

Malibu East Dialogue

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Arfa: Board service rewarding

By Lori Ziesmer

Continuing on with the *Dialogue* tradition of profiling current members of the Malibu East Board of Directors, I was looking forward to spending time and becoming better acquainted with Art Arfa. Intelligent, thoughtful and passionate about maintaining property values at Malibu East are all words I would use to describe Art after our time together. We sat down to chat one evening in mid-June.

My first question for Art was, "How long have you lived at Malibu East?" Without hesitation he replied, "Eight years. I moved in when I married my wife, Marcia."

Marcia grew up with Art's cousin in Benton Harbor, Mich. She had been a resident of Malibu East for 17 years and owned a one-bedroom unit before she married Art.

Art had previously owned a home in Wilmette. After the passing of Art's first wife, the cousin thought Marcia and Art should get acquainted. They dated and



eventually married. When it came time to purchase a home that they would live in together, they looked around at different options and eventually settled on a three-bedroom unit on a high floor at Malibu East. Marcia sold her one-bedroom unit and Art his house.

Art remembers when Malibu East was being constructed and became the tallest high-rise on North Sheridan Road at that time. As a child he grew up at Glenwood and Devon, attending Hayt School kindergarten through eighth grade and then Senn High School. Art's father, who emigrated from Poland, and



his grandfather were bakers by profession. Art spent time as a child helping out in the family business. Art went to college at the University of Illinois' Chicago Circle campus and attended law school at night at Loyola University while working days at the Railroad Retirement Board, located one block west of Water Tower Place on Rush Street.

Art worked at the Railroad Retirement Board for 37 years and made the decision to retire six years ago. At the Railroad Retirement Board, Art initially was a claims examiner. However, after finishing law school, he moved to the legal department, where he worked with eight to 10 other attorneys. His job was to write legislation and regulations to be adopted by the U.S. Congress. He

was involved with employee union matters and labor relations. Art supervised people, conducted hearings involving disability claims and represented the agency before various administrative agencies and various courts of appeal.

Art has always been an avid lover of history and enjoys traveling to new places. He spoke about an upcoming trip to Italy he and Marcia are planning. They plan to visit Florence and Tuscany and take cooking classes together.

Art has been a member of the Malibu East Board of Directors since 2012, and is currently in the middle of his second term. He currently sits on the Architecture, Aesthetics, Building Maintenance & Services Committee; the Rules & Regulations Committee; the Legal Committee; the Admissions Committee; the Long-Range Planning Committee; and the Garage Committee. Art also is the current secretary of the Board and takes all the notes that become the official record of what occurred at each meeting.

As a member of the Architecture, Aesthetics, Building Maintenance & Services Committee, Art has assisted with the Laundry Room and garage renovations, the purchase of the tulip umbrellas for the pool deck, the likely replacement of the windscreens around the pool, and the recently begun elevator modernization project. His work on the Rules & Regulations Committee involves revising or updating rules as needed. Responsibilities of the Legal Committee include assisting with all closings and reviewing all documentation of Association-purchased units.

I asked Art for his advice to anyone who was considering running for the Board in the upcoming September election. His response was that new

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Malibu East events and meetings

Annual meeting of unit owners

Tuesday, Sept. 8

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

(Board election voting from 7-8 p.m.)

Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, Sept. 17

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

Board meeting (Budget review)

Tuesday, Sept. 29

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 7

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, Aug. 25, 2015

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

Excused: Richard Strauss, Carl Stahlheber, Jake Levandowski

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Lighting for 35C cabinets" and "Flooring rules" were added to Items Requiring Board Action.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

1) Financial statement

Operating and reserve cash
\$3,166,326

2) Delinquencies

\$373,084

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Aesthetics & Architecture - Carl Chadek

Committee will meet to discuss renovation of Association-owned unit 8J; the Board approved additional funds for the renovation. Directors approved the design for the new freight elevator in-use lantern on each floor.

2) Building Maintenance & Services - Carol Beatty

The carpet on the fourth floor and several residential floors has been replaced with attic stock.

3) Garage - Martina Molins

The garage was 44 cars below capacity as of July 31, and there was no waiting list for single self-parking. There were no garage claims in July. Standard Parking will be asked to keep a better inventory of items belonging to the garage.

