways to minimize the tracking of dirt into the elevators, and it will draft special rules for elevator use during the modernization project.

2) Building Maintenance & Services - Carol Beatty

Building staff will clean/touch up unit doors in need of attention. Hallway carpeting deemed to be in the worst condition will be replaced with attic stock. The committee will develop a plan and budget for replacing the light bulbs in the bulk and chute rooms with LED bulbs.

3) Garage - Martina Molins

The garage was 52 cars below capacity as of March 31, the same as last month. Three parkers upgraded to single self-parking. There was one garage claim, which was approved.

4) Sports & Entertainment - Neil Warner

The swimming pools will open Saturday, May 23 in time for Memorial Day weekend. A new yoga class begins the first Monday of each month.

5) ASCO & Community Affairs - Neil Warner

The Chicago Police Department has assigned a new acting commander in our district, the 24th, whose headquarters is at 6464 N. Clark St. More than 150

residents participated in the ward's Clean & Green Day, collecting more than 200 bags of garbage and helping to spruce up the neighborhoods. The new Whole Foods Market at Broadway and Glenlake opened April 29.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

Items requiring immediate Board action

1) Unit 15F remodeling

Management will make up a request for proposal and get bids for this Association-owned unit.

2) 24F sale/right of first refusal

Board opted not to exercise its right of first refusal on this unit.

3) 8J sale/right of first refusal

Directors voted unanimously to exercise the right of first refusal on this unit at a price of \$145,000. A special meeting of unit owners will be held May 19 to vote on this exercise.

4) Unit 9L sale approval

Board voted unanimously to sell this Association-owned one-bedroom unit at a price of \$170,000 following the unit owners' approval at a special meeting earlier tonight (see below).

5) Unit 30D renovation

Directors approved a proposal to renovate this Association-owned unit.

6) 2015 summer landscaping

Board approved a proposal to landscape the ground-level and fourth-floor areas and to reset the pavers in the atrium near the main entrance.

7) Seawall assessment

Directors approved a proposal for the Phase One assessment of the seawall, which will determine whether additional investigation is necessary.

8) Facade preliminary investigation

Board approved proposals from two vendors for determining the extent of work needed to be done on the facade and balconies over the next five years.

9) Ejector pump #2 repairs

Directors approved an expenditure to repair the pump.

10) Life safety: garage vestibule

Board approved a new configuration of doors between the Lobby and the garage that will meet the City's requirements.

11) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved.

12) 30G sale

Board opted not to exercise its right of first refusal on this sale.

13) Pool repairs

Directors authorized the installation of a new set of stairs in the intermediate pool and the replacement of the skimmers.

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.

Old/new business

1) Lobby door status

The repair has been made.

2) Five-year facade plan

Discussed above.

3) West facade reinforcement

Extent of work needed to be done has yet to be determined.

4) Playroom request

Management will follow up on two residents' request to upgrade the look of the Children's Playroom.

5) Generator relocation assessment

Awaiting more details.

6) Life safety: Lobby to garage

Issue has been resolved.

7) Life safety: water heater closets

Awaiting a resolution with the City.

8) Life safety: secondary exit

The Architecture Committee will seek a solution.

9) Garage membrane

Awaiting recommendation from engineering firm.

10) Association-owned units

Since December 2008, Board has purchased 27 units and sold seven (not counting 9L). Six units are vacant, and 13 are being rented.

11) Energy benchmarking

Management has arranged with a company to compile the City-required data on Malibu East's energy usage.

12) IP video surveillance

Our options are being studied.

13) Bicycle Room

Management is in the process of re-registering all bicycles. (See page 3.)

14) Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting to discuss upcoming projects has been postponed until a third sample of patio doors can be installed in the Windjammer Room.

The meeting ended at 10:15 p.m. and went into closed session.

