

Malibu East Dialogue

August 2015

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Edgewater losing longtime volunteers

By Neil Warner

We all know people who are active in the community, with one organization or another. Several such people live at Malibu East. Yet, none exemplifies the meaning of "volunteer" better than Betty and Ara Mayian.

The Mayians were both born in Chicago and have spent the vast majority of their lives in the city, including many years as part of the Malibu East community. In fact, Betty was an original owner in 1971. Now well into their retirements, they are pulling up roots, moving to Sun City West, Ariz., this month to live near Ara's older brother.

48th Ward Ald. Harry Osterman



introduced a resolution in the Chicago City Council in late July that honored the Mayians as "longtime active and contributing members of the Edgewater and 48th Ward communities," citing many of their individual accomplishments, and referring to them as being "among the most beloved and well-liked members of the community."

Such praise is likely to induce a blush or two from an unassuming couple like Betty and Ara. They tend to downplay their participation in various organizations. In fact, when asked about being interviewed for this *Dialogue* article, Betty said, "I don't know why you would want to write about us. Our lives aren't that interesting."



Au contraire. No less an authority than Bob Remer, the president of the Edgewater Historical Society, said of Betty, "She was one of the founding and continuing board members of EHS and has been extremely active and effective ever since. If you go to our website [[www. EdgewaterHistory.org](http://www.EdgewaterHistory.org)] and search under Mayian (both Betty and Ara) you will find 114 articles or mentions! That is no small potatoes."

In recognition of her contributions over the years, EHS named her its first Volunteer of the Year and established an annual Betty Mayian Award for outstanding volunteer.

Betty was born in Chicago, then lived in La Grange for eight years and attended grammar school in Brookfield for three years before moving to the

South Side for third through seventh grades. She spent eighth grade at the Mother of Sorrows boarding school, where there were only eight students in the graduating class. She graduated from the now-shuttered St. Joseph's High School in the Back of the Yards, a mostly Polish neighborhood.

Betty's father, who was much older than her mother, served in World War I. After the war he sold supplies to barbershops. Eventually he became paralyzed due to exposure to poisonous gas during the war and he was hospitalized for nine years. He died when Betty was 10.

Betty's mother worked at General Motors Electro-Motive Division in La Grange - a sort of Rosie the Riveter type, Betty says - at a plant that produced marine diesel engines for the war effort. Betty's father's sister took care of her while her mother was at work.

Betty had a brother who was 11 years older than she, but he tragically died in a fire at age 13. Betty's mother also had a stillborn baby.

Betty worked in data processing as a keypunch operator for several companies in the Chicago area, including Chicago Title Insurance, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and her favorite employer, Weyerhaeuser. She learned computer programming (COBOL) while working at Washington National Insurance.

She moved to 6161 N. Winthrop, the

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Malibu East events and meetings

Board application deadline

Friday, Aug. 7

5 p.m. - Management Office

Residents' open house: 35C, 30D

Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 8-9

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

White Elephant Sale

Saturday, Aug. 22

11:00 a.m.-3 p.m. - Captain's Walk

Board meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 25

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

First budget meeting

Thursday, Aug. 27

6 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Second budget meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 1

6 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 2

7:30 p.m. - Community Room

Thursday afternoon discussion

No meeting in August

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

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to the family
and friends of

"Maggie"
Wagner





Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Attendance: Ten Board members, two management representatives and 10 residents

Excused: Richard Strauss, Jake Levandowski

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Smart meter installation" and "Inventory of building equipment" were added to Old/New Business.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

1) Financial statement

Operating and reserve cash
\$3,033,875

2) Delinquencies

\$368,357

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Aesthetics & Architecture - Carl Chadek

Committee recommendations: Remove the plastic covering the fourth-floor carpet and replacing worn carpet with attic stock as needed. Replace windows in Captain's Walk after facade is addressed. Install mud-trap system near main CW entrance. Replace worn CW carpet with combination of tile and carpet. Replace CW lighting with modern LED lights. Install new signage outside and inside CW. Replace concrete flooring in lower level. Begin screening architect candidates for Lobby renovation. Begin using DirecTV music channel for Lobby and CW music.

2) Building Maintenance & Services - Carol Beatty

The cleaning of the unit doors facing the corridors is under way, with approximately half of the doors completed. The remainder should be finished in August.

3) Garage - Martina Molins

The garage was 46 cars below capacity as of June 30. There was one garage claim, which was denied.