4) Finance & Insurance - Neil Warner

The 2014 audit was mailed to owners on Aug. 10, the earliest date in recent years, because of the hard work of treasurer Joan Scholl and the rest of the committee.

5) Sports - Neil Warner

Yoga class will switch from Monday to Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 10.

6) Social - Sandy Chaet

White Elephant Sale was successful, with 16 residents having tables. Thanks to Jonnie of JDT Billing for providing pizza. Free ballroom dance classes will be held in October, with resident Paul Tedesco as instructor. Tango will be taught Oct. 14, the waltz on Oct. 21. More information to follow.

7) ASCO & Community Affairs - Sandy Chaet

Edgewater Fall Art Fair will be held Sept. 26-27 on Granville between Broadway and Kenmore (see Commu-

nity Calendar, page 4). An Edgewater Back to School 5K Run/Walk will be held Sunday morning, Sept. 27 (see article, page 3). Loyola University would like to change Winthrop between Rosemont and West Sheridan, adding design elements that will slow down automobile traffic and expand pedestrian and bicycle paths, as well as adding more greenery and several public tennis courts. The proposal is still in the discussion stage.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

Items requiring Board action

1) Facade/balcony five-year plan

Board approved the cost of obtaining a third opinion from another engineering company on this multimillion-dollar concept, as well as the cost of providing a scaffold to that company to access several drops of the balcony/facade for its investigation.

2) Domestic water pump replacement

Directors approved the purchase of a new triplex domestic water booster system, a fully automated system that will provide fresh water to all units with backup capabilities in case one pump fails. The Board also approved an associated plumbing replacement and a five-year maintenance contract.

3) West air handler repair

Board hired a vendor to replace the heating coils in the west make-up air handler.

4) Sundeck control joint, cover plate

Directors approved a proposal to cover the control joint on the sundeck with an aluminum cover plate.

5) Emergency mitigation team

Directors will review materials submitted by three companies before selecting one that will then be prepared to handle any future emergency involving widespread property damage at Malibu East.

6) IP video surveillance

Board approved a vendor's proposal to install a video surveillance system in our common areas.

7) Life safety: inoperable secondary doors

As a short-term solution, directors will consider a Fire Department-approved sign to be attached to the hallway side of inoperable secondary doors to a unit. A different solution may be considered whenever the hallways are redecorated.

8) Three-year lease extension

Board ratified a three-year lease extension for a tenant in an Association-owned unit.

9) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved as amended.

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.

10) Lighting for 35C cabinets

Directors authorized an expenditure to install under-cabinet lighting in the kitchen of Association-owned unit 35C.

11) Flooring rules

Board voted to temporarily suspend the current installation requirements for various types of hard surface flooring as long as the unit owner and the flooring installer provide a written warranty that the new flooring has an IIC rating of 50 or above (see article, page 3). Directors also voted to hire an acoustical engineer/consultant to recommend new rules pertaining to the underlayment of hard surface flooring.

Old/new business

1) Elevator project

On schedule.

2) 2016 budget

Finance & Insurance Committee will begin meetings intended to shape a budget for 2016, which will then be voted on by the full Board before being sent to owners in October for their comments.

3) Electricity supply

Dean Lerner of Sudler has recommended that the Board consider locking in electricity rates in the current environment. Directors will await further details before taking action.

4) Garage membrane

Management will schedule meetings with two engineering firms that have provided written evaluations and recommendations for restoring and maintaining the garage floor membrane.

5) Life safety: garage vestibule separation

Vendor is waiting for a City permit before installing an additional set of fire doors in the vestibule between Lobby and garage to satisfy life safety requirements.

6) Life safety: water heater closets

Nothing new.

7) Captain's Walk projects, generator relocation

Nothing new.

8) Laundry Room condensation

Further investigation needed.

9) Bicycle Room

Management removed 47 bikes without current registrations; nine have since been claimed by residents. Any repossessed bike that is not claimed by Oct. 12 will be donated to a local charitable organization.

10) Association-owned units

The Association owns 21 units, 16 of which are currently rented.

The meeting ended at 9:55 p.m. and went into closed session.



What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

HARD SURFACE FLOORING: Please note that the Board of Directors adopted a motion during its Aug. 25 meeting to suspend the enforcement of the ceramic/porcelain/stone tile flooring rule. The Board is in the process of selecting an acoustical engineer to assess the existing condition of a typical residential floor at Malibu East and to recommend acoustical guidelines for the installation of hard surface flooring at Malibu East.