Special meeting of unit owners April 28, 2015

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

President Molins made some introductory remarks, and Vice President Thomas Vaughan reviewed the results of the Association's exercise of its right of first refusal over the past six-plus years. After an open forum to discuss the pros and cons of selling the unit under consideration, the owners unanimously approved a motion authorizing the Board of Directors to sell Association-owned unit 9L at a price of \$170,000, 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

BIKE AUDIT: Please remember to register with management any bike(s) you have stored in the Bicycle Room. Management door-dropped a yellow form on March 30 for you to register your bike(s) stored in the room and obtain your 2015 decal(s). The 2015 decal will be granted strictly to the bikes registered by May 15, 2015. Previous registrations will be discarded and replaced with the new 2015 registrations. Any unclaimed bikes currently in the Bicycle Room will be disposed of and given to a charitable organization if you fail to renew the registration of your bike(s) by May 15, 2015, even if there is a decal on your bike(s) that is now considered obsolete.

SEALANT PROJECT: Reliable Building Systems (RBS) initiated the sealant work in April on the southeast corner of the A tier. RBS' goal is to complete the A tier on or around May 1, weather permitting. RBS will perform and complete the sealant work this summer by moving from the southeast corner of the tower along the south side of the building to the west facade and then progressing along the north side to the northeast end of the tower.

This project, though much less noisy than concrete repair or balcony coating, requires precautions, particularly to prevent DUST from entering your unit. Sealant work involves removing the existing sealant with powerful grinders and preparing the surfaces for the new caulking, and that work generates a lot of dust. We are asking you to keep your windows closed during the work (a notice will be distributed ahead of time to alert you to the schedule for your tier) in order to prevent the wind from blowing dust and dirt inside your unit. Further, fine DUST may become airborne in your unit if no indoor protection is applied to the frames of your windows. We are advising you to take precautions ahead of time and tape shut the perimeter of your windows, thus stopping the dust from entering your unit. Management will provide you with typical blue "painter" tape upon

request.

To those of you who are definitely planning to replace your windows this year, we advise you to read the following:

Malibu East requested proposals from several window installers in 2014. The Board of Directors has designated Softer Lite and Illinois Sash as bidders with products fabricated to resist high winds in high-rises. Both companies were requested by the Board to install a patio door in the Windjammer Room for you to assess. Softer Lite's window is already installed on the northeast side of the room; Illinois Sash's window is installed on the southeast side of the room. We anticipate that a third company will submit a proposal and install a sample window in the Windjammer Room sometime in June. Management will notify owners once it is installed, along with the prices of all three types of windows. Owners can then examine and compare all three windows at one time.

RBS will not replace the sealant around the windows you choose to replace this year, considering that new sealant must be applied by the installer of the new windows and we don't want to duplicate the work. Please mark those windows you are definitely planning to replace this year with a large "X" taped to the glass.

Do not hesitate to contact management should you have any questions concerning the sealant project.

BALCONIES: No balcony repair work will take place this summer except for the coating work remaining from last year on some of the balconies of the H tier.

POOL SEASON: The pool season will officially open for the Memorial Day weekend, on Saturday, May 23. The pool will be staffed with pool attendants, not lifeguards. Any person using the pools does so at his or her own risk, and all children must use the pool within the boundaries established by the Rules and Regulations of Malibu East. Remember, parents should not

leave their children unattended at any time as there is NO lifeguard on duty.

The pool attendants' duties include enforcing the rules, such as no street shoes, proper swimming attire, pool tags (black for residents and red for guests), maximum guests per unit (two), residents' sign-in, no smoking, no food no drink, no metal or glass containers, no jumping, no running or non-water games, no private parties, no pets, etc. We invite you to read the pool rules carefully. You can request a copy from management at no charge via phone call, email or in person.

The pool attendants will also assist in the cleaning of the pool area and sundeck and report to management any issues and incidents, if any.

Please promptly alert the pool attendant or management of any irregularities that you feel are jeopardizing the safety of residents using the pool deck.

As a reminder, all residents received the proper number of tags at the time of their move into the building. Lost tags can be replaced for a fee during the business hours of the Management Office.