4) Security - Sandy Chaet

Committee recommends that management update residents' key fobs in 2016.

5) Life safety - Dean Lerner

Management met with a City building inspector to facilitate resolution of outstanding life safety and building code issues. In regard to secondary doors to units that have been closed off or otherwise aren't an effective means of ingress by firemen in case of an emergency, the Association and the City's Department of Buildings have reached a tentative resolution of the problem, which still must be approved by the Chicago Fire Department. Likewise, in regard to water heater

closets, a tentative resolution appears to have been reached.

6) Sports - Neil Warner

New yoga class typically begins the first Monday of each month.

7) Social - Sandy Chaet

Potluck dinner was a success, with 30-plus residents attending. A White Elephant Sale will be held Aug. 22 in the Captain's Walk mall (see page 6).

8) ASCO & Community Affairs - Sandy Chaet

City is painting stencil signs on Sheridan Road sidewalks advising bicyclists to walk their bikes; Sandy would like your feedback. Loyola's Movie Night on Kenmore Plaza will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, featuring "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Chicago Park District's Movies in the Park will screen "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 in Berger Park.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

Items requiring immediate Board action

1) Domestic water pump

Rather than replacing two of three domestic water pumps, management recommended replacing all three now. It will revise the RFP accordingly.

2) Life safety: inoperable secondary doors

See Life Safety Committee report above.

3) Elevator project: Saturday moves

Board decided to temporarily suspend the rule prohibiting Saturday move-ins and move-outs during our elevator modernization project and permit one such move each Saturday between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m.

4) 20J lease extension

Directors approved a lease extension for this Association-owned unit.

5) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved.

Old/new business

1) Emergency mitigation team

Nothing new.

2) Energy benchmarking

Vendor filed report with City by deadline as required.

3) Garage membrane: second opinion

Nothing new.

4) Five-year balcony-facade program

Board has proposals from two engineering firms; now it will schedule meetings with both.

5) Life safety: garage vestibule separation

Directors approved a proposal to install an additional set of fire doors in the vestibule between Lobby and garage to satisfy life safety requirements. Board approved a second motion to install a drop ceiling in the same area.

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.

6) Life safety: water heater closets

See Life Safety Committee report above.

7) Captain's Walk projects, generator relocation

Nothing new.

8) Laundry Room condensation

Further investigation needed.

9) IP video surveillance

Nothing new.

10) Bicycle Room

Management will begin removing unregistered, unclaimed bikes from the Bicycle Room in August. They will be stored on the property for 30 days after removal and then will be donated to a charity. Bikes must display a red 2015 Malibu East decal to be considered properly registered.

11) Window survey

Based on 2015 surveys that have been submitted, fewer owners are planning to replace their balcony windows than had been estimated. This may affect the vendors' prices. Surveys can still be returned to the Management Office. Management will continue to seek other vendors who can provide windows that meet high-rise standards.

12) Garage sweeper

Management is getting bids.

13) Drone

A resident saw a drone equipped with a camera flying outside our building. The Legal Committee will consider this issue.

14) Association-owned units

The Association owns 21 units, 16 of which are rented. Only one unit has yet to be renovated. The rented units are producing a 6.7% annual return for the Association after expenses; counting the five vacant units, the return is 3.1%. The Association will stage an open house for Malibu East residents for renovated units 35C and 30D on Aug. 8-9.

15) Real-estate tax appeals

The Board's designated law firm appealed the assessed valuations for all residential units and the Captain's Walk to the Cook County assessor, which denied the appeals. The law firm will next appeal the valuations to the Cook County Board of Review.

16) Smart meter installations

Management will try to get the specific dates when ComEd will change over each unit from a manually read meter to a smart meter. (Dates are Aug. 3-6.)

17) Inventory of building equipment

Management should put in place an inventory system that will track our equipment and supplies more efficiently.

The meeting ended at 9:40 p.m. and went into closed session.



What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

30D AND 35C OPEN HOUSE: Directors of the Board will host an open house for two Association-owned units that were recently renovated. The open house is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 8 and Sunday, Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This open house will give you an opportunity to see the quality of the work being undertaken by the Association and the outstanding results that may inspire you for your own unit or for purchasing a unit at Malibu East.

COMED SMART METERS: ComEd has been authorized to access the electrical rooms for the installation of smart meters starting on Monday, Aug. 3 through Thursday, Aug. 6, with a daily start time of 8 a.m. and an end time of 6 p.m. ComEd does not need access to your unit. You do not need to be home.