In the meantime, if a unit owner decides not to apply a ceramic, porcelain or stone tile floor over a "sand and cement bed" as stated in the Rules and Regulations, the Board of Directors requires the unit owner and his/her flooring contractor to submit to management a written warranty to the effect that the selected hard surface flooring (ceramic, porcelain or stone tile) and its underlayment meet the IIC (Impact Insulation Class) rating of 50 decibels or better. Please note that the IIC rating increases as the impact sound insulation improves; the rating is, in fact, the number of decibels of impact noise that the flooring system will stop from passing through to the unit below. This warranty must be signed by both the unit owner and his/her flooring contractor; it must include a description of the selected underlayment and flooring. A 4-by-4-inch sample of the underlayment shall be attached to the warranty letter.

CIGARETTE SMOKE: This is a reminder in reference to my July *Dialogue* article. All residents may smoke in their units at their discretion. However, the cigarette smoke – and for that matter, any cooking vapors and fumes – must be contained within the unit where it originates and evacuated to the roof via the kitchen and bathroom vents, not toward the hallway and the neighboring units.

Should you open your windows and/or entry doors to get rid of the smoke in your unit, you are causing this smoke to be pushed out of your unit toward the hallway and/or other units, subjecting your neighbors to secondhand smoke.

Nuisances of this nature are the cause of increasing complaints in high-rises, including Malibu East. Non-smokers are now very aware of the dangers related to firsthand or secondhand smoke and thus may be prompt to claim their right for clean, breathable air for themselves and their children.

Please refrain from opening your windows and entry doors when you smoke in your unit.

WIND CHIME: A wind chime, as charming and melodious as it can be, can become a nuisance. Heavy winds moving a chime all night long may cause a repetitive noise that may disturb your neighbors, preventing them from sleeping. Please be sensitive and store your chimes when air turbulence, storms and the like are forecast.

FLYING OBJECTS: Please remember to secure loose screens and pots, chairs, tables and other items currently placed on your balconies. We experienced a flying screen from a window in August, which could have injured people.

COMED SMART METERS: ComEd has completed its installation of smart meters as anticipated. The electronic meters will allow ComEd to bill you based on a remote reading of your electricity consumption without the assistance of a field technician. It allows you to monitor your consumption, as well.

TRANSFORMERS: ComEd contacted management to confirm the replacement of three transformers on Sept. 15-16 as follows: Sept. 15 – the 45th and 34th floors; Sept. 16 – the 19th floor. A formal notice will be door-dropped to inform each affected resident of the work.

RECYCLING: It appears that we can significantly increase our recycling load based on my observations of the regular waste in the compactor room. We encourage our residents to clean their recyclable items and place them in the blue containers in the bulk room. Help us to be an example of an environmentally conscious property and, at the same time, lower our waste pickup costs.

Street closures for 5K

By Sandy Chaet

The second annual Edgewater Back to School 5K Run/Walk will take place Sunday, Sept. 27. Please watch the bulletin boards next to the mailboxes and the one in the Laundry Room for updated information as the date gets closer.

Sheridan Road will be closed to traffic from Hollywood to Devon between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Then the street will be swept/cleaned and, it is hoped, be completely open by approximately 9:25 a.m. Runners will use the southbound lanes. The center northbound lane will be used as a buffer lane. The easternmost northbound lane will be open for local traffic going north only.

Malibu East residents leaving the garage will be able to drive only north to Devon, and there will be no east-west traffic access to or from Sheridan Road between Devon and Hollywood from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m., except for emergencies. Rosemont Avenue from Sheridan to Kenmore will be closed from 3 a.m. to noon.

The CTA will be rerouting the Sheridan Road buses to Broadway, and signs should be posted by the affected bus shelters notifying riders where the buses will be rerouted and what time they will resume service on Sheridan.

The run/walk will start and finish at Loyola University's St. Ignatius Plaza at Rosemont and Kenmore, with the timed 5K run beginning at 8 a.m., the regular 5K run/walk starting at 8:05 and the 5K run/walk with your dog beginning at 8:10.