Except when the weather is inclement, the hours to enjoy the pool deck with the pool attendant present are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day, although the pool deck is unlocked at 6 a.m. for adults who enjoy an early swim. Enjoy the summer!

SUMMER SEASON AND WALK-INS: Please make sure that the entry doors are secure after you enter or leave the building. Be aware of anybody that you do not know who is attempting to follow you into the building pretending to be a resident. Immediately alert either management or the front desk should you witness an unauthorized entry.

RANSOMWARE AND ITS IMPACT: Ransomware stops you from using your computer; it holds your computer or its files hostage for a money ransom. The ransomware may prevent you from accessing Windows or encrypt your files or stop certain apps from running. Those responsible for remotely installing the ransomware may ask you for as much as \$300 to unlock your computer. Be prudent.



Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New exhibit opening May 9:

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Regular museum hours:

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5358 N. Ashland Ave.

773-506-4849

www.EdgewaterHistory.org

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THEATER / SHOWINGS

CITY LIT THEATRE

"The Bloodhound Law" by Christine Thatcher

Visit Chicago and downstate Illinois, in the days of the Fugitive Slave Law. Black and white Illinoisans were changed by the worst law in Illinois history.

Thru May 24

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

citylit.org

JACKALOPE THEATRE

"Lunacy" by Andrew Burden Swanson

An imagined 1969 where the moon landing is simulated to make Kennedy's words come true.

May 12 thru Jun 20

5857 N. Kenmore

773-340-2543

jackalopetheatre.org

LIFELINE THEATRE

"Soon I Will Be Invincible," adapted by Christopher M. Walsh

A thrilling new musical about power and identity set in a vibrant world of heroes and villains, in a world premiere adaptation based on the 2007 novel by Austin Grossman.

May 29 thru July 19

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

LIL BUDS THEATRE

"Pirates" by Charles Way

Jim's imaginary world collides with reality when a real pirate from 1718 appears in his bedroom.

Through May 17

City Lit Theatre, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr

lilbudstheatre.org

RAVEN THEATRE

"Beast on the Moon" by Richard Kalinoski

A refugee from the Armenian genocide seeks to build a new family with his mail-order bride in 1920s/1930s Milwaukee, and

succeeds in unexpected ways.

Thru June 6

"The Bird Feeder Doesn't Know" by Todd Bauer

An adult son with a disability deals with the problems of his aging parents.

Thru May 16

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

REDTWIST THEATRE

"The American Clock: A Vaudeville" by Arthur Miller

Based in part on "Hard Times" by Studs Terkel, this is the story of the Great Depression.

Thru May 17

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwist.org

RIVENDELL THEATRE

"Look, We Are Breathing" by Laura Jacqmin

A high school hockey player is killed while driving drunk. The three closest women in his life have to confront just who this young man was, and who he might have become. The grieving process is put to the test.

Thru May 16

5779 N. Ridge

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rivendelltheatre.org

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Restaurant review

Ras Dashen: Exotic dining with a neighborly vibe

By Tracy Poyser

"We absolutely must review Ras Dashen!" urged Dialogue Diners regular Lori Ziesmer at a *Dialogue* staff meeting earlier this year. Ever since she went there last year with our property manager, Violette Deschamps, she's made it a regular dining home-away-from-home, and wanted to share that experience with our Malibu East residents. So, always willing to try more exotic dining experiences, six intrepid Dialogue Diners (Neil, Debbie, Beth, Janet, Lori and I) ventured out in mid-March for a quick trip to exotic Ethiopia.



Located across from the Broadway Armory half a block south of Thorndale, this *Michelin Guide*-recommended eatery appears less known than that other Ethiopian restaurant a bit further north on Broadway. Yet it's a gem, having been recognized in the Chicago Botanic Gardens' Garden Chef Series, on National Public Radio and WLS-TV's "Hungry Hound" program, twice in *Chicago* magazine, and was recently rated as the best Ethiopian restaurant in Chicago on WTTW's "Check, Please!"