All of ComEd's work will take place in the electrical rooms located at the west end of the residential floors. ComEd's authorized contractor will have appropriate identification. The installation of the smart meters will occur at no cost to our residents.

Per ComEd's statement, residents will experience a brief power outage of about 30 seconds to a minute. We are advising you to turn off and reset any equipment that may be impacted by this short outage. Please contact ComEd at 866-368-8326 should you have any questions about life-support medical equipment or any other questions.

INTERNET OUTAGE: All residents and management experienced a total Internet outage on Tuesday, July 28. The interruption was due to a severed fiber-optic cable (chewed on by rodents?) owned by RCN and located within two miles of Malibu East. RCN has a contract with HiPoint Technologies, our Internet service provider, to install and maintain the fiber-optic infrastructure necessary to deliver the Internet signals to Malibu East. The RCN engineer who designed the fiber-optic system and his crew worked nonstop on Tuesday to troubleshoot the breach and replace the damaged cable. The Internet service was returned about 6 p.m. on the same

day, although some residents continued to experience connectivity issues with the network, in which cases we recommended that they contact HiPoint directly.

WATER HEATERS: Please be aware that water heater manufacturers have re-engineered their products to satisfy the upgraded energy ordinance that calls for a higher insulation rate for water heaters. As a result, the re-engineered water heaters are either taller or wider to satisfy the insulation requirements. Be aware that the water heater closets at Malibu East are small, cannot accommodate all re-engineered water heaters and cannot be modified. Some re-engineered water heaters are too tall and conflict with the building's fixed plumbing pipes and valves or are too wide and cannot be inserted in the closets. Make sure to mention these closet height and width constraints to your plumber before selecting the proper product.

BALCONY WINDOW SURVEY: As of July 28, 11 owners who had indicated their interest in 2014 to replace their windows hadn't filled out the survey; 12 owners who had indicated their interest to replace their windows in 2014 responded in the survey that they were no longer interested. As a result, the 2015 survey count for the large windows is 21 compared to 52 in the 2014 data collection, and 38 standard size windows compared to 134 in the 2014 data collection. These poor results may negatively impact on the prices of the windows from the two current vendors, Softer Lite and Illinois Sash.

FLYING OBJECTS: An incident involving a drone equipped with a camera was brought to our attention in July. A drone may likely violate the privacy of your neighbors by flying around, close to the building. Please be courteous and put yourself in the shoes of the persons living in the building subject to a drone pirouetting by their balconies; it is likely to generate negative reactions. Please refrain from flying drones around the building,

particularly close to the balconies.

SHORT-TERM LEASING: A former renter at Malibu East was responsible for a large fine imposed on the owner of the unit when the renter was found responsible for renting her bedrooms to tourists on a daily basis. Short-term rentals of any kind, shape or form are absolutely prohibited at Malibu East, as in most condominium buildings in the United States. Any leases or rental agreements shorter than 12 months violate the Declaration and the Rules and Regulations of the Association.

Here is some detailed language that may help you to prepare a lease amendment:

"Malibu East Condominium does not allow short-term rentals or any kind of lease shorter than 12 months. Short-term rentals are explicitly prohibited in the Declaration, as well as in the Rules and Regulations of Malibu East. A short-term rental is any rental arrangement that lasts for a period of time less than 12 months. This prohibition on short-term rentals includes, but is not limited to, vacation rentals, bed and breakfast arrangements and short-term stays of any kind, including listing your unit on websites such as Airbnb. Whether one rents out all of the unit or just part of the unit, a short-term rental is strictly prohibited under any circumstance.

"This practice is not only prohibited in the condominium instruments but is also prohibited by a Chicago ordinance concerning what is referred to as "vacation rentals." Vacation rentals, by City law, can only be offered by the owner of a property who is licensed by the City and who has the express written permission from the condominium board. No one has received permission from the Malibu East Condominium Board to engage in this practice. Should the Board be made aware of any tenant (same applies to unit owners) offering any or all of its residence as a short-term or vacation rental, the owner of that unit will be called to a hearing before the officers of Malibu East and fined by Malibu East for a rule violation, as owners are ultimately responsible to Malibu East for the actions of their renters. Additionally, any resident (same

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Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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48TH WARD SUMMER FILM FEST

All films begin at dusk on Tuesday evenings through Aug. 11.

At various neighborhood locations.