The run/walk will go east on Rosemont to Sheridan, south on Sheridan to Ardmore, east on Ardmore to the lake path, south on the lake path to Foster, and then head north on the same route back to Kenmore and Rosemont.

Any runners still on the course after 9 a.m. will be directed to the sidewalks.

Registration for the event costs \$42, with \$5 of the fee going to the Edgewater school of your choice. If you would like to sign up for the race or want additional information, go online to edgewater.org/5K or call the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce at 773-561-6000.



Community Calendar

By Neil Warner

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BROADWAY ARMORY

Indoor park, six gym floors, trapeze classes, senior activities, athletic equipment, meeting room, computer center, dancing floor, shuffleboard, weights, arts and crafts, aerobics, ping pong, after-school activities and more. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 5917 N. Broadway 312-742-7502 goo.gl/MSZSES

EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

Check out their book clubs! 6000 N. Broadway Mon. and Wed.: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue. and Thu.: noon-8 p.m. Fri. and Sat.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed on Sundays) 312-742-1945 chi publib.org/locations/28

EDGEWATER FALL ART FAIR

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 26-27, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. On Granville, between Broadway and Kenmore Featuring 120 Chicago-based artists, three stages of live music, beer garden, children's activity corner and more. edgewaterartists.com

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2015 Edgewater Home Tour Sunday, Sept. 20, noon-4 p.m. \$25 per person; reservations not required. Register at Philadelphia Church, 5437 N. Clark. Current exhibit, through Oct. 4: "Edgewater's Landmark Buildings." Regular museum hours: Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. 5358 N. Ashland Ave. 773-506-4849 www.EdgewaterHistory.org

RAVENSWOOD ART WALK

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 19-20, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Ravenswood Avenue (1800 W.) from Lawrence to Grace. Featuring many artists, live music, food and activities.

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Adult day wellness programs for persons 60 and over. Gentle yoga, tai

chi, music, exercise, lunch and snacks. Transportation provided within boundary area. 1355 W. Foster Ave. 773-271-9001 whitecranewellness.org

THEATER / SHOWINGS

CHICAGO FRINGE OPERA

"The Turn of the Screw" by Benjamin Britten This ghostly chamber opera is presented as a guided tour of the Berger Park mansion, transformed into a haunted house. Sept. 26-Oct. 24 Berger Park Mansion 6205 N. Sheridan Road chicagofringeopera.com

LIFELINE THEATRE

"Miss Buncle's Book," adapted by Christina Calvit A rollicking look at life imitating art and art imitating life, in a world premiere adaptation of the 1934 novel by D.E. Stevenson. Sept. 11-Nov. 1 6912 N. Glenwood 773-761-4477 lifelinetheatre.com

NEWHART FAMILY THEATRE

"Lend Me a Tenor" by Ken Ludwig When a hot-headed opera house manager books an acclaimed singer in hopes of saving the business, a comedic tale of mistaken identity ensues. Mundelein Center for Performing Arts 1020 W. Sheridan 773-508-8400 goo.gl/G5OKXM

RAVEN THEATRE

"Direct from Death Row: The Scottsboro Boys" by Mark Stein An evening of vaudeville and sorrow about a 1931 legal case involving nine African-American teenagers accused of assaulting two white women. Sept. 16-Nov. 14 6157 N. Clark 773-338-2177 raventheatre.com

REDTWIST THEATRE

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" by Edward Albee George and Martha host a young couple for an after-party nightcap and a game of "Get the Guests."

Sept. 9-Oct. 11 1044 W. Bryn Mawr 773-728-7529 redtwist.org

RIVENDELL THEATRE

"How the World Began" by Catherine Trieschmann Religion and science collide in a visceral examination of the way in which we navigate interpersonal relationships involving seemingly irreconcilable beliefs. Through Oct. 10 5779 N. Ridge 773-334-7728 rivendelltheatre.org

STEEP THEATRE

"The Cheats" by Hamish Linklater A play about marriage and how it can get damaged when you forget to lock the front door. Oct. 1-Nov. 7 1115 W. Berwyn 866-811-4111 steeptheatre.com

Yoga moves to Thursdays

Beginning in September, the Malibu East yoga class will switch nights, moving to Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 10.

The class, which has been meeting for nearly 10 years, will meet for one hour each Thursday, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Windjammer Room.