From the moment you walk in, you feel transplanted into a large, colorful, warm, fragrant and inviting Ethiopian home – exactly what chef-owner Zenash Beyene wanted to create as her American dream. The lighting is warm and inviting. Large original paintings by Chicago visual artist Bobby Garro Sutton depict colorful scenes from Ethiopian life. There are about 12 regular tables; several others are low, basket-like round ones called *mossab* that are sized to hold the serving trays and have colorful, woven lids, with chairs to match. They're great for two to four people and Lori's favorite, and the table tops are just big enough to fit the traditional big serving tray. Even though it was surprisingly busy for a Wednesday evening, the noise level was minimal on our visit.

As explained on the restaurant's in-

formative and colorful website, www.rasdashenchicago.com, chef Zenash was born in Belese, Ethiopia, near Ras Dashen, the tallest mountain in Ethiopia. She learned to cook at a very early age to help her mother. Among the skills that Zenash learned as a girl was that of grinding, preparing and making injera from native teff grain, cutting chicken and making *wat* (stew) sauce, as well as understanding the different spices. By the age of 10 she was responsible for cooking for the whole family. As time went by, she acquired more skills and recipes, including unfiltered beer and *tej*, the honey wine she now serves at Ras Dashen. She left Ethiopia as a teen, lived in Sudan for seven years and worked for a while in Saudi Arabia. After that, she opened a little restaurant in Khartoum, Sudan, and then emigrated to the United States at the age of 23 to pursue her dream to open a restaurant here. Together with her family, she's been living that dream since opening Ras Dashen in 2001.



Traditional Ethiopian dining table
(Photo by Tracy Poyser)

We were seated and greeted by Zenash's daughter, the lovely Maritu Takala, and immediately had the attention of Nicholas, our very informative server, who offered to help us with our choices. Because Ethiopian cuisine is not as well known in the U.S. as Thai or Indian, it's best to just put your trust in the staff's recommendations. Ras Dashen's menu gives detailed explanations for every dish, including many vegetarian ones. Ordering combination platters is a great introduction. That way, you get multiple heat levels and textures from crunchy to soft, and everyone will find a favorite.

First, we ordered our beverages, including a couple of Ethiopian beers. Neil

enjoyed a sweet fig wine, which provided a nice balance to the spicier foods. There's a great selection of wines by the glass also, as well as juices, special teas and soft drinks.

Forget your eating utensils! Ethiopian food is savored with your fingers and the help of huge round discs of spongy, pancake-like injera bread, which is meant to be used as a scooping device. It's made fresh daily from the aforementioned teff, an indigenous wheat grain. The purplish-gray color may be a bit unexpected, but don't let that turn you off! Injera lines each big round platter, and mounds of the selected dishes are spooned onto the platter, on top of the injera, to be shared by all. And, at the end of the meal, it's tasty to pick up bits of injera with all those lovely sauces having soaked into it.

Lori had recommended several favorites, especially *asa wat*, tilapia filets cooked in a spicy berbere sauce. Other choices included the five-veggie sampler selected by Nicholas, the *yebeg alicha* lamb dish, the *doro wat* chicken and egg in berbere sauce, a special and very fragrant mushroom *wat*, and *yeqaysur salata*, a red beet salad with a tangy dressing, which provided a crunchy counterpoint to the softer lentils and stews.

Neil and Debbie felt it was the best of the three Ethiopian restaurants they have tried. Even though they're still not crazy about the texture of the injera, the rest of us had to ask for more. It does get a bit messy and made me feel a bit like a kid being allowed to eat with my fingers. Debbie's favorite was the mushroom dish – very plump and tasty, and spiced just right. Lori's favorite tilapia was great in texture, but Neil felt the fish was a touch overpowered by the spicy sauce. Adding a spoonful of their refreshing yogurt sauce mellows any spiciness.