48thward.org/summer-nights for names of films.

NEIGHBORS' SING-ALONG

Ruthie Seidner, musical director at Emanuel Congregation, leads "From Yesterday to Today," a sing-along among neighbors. Bring a chair or blanket.

Sunday, Aug. 9, 2-3 p.m.

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Ara and Betty Mayian

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same street where her soon-to-be first husband, Ed Gilman, lived. The couple married later on and became original owners of a condo at Malibu East, moving in before there was carpeting in the hallway. "We wanted to live on the lake, and there were so few buildings right on the lake then," Betty said.

Ed was from Brooklyn and worked in the computer field. He passed away in 1979.

Although she didn't join any committees or run for the Board during her early years at Malibu East, Betty says she interacted with her neighbors in other ways. Residents got together for dinners, and she and her neighbors on the floor painted their hallway. Back then, before Dunbar Builders turned the property over to the owners, there was no board of directors, so "almost every floor painted their own hallway or hired someone to do it," Betty said.

She and Ara got married in 1985, and they joined the Social Committee in the '80s after Sandy Chaet became the

chair. Betty became a staff member of the *Dialogue* during the mid-to-late '80s when Tom Beatty was the editor. After a hiatus from the *Dialogue* while the editorship changed hands several times, she rejoined the staff in the mid-'90s, along with Ara. In recent years Ara has been a delivery volunteer for the *Dialogue* and Betty has authored the Community Calendar each month and written many restaurant reviews. If you want to know about a neighborhood restaurant, just ask Betty or Ara.

For several years Betty has been instrumental in planning the Meet the Candidates Night, where candidates for the Malibu East Board of Directors can present their ideas and interact with owners.

Betty joined the Edgewater Community Council when the late Kathy Osterman was the president. Osterman wanted the ECC to conduct oral history interviews in conjunction with the Edgewater Centennial in 1986. Betty played a leading role in that effort, and afterward she left the ECC to help found the Edgewater Historical Society in 1988. She served five years as the EHS' second president and spent 27 years on the EHS board. In 2002 EHS opened its museum, formerly a firehouse, at 5358 N. Ashland Ave. Among the many projects she worked on at EHS was coordinating the oral history interviews of immigrants to Edgewater, including several residents of Malibu East (goo.gl/1VoqSM), coming full circle from the project she worked on at ECC.

She used to read to children at the Edgewater library before it was rebuilt and policies were changed.

"If you're going to live in a community, you should contribute to it," Betty said, summarizing her service-oriented philosophy.

The activity she finds to be "the most fun" is performing old-time radio shows as a member of Those Were The Days Radio Players. The group performs at senior citizen retirement homes, libraries and other venues.

Betty served as a precinct election judge for "maybe 10 (primary and general) elections." She says she may look into becoming an election judge

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THEATER / SHOWINGS

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Restaurant review**Pork Shoppe aims to please BBQ lovers***By Betty Mayian*

For many years it was the Round Table; then, for a short time, a fish restaurant; and now it is a barbecue joint. But, what a joint it is! Almost every restaurant around serves some kind of barbecue, but this one is a full-service, honest-to-goodness, real barbecue place. It opened in May as the second restaurant in Chicago by that name. The other has a strong following in the Avondale area, on Belmont. The one in our neighborhood, on Clark Street, right near Gethsemane Gardens, is second to none.

The restaurant advertises as placing an emphasis on good service – and they are correct. From the minute you park your car in their lot – yes, they have parking – you notice that they want their customers to feel at home. Of course, *that* home is in the South – home of great barbecue. We were asked how we liked the food, whether we were satisfied, did we need anything, and told they hoped we would come back. They honestly seem to want to know about each dish – how well we liked or didn't like it and why. This attention to what the customer wants is rare and very important.

We went there for dinner the first time after meeting with an old friend. She enjoyed it as much as we did. We had three different dishes, so we could see the variety.

After an appetizer of smoked whitefish spread with cream and potatoes, accompanied by toasted slices of bread, we had sandwiches. Our friend had pulled pork sandwich with coleslaw and potato salad. She really enjoyed it and said she would be back, even though she doesn't live close by. Ara had three brisket tacos with cilantro and onions in corn tortillas – his sides were baked beans and the slaw. The tacos satisfied him, but he thought the beans too sweet – also the slaw. I had the pork belly pastrami sandwich with corn bread muffin. They say the muffin is sweet and spicy – and they are right. It was huge, and I took home half of that

and half of the sandwich. It was the first time I had ever eaten pork belly and I was curious about this relatively new craze. It looks like bacon before being cured and fried. It was very good, but so filling that I gave away a couple of slices and still took home half. Delicious.