New class members are invited to join at the first session of each class, which will usually be the first Thursday of the month. Thereafter, the class is closed to new members until a new class begins the following month.

The class is taught by trained yoga instructor Raquel Maldonado, who has been teaching our class for nine years.

If you plan to join the class, bring a yoga mat and your checkbook to the first session. The cost will be determined at that time, but it should be no more than \$30 for three sessions in September.

Watch the bulletin boards and our website, www.MalibuEast.org, for information about future classes.

Restaurant review**Pearl's Southern Comfort: New Orleans comes to Edgewater**

By Kim O'Neal



Pearl's Southern Comfort is a New Orleans-style restaurant featuring Creole and Cajun dishes that has been open in Edgewater since April.

Eight people joined the Dialogue Diners for a late July dinner outing, including Tracy, Janet, Neil and Debbie, Beth, Kim, and Savita and Kaka. We started off sharing the Creole cornbread with a lightly spicy honey butter sauce and the savory crawfish cheesecake, served with a Creole mustard sauce and toast. The cornbread was a hit, and the crawfish cheesecake tasted better than it sounded, although it might not suit everyone's taste.

For their choices of "big plates," Tracy and Neil tried the blackened catfish and they liked the flavor, but Neil thought it was a somewhat small portion, although the accompanying side dishes were generous. The "porky potlicker" mixed greens that accompanied the catfish had a nice pork flavor with some spice but was a little salty for Tracy's taste, and the four-cheese mac side was a tad bland.

Debbie ordered a couple of smaller dishes in lieu of an entree. She enjoyed the stewed butter beans with a smoky flavor and creamy texture, and also the special salad of shaved brussels sprouts, which were served like a slaw with radish, cherry tomatoes and a Caesar dressing. Beth gave a thumbs-up to the crawfish Monica pasta. It was a little spicy, with a heavy Creole cream sauce and plenty of crawfish. Kaka tried the catfish po'boy and appreciated the fact that the catfish was crisp on the outside and tender on the inside.

As a vegetarian, Savita enjoyed the farmer's salad and a hefty portion of texture-perfect french fries that she graciously shared with everyone. Savita asked about other vegetarian options, and the server mentioned that more would be added to the menu soon because so many customers were asking for them.

Janet tried the jambalaya after learning the trout special was sold-out, and thought it was OK, a bit spicy, but again, she had really wanted to try the trout.

Pearl's smokes its own meat, offering slow-smoked pork shoulder, Kansas City-style ribs, smoked chicken and a combo platter with all three. Unfortunately, nobody in our party tried the smoked meats, so that will have to wait for our next visit.

To round out the night, we shared a bread pudding that was like a big muffin – firm, flavorful and not overly sweet – and large enough for everyone to get a bite.

Those who used the restrooms mentioned they were very clean, bright and had nice wooden doors that match the decor of the restaurant.



The prices were moderate, with small plates in the \$6 to \$16 range, sandwiches \$13 or \$14 and big plates ranging from \$14 to \$28 (Kansas City strip steak). The restaurant also has an enticing cocktail menu, with classics like the signature New Orleans drink, the hurricane, and Pearl's originals, as well as several draft beers.

Danny Beck and his wife, Annie, who direct the kitchen at Pearl's, opened the now-shuttered Sunflour Bakery in 2003 on the 3700 block of North Southport. Danny was formerly the executive chef at The House of Blues and he has managed large kitchens and staff for more than 20 years. A graduate of the Culinary School of Kendall College, Danny has owned and operated Toons Bar & Grill at 3857 N. Southport since 1998. Annie is an award-winning pastry chef with more than 20 years' experience in her field. She has worked with five James Beard chefs: Jean Banchet, David Burke, Larry Forgione, Rick Tramonto and Gale Gand. Annie graduated from The Culinary Institute of America.

Spotlight on theater

By Beth Robinson



Steep Theatre Company is entering its 15th season, offering four plays selected to appeal to an audience that does not typically go to the theater. Housed in a storefront near the Berwyn "L" stop, this ensemble of actors, directors, writers and designers presents dramas – sometimes laced with comedy and often with menace – that delve into the human condition in an intimate setting. Steep specializes in producing the works of emerging British playwrights.

The 2015-16 season will begin with "The Cheats," a play about a married man who spies on his neighbors. Running from Oct. 1 through Nov. 7, this will be a world premiere of the work, written by Hamish Linklater.