In general, we all liked the vegetable side dishes and had various other favorites. Janet raved over the lamb. Neil and Debbie favored the mushrooms; the beet salad; the cabbage, carrot and potato stew; and the spicy red lentils. Beth enjoyed the fish as much as Lori, and I thought the dark chicken meat went

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Convenience, quality at Whole Foods

By Neil Warner

No doubt some Malibu East residents experienced some shopping withdrawal symptoms during the 16 months after the Dominick's grocery store at Broadway and Glenlake, a longtime neighborhood fixture, closed in December 2013.

No more. Malibu East residents now have a full-service supermarket only three blocks away. After a longer-than-expected wait, the Whole Foods Market Edgewater has sprung up in the same building, with all 54,000 square feet being gutted to build out the trademark Whole Foods shopping experience.

If your primary focus is sustainable, organic, fresh food – and particularly vegetarian or vegan items – then Whole Foods is likely your kind of store. If your primary focus is cost, well... maybe not so much.

A large crowd formed a line at the 9 a.m., April 29 opening of the store, with Ald. Harry Osterman on hand for a bread-breaking ceremony. The first 500 shoppers were given gift cards worth \$5 to \$50, with one \$500 prize awarded. Complimentary food samples and bubbly were given out. The store's parking lot, which isn't small, was full virtually the entire day.

Of course, the success or failure of this store will ride on how many of the first-day visitors will become regular customers. That remains to be seen.

Billing itself as "America's healthiest grocery store," Whole Foods places an emphasis on organic food, as well as products from farmers and ranchers that don't abuse their animals or give them antibiotics.

In comparing this Whole Foods to the former Dominick's store, a couple of observations are foremost: Whole Foods is much more open, airy and brighter than Dominick's ever was, with wider aisles. Even more important, despite the large crowd on opening day, there was little wait at checkout, although a couple of days later there were short lines (two or three people) at 6:45 on a Friday evening. Conversely, at Dominick's you could expect long

lines at checkout.

Whole Foods Market Edgewater places a big emphasis on prepared foods, whether you want to eat them in the store or take them home. On the west side of the store, there is a Broadway and Norwood Cafe, which serves pastas, grilled cheese sandwiches and wines. On the east side are multiple food stations, for sandwiches (\$8), Asian noodle bowls (\$9), sushi, pizza (whole or by the slice), wood-fired chicken (with a choice of jerk, cilantro mojo or charroula, a North African marinade) and gelati, as well as a coffee bar. There's a Red Star Diner in the northeast corner serving food and beverages, including many beers on tap, and there's a large seating area near the window on the north side of the store.

You can pick and choose from an extensive list of options at their hot buffet or their cold salad bar, both priced at \$8.99 per pound. We tried tomatillo chicken, elotes, and black beans with chorizo from the hot table. They were flavorful and fresh, with a moderate level of spices. We also tried a number of salads, including a delicious pearl couscous with cilantro, arugula and lemon and a tasty orange-beet salad.

Rotisserie chickens are \$9 each (\$7 on Tuesdays), with organic birds at \$14 apiece.

Their seafood counter has a good selection, especially wild-caught fish such as salmon in several varieties.

They also have a very large selection of cheeses, plus good choices of breads (included house-made naan and pita), smoked fish and an olive bar. They also have a wine and liquor department, including craft beers and ciders.

The produce section, which is next to the entrance, is top-notch but pricey. Think four or five varieties of sweet potatoes. They also have a good assortment of cut-up fruit in containers, and many types of dips, including a delicious kale guacamole.

It's great to have a first-class supermarket within easy walking distance of Malibu East. Once you pass through the doors, you'll have a hard time resisting Whole Foods' offerings. And if you're not in the mood to cook, you'll find a mouth-watering array of prepared foods just waiting for you.

Internet seminar

Now that we are six months into the Association's new Internet contract, and the dust has settled, HiPoint will hold an informational seminar for residents at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 in the Windjammer Room on the fourth floor to assist our residents with technology-related questions. Please telephone the Management Office (773-271-1732) to reserve a space for this session. Should there be more interest than the 20 to 30 capacity, we will schedule follow-up sessions.

The seminar topic is "Maximizing Your Wireless Experience" and it will include a brief overview by a HiPoint spokesperson. Following the presentation will be a question-and-answer session, in which residents can pose questions about their real-life experiences with HiPoint's service.