Every table has three bottles of barbecue sauces on it – for additional spice and flavor. You can choose KC style, a sweet and sticky sauce; Carolina style, tart and tangy; or Southwest style, “wicked” spicy.

Within three days we found ourselves going back with another friend. This time, for lunch. We found that they have luncheon specials, so we tried different items this time. The three sandwiches were the beef tri-tip, the pulled pork and the brisket. The sides were their mac and cheese, made with white cheeses (out of sight); their smoky potato salad with relish, red onions and mayo; the slaw with pineapple, raisins, carrots and mayo; and a refillable soft drink (they consider that a side). Some sides can be chosen with the sandwiches, and some are extra (depending on the side). All in all, the food was plentiful, great-tasting and fun.

The ambiance is Southern bar with country music playing. The customers were a variety of families with kids eating happily, to couples, to groups of all ages. This is a very welcome addition to the Edgewater neighborhood. And, they will have an outdoor eating space next to the parking area. I haven't seen it yet, but it should be another reason to go back.

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White Elephant Sale*By Sandy Chaet*

The Malibu East Social Committee will be having its annual White Elephant Sale on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Captain's Walk mall.

Flyers will be distributed to residents, who can sign up to reserve space for the event. The deadline to reserve your participation will be Friday, Aug. 14. Only Malibu East residents can reserve a space, and each participant has to provide their own six-foot table and chairs. An adult must supervise each space during the event.

There is a \$5 fee to reserve a space. Space is limited and will be assigned based on who signs up first. Return the completed bottom portion of the flyer and return it, with a check made payable to Malibu East Condominium, to the Management Office. After participants sign up, each will receive a confirmation with their time to set up.

A White Elephant Sale is for USED items. Some items sold in the past were luggage, purses, jewelry, collectibles, dishes, DVDs and DVD players, books, children's toys, computer items and knickknacks.

Each participant is in charge of their own items. Malibu East is not responsible for any item sold.

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applies to unit owners) offering rentals of this nature will be reported to the City's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, which may issue a citation and/or a fine."

We advise owners to add such an amendment to every lease. Please recognize that there will be no official warning letter from Malibu East regarding these illegal rentals other than this *Dialogue* article. Further, we encourage you to report to management any unit that you believe is being rented on a short-term basis. Short-term rentals threaten the safety of residents and the quality of life at Malibu East. We can assure any whistle blower that their name and contact information will be kept confidential and rigorously restricted to management.

Divvy bike sharing expands to Edgewater

By Beth Robinson

Divvy, the City's bike-sharing program, has made its way north to Edgewater and beyond. You can't miss their bike racks with solar panels and the distinctive sturdy blue bikes on the sidewalks.

The two-year-old program added 175 stations this spring and now consists of 476 docking stations extending along the lakefront from Rainbow Beach at 75th Street north to Touhy Avenue and as far west as Irving Park and Keeler. Bike stations are located near Red Line "L" stops, including those at Loyola, Thorndale, Granville, Bryn Mawr, Berwyn and Argyle. Some others nearby are at Clark and Berwyn, the Margate Park Field House (4921 N. Marine Drive) and along the lakefront at Bryn Mawr.

Divvys are available for short trips from one bike station to another or to ride around the neighborhood and return to the same location. A bike can be rented to complete the commute home or for a short ride along the lakefront trail. One fee provides an unlimited number of trips of no more than 30 minutes each. Trips lasting longer than half an hour incur additional charges. A \$75 annual membership, purchased online at www.divvybikes.com, entitles the rider to 30-minute trips throughout the year. Day passes for 24 hours may be purchased at any Divvy docking station. A few weeks ago, the cost of the 24-hour day pass increased from \$7 to \$9.95. A credit or debit card must be used to pay for either option.



The 48th Ward office expects to have a limited number of coupons for a discounted day pass available for neighborhood residents.

The Chicago Department of Transportation owns the bikes, stations and vehicles, and a New York-based company, Motivate, operates the bike-sharing system. Divvy is one component of the plan to integrate bicycles into the city's transportation system to reduce congestion and pollution and promote healthy lifestyles. Go Edgewater, a City of Chicago website, offers an Edgewater map for bikers and walkers that identifies the Divvy stations, other bike-parking locations, streets with bike lanes and designated bike routes, as well as public transportation, pedestrian trails and historic buildings and landmarks in the neighborhood. You can download the map and order a kit of materials for bikers at www.goedgewater.org. The website offers a coupon for one free 24-hour Divvy membership.