Steep Theater has been recognized with multiple awards, including being on the Chicago Tribune's "best of the year" list in 2013 for "The Knowledge" and receiving many Jeff nominations and awards for non-Equity theater over the years.

Season subscriptions for the four plays are available for \$85, and individual tickets may also be purchased at www.steeptheatre.com

Steep Theater
1115 W. Berwyn Ave.
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Pearl's serves brunch on Saturdays and Sundays. A rooftop patio deck is in the works and should open soon.

Yelp! reviewers give Pearl's four stars out of five.

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Election, annual meeting set for Sept. 8

If you're like most owners, you haven't attended a Board meeting in a while. That doesn't mean you have to be in the dark about the financial health of Malibu East.

Owners can get a comprehensive update about our Association, including what is being done to maintain the infrastructure of the building and improve the aesthetics of the property, at the annual meeting of unit owners set for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Windjammer Room.

The president will report on the state of the Association, the treasurer will discuss the financial picture, committee chairpersons will review the projects their committees have addressed, an informal preview of the 2016 budget will be summarized, and the status of Association-owned units will be discussed. The series of reports will be followed by a Q & A session, during which owners will have an opportunity to ask questions of the Board or make comments.

The meeting is also the culmination of the annual election of candidates for the Board of Directors. There are six director positions to be filled in this election.

There are seven candidates for the six positions: in alphabetical order, Carol Beatty, J.K. Levandowski, Martina Molins, Sriram Sitaraman, Carl Stahlheber, Mark D. Tompkins and Thomas C. Vaughan. The six candidates who receive the highest total of votes, as weighted by each unit's pro rata ownership, will be elected to two-year terms.

Every owner was mailed an envelope containing each candidate's information form, as well as a statement of election procedures, an agenda of the annual meeting, a proxy and an unstamped envelope in which to mail the proxy. An owner may cast six votes for directors, apportioned in any way the owner sees fit. The owner can write the desired number of votes he wishes to cast for a candidate next to that candidate's name, or alternatively, the owner can place an "X" or check mark next to the name of each candidate the owner wishes to vote for. In the latter instance, the six votes to which the owner is enti-

led will be divided equally among the candidates who are marked with an "X" or check mark.

The results of the election will be announced near the end of the annual meeting, which will be followed by a short Board meeting, at which the officers will be elected for the 2015-16 term.

It is in the best interests of every owner to vote for Board of Directors candidates, whether by proxy or in person at the meeting. The Board determines how the assessments are spent and which capital projects are given priority. If it should happen that the submitted proxies and in-person ballots don't constitute a quorum, another election will have to be held, at an additional cost to the Association.

Completed proxies can be placed in the container by the doorman's station or mailed to: Picker & Associates LLC; Attn: Karen Ullrich (for MECA); 1130 Lake Cook Road, Suite 130; Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Or you can attend the annual meeting and fill out a ballot in person, until the balloting is declared closed, at approximately 8 p.m.

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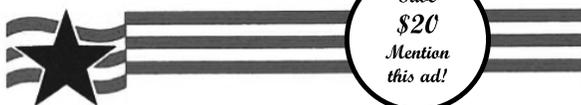
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“Town Crier” announcements

by Caitlin Gilman

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directors must first accept that nothing will happen as fast as they think it should. Most decisions are reached by a consensus of the directors. All issues are researched, thought about and discussed by all directors. It takes time to make an important decision and then implement the agreed-upon solution. Any new director will be joining the Board at a time when the 2016 budget and the list of projects to be worked on next year have been almost finalized. The second year of the two-year term will provide more opportunity for new directors to implement change.

Art's second piece of advice is that a successful Board member needs to have the best interests of all of the building's residents in mind when making decisions. A director is voting on issues that affect more than 1,000 people. Art does not take that responsibility lightly.

Finally, the new Board member should be prepared to spend, on average, three to five hours a week on Board-related issues. In Art's case this includes attending meetings, writing the minutes, reviewing documents, thinking about how a project should proceed and how he can contribute to the outcome, and making decisions for his upcoming votes.

Art says the rewards for him outweigh the time commitment of being a member of our Board. He enjoys living here and being a part of the Malibu East community and feels it is an obligation to use his talents to help the building continue to succeed.

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