HiPoint will explain the steps you can take to optimize your wireless router, if you use one, and what factors could be causing you to get less than an optimum experience with your Internet connection.

A HiPoint representative will also be able to schedule a service call, for a fee, if it's needed.

Art Fair seeks artists

If you're an artist looking for the best and nearest new art fair in Chicago, now is the time to apply for a booth in the Edgewater Fall Art Fair the weekend of Sept. 26-27 on Granville.

Artist categories for original works include painting/drawing/printing, photography/digital art, mixed media, jewelry, 3D/sculpture, functional art, fashion and "other." The registration fee of \$150 per booth covers a 10-by-10-foot space and the \$25 Chicago merchant license fee (additional fees for corner spots, end space and sharing). Bring your own tent, or you can rent one.

Register online or print a registration form at www.edgewaterartists.com. Deadline for artist registration is June 1. Artists who were selected will be notified by July 1.

Questions? Contact the fair coordinator, Dorothy Mason, via email at edgewaterartists@gmail.com.

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by Caitlin Gilman

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

Meet Carl Chadek*(Continued from page 1)*

and consideration went into selecting the vendor and the upcoming process for replacing each elevator once the project begins. The hope is to minimize the inconvenience for residents by doing some prep work on each elevator a few days a week before a car is taken totally out of service for the projected eight to 10 weeks per upgrade.

We will need a temporary set of rules for using the elevators once the renovation begins. When the service elevator is shut down for its upgrade, we will have to consider how best to accommodate dogs in the passenger elevators, move-ins and move-outs, as well as laundry baskets going to the Laundry Room. Carl and his committee are already thinking about all of these points.

I asked Carl about his vision for the future. He loves our building and wants any future planned upgrades to be in keeping with the style and aesthetics of the original design. Below are some of his ideas for possible improvements when I asked him about different areas of the building.

- Façade: Currently the building tuck-points two tiers a year. His hope is this project can be sped up and we can get the remainder of the building done within five years.
- Lobby: A design that would be timeless. Any upgrades would take into consideration the doorman's station being moved to provide a better view into the atrium for better security, and the possible relocation of the mailboxes and the sitting area.
- Residential floor hallways: His vision would include the replacement of the carpet, hallway baseboards and wall paint.
- Fourth floor: Carl would like the floor to be thought of as one project and not broken up into many smaller projects for the Windjammer Room, Community Room and exercise areas. When viewed as one total project, walls could be moved to size these amenities correctly for the best use of each space.
- Fourth-floor sundeck: The wind-

breaking plexiglass screens outside the pool area are rusting and should be replaced. This area should be approached as a resort, which holds many possibilities.

- Captain's Walk: Replace the carpet and ceiling.

I asked Carl if he had any hobbies. He likes to cook and helped with the renovations of his kitchen by installing the steel backsplash board himself. He enjoys travel and told me about a book signing he attended for a book about Dorothy Parker at the Algonquin Hotel in New York City. Then there are the harp lessons he started taking after he purchased his magnificent Lyon & Healy instrument.

Carl Chadek is a busy man, but he finds time to do the things he enjoys and that are important to him. Lucky for all of us, one of those passions led to his current service on the Malibu East Board of Directors.

Board meeting dates

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

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Ras Dashen*(Continued from page 5)*

especially well with the mushrooms.

Although we sure weren't hungry at the end of our meal, Maritu convinced us not to leave without tasting their special bread pudding made from injera baked with raisins, carrots, nuts and roasted flax seeds and served with vanilla ice cream. We shared an order between the six of us just to get a taste. It took awhile, but the wait was worth it – a nice portion, warm and creamy with crunchy bits, and just like what a mom would make for her beloved family. And, that's what we felt like – family or good friends in someone's home.

So, be adventurous – let chef Zenash take you on a magic culinary voyage to Ethiopia that is just a 10-minute walk from Malibu East!

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Ras Dashen

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