To address concerns about access for individuals who cannot afford the fees or those who do not have credit or debit cards, Divvy for Everyone (D4E) was established to provide one-time \$5 annual memberships to individuals with limited incomes. An individual must make less than \$35,310 for a family of one or less than \$47,790 for a family of two to meet the income requirements. The one-year membership must be purchased in person, with cash, at one of five centers. The center closest to Edgewater is located in the Jane Addams Resource Corporation at 4432 N. Ravenswood Ave.

Potluck dinner satisfying

Gathering together to sample the homemade foods prepared by fellow residents resulted in a stimulating evening of good food and conversation among Malibu East residents both old and new.

More than 30 residents participated in the potluck dinner July 19 in the Windjammer Room, organized by the Social Committee. Each attendee brought a dish to share. Among the choices were jerk chicken, Peking chicken, artichoke dip, a soup, a number of delicious salads, strawberry cheesecake, key lime and apple pies, cookies and much more.

Many of the participants stayed long after they finished dinner, getting acquainted with new neighbors and getting reacquainted with old ones.

Before the start of the dinner, Social Committee chair Sandy Chaet and *Dialogue* editor Neil Warner thanked Betty and Ara Mayian for their many years of service to the two respective committees, relating some of the myriad ways in which the Mayians have helped to make Malibu East a more caring, interactive community.

Because of its popularity, the potluck dinner is becoming an annual event here, and we hope that tradition continues.

Board meeting dates

August 25	October 12
September 8 (Annual meeting)	November 17 (Budget approval)
September 29 (Budget review)	December 15

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Ara and Betty Mayian

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again after moving to Arizona. "They might need another Democrat there," Betty joked.

During her free time, Betty likes to read, especially mysteries and science fiction.

Unlike Betty, who is a lifelong Sox fan, Ara is a Cubs fan, having attended his first game in 1944.

Ara grew up in Chicago, living in several North and Northwest side neighborhoods, except for one year his family spent in Southern California. He attended the now-defunct St. George High School in Evanston. His father, who was Armenian, operated a fast-food grill in the city. His older brother, Steve, became an airline pilot.

Ara relates some colorful stories about growing up in Chicago, and the "friends" he hung out with. On one occasion, one of the "friends," having taken umbrage at something another guy had said, threw the guy through the plate glass window of a restaurant they were walking past. Realizing he had done the restaurant owner a discourtesy, Ara recounted wryly, the friend went inside the restaurant and threw the guy back through the same window, onto the sidewalk.

On one New Year's Eve, the group he was with placed a life-size stuffed buffalo on a streetcar as a practical joke. (Yes, there were still streetcars when Ara was growing up.)

"With his years of living in Edgewater, (Ara) has the best stories of anyone!" longtime friend Remer said.

Ara became a computer programmer, doing primarily application programming for mainframe computers. He worked for a number of companies, including the Board of Trade. He met Betty when he and a friend crashed a party at Blue Cross Blue Shield in 1980. After their marriage in 1985, Ara became part of the Malibu East community.

Ara retired in 1995. He now attends a men's retirement club and regularly gets together with the guys he went to school with. He loves to read, mostly nonfiction, with a preference for biographies, science and nature. He also

is a history buff, particularly as it relates to Chicago. He has been known to send historical notes to Geoffrey Baer, who hosts the "Ask Geoffrey" segment on WTTW's "Chicago Tonight" program, during which Baer answers viewers' questions about local history. And when Ara learns of an especially interesting historical nugget, he can hardly contain his enthusiasm in sharing it with others who might be interested, too.

Ara served as an usher at St. Ita Catholic Church, at Catalpa and Broadway, for more than 50 years, an incredible record of service by any standard.

"Ara knows more people (at Malibu East) than I do," Betty said. "He's more sociable."

One thing is certain: Many friends will miss them after they leave for Arizona, and the community will be poorer in their absence.



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The staff holds monthly planning sessions and regularly visits local restaurants in order to review them.

You could help to make our newsletter even better. If you think you'd like to contribute to the *Dialogue*, email the editor at Dialogue@MalibuEast.org or leave a note for the editor at the doorman's station or at the Management Office.

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