

# Malibu East Dialogue

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## Malibu East's 45th anniversary party honors architect

By Tracy Poyser

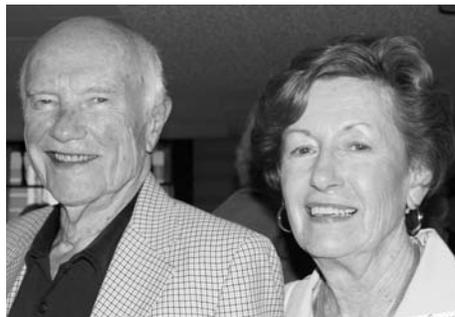
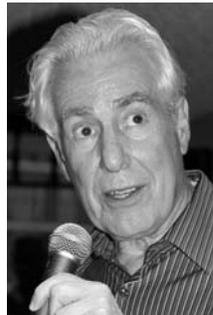
What better testimonial to our vibrant, multigenerational condo family than a rousing 45th anniversary party, especially with our building's venerable architect, John Macsai, as the guest of honor! At 90 – double the age of our building – Macsai's vibrant spirit and ironic humor are testimony to a remarkable life of genuine passion for his craft (more about him later).



John Macsai

Our equally venerable Windjammer Room was packed to capacity on June 11, a fine spring evening. The festivities brought together original owners and Malibu East newbies to reminisce and raise a cheer to all that makes our 45-year-old building special. Organized by our tireless Board member and Social Committee chair Sandy Chaet, a great many people made sure that this would be a memorable party.

Larry Rosen designed the party invitation; property manager Violette Deschamps and her assistant, Lynda Hughes, coordinated support from the office; maintenance staffers Armando,



(Left to right and top to bottom):

Martina & Marcel Molins, Eleida Gomez, Joan Scholl, Kathy Strauss, Roulia Alakiotou-Borenstine, Dennis Delavara, Marian Davis, Vilma & Vacius Scerba, Fred & Nancy Stoesser, Avany Penaherrera, Lilliana Ristic

All photos by Tracy Poyser

### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Board meeting

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

#### Happy hour

Friday, July 29  
5:30-8:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, August 3  
7:30 p.m. - Community Room

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

Victor and many of their colleagues helped with setup, lighting and decorations; our resident DJ Dominic Wayne created an entertaining slide show of our building's history from materials supplied by Chaet and Neil Warner and kept the music lively; Tom Vaughan and Warner created the plaque for our architect; Devin Moss, Marcia Fishman and Deschamps kept the wine flowing as bartenders; Aida Calvopina tended the buffet line; and Marcel Molins gave a thoughtful and heartfelt presentation to Macsai.

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Our condolences to the family and friends of Joann Wingate Harvey



# Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

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.

## Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Attendance: Eleven Board members, two management representatives, 11 residents  
Excused: Carl Stahlheber  
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Staging of 26E" was added to Items Requiring Board Action.
- 2) "Captain's Walk renovations" was added to Old/New Business.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Joan Scholl

#### 1) Financial statement

Operating and reserve cash  
\$2,553,401  
Investment in units  
\$3,179,108 (21 units)

#### 2) Delinquencies

\$393,381, including \$206,434 from former residents

#### 3) Audit

Awaiting a final revision of 2015 audit.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1) Admissions – Martina Molins

Director Carl Chadek withdrew a motion to modify the admission procedures that he had made at the May meeting. The committee is working to focus the admission process on its primary purposes and to streamline the admission interviews.

#### 2) Architecture & Aesthetics – Carl Chadek

The elevator modernization is on schedule. The service elevator experienced a couple of outages, but the problems were fixed.

#### 3) Commercial property – Violette Deschamps

A new Captain's Walk tenant, psychotherapist Sarah Wynn, will move into unit S4 on July 1.

#### 4) Garage – Martina Molins

The garage was 57 cars below capacity as of May 31. Five residents were on the waiting list for a single self-park space. There were no damage claims in May.

#### 5) Security & Life Safety – Violette Deschamps

The City has deemed corrected all of the violations that were noted during Malibu East's life safety inspection.

#### 6) Sports – Neil Warner

New yoga class begins July 7. Committee is seeking a suitable location for installation of a basketball hoop.

#### 7) Social – Sandy Chaet

Malibu East's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary party was a success (see article, Page One). A happy hour will be held July 29, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Windjammer Room (see page 8). A white elephant sale will be held after the elevator modernization has been completed, probably in September.

#### 8) ASCO & Community Affairs – Sandy Chaet

Tiara Condominium will have a six-foot cement sidewalk installed in Park 559, next to its building and fenced off, to be used for scaffold staging for work on its facade. When the work is done in four years, Tiara will remove the sidewalk and restore the area to grass. A group is trying to get a referendum on the November ballot for voter approval to install a concrete beach walk from Osterman Beach (near Hollywood) to Loyola University.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT – Violette Deschamps

#### Items requiring immediate Board action

##### 1) Rooftop usage agreement

Contingent on defined increases in the proposed service fees, the Board approved a contract with HiPoint Technology Services for leasing space on the wall of a rooftop penthouse for the installation of radio antenna equipment, with indemnification for any damage that is done to the roof.

##### 2) Lease renewal

Directors approved a lease renewal for the renter of an Association-owned unit, along with a rent increase.

##### 3) Settlement with former owner

Board approved a settlement with a former unit owner for money owed to the Association.

##### 4) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved as amended.

##### 5) Staging of 26E

Directors approved funds to stage an Association-owned unit for sale if it can be done within a predetermined cost limit for six months.

#### Old/new business

##### 1) Laundry vending machines/braille

Awaiting proposals.

##### 2) Maintenance of condensate lines

Lines were successfully rodded and flushed.

##### 3) Elevator modernization

Proceeding on schedule.

##### 4) Captain's Walk stairwell project

Management will review the drawings.

##### 5) Rooftop conduit securement

Project is nearly completed.

##### 6) Captain's Walk leasing

See "Commercial property" under committee reports.

##### 7) Captain's Walk ATM

Management and realtor for commercial unit are investigating options to replace the ATM.

##### 8) Association-owned units

Association owns 21 units, of which 14 are rented and seven are vacant although two of the rented units will become vacant by July 1. Of the seven currently vacant units, two are for sale, one is for rent and four are being renovated. Board will likely put 16B up for sale. When renovations are finished in these units, the Board may schedule another open house for residents. As of June 28, only 10 Malibu East units were listed for sale on the Multiple Listing Service, possibly the lowest number in recent years.

##### 9) Captain's Walk renovations

Directors anticipate making renovations in the Captain's Walk, but they will have to be done in a well-planned sequence so that any unfixed problems don't spoil the initial upgrades.

The meeting ended at 9:33 p.m. and went into closed session.

## Sign-up sheets

Are you looking for someone with whom you can play billiards or table tennis? How about a jogging or walking partner, or a tennis opponent? Maybe you'd like to play cards but don't know another resident who enjoys a card game.

If you fit any of these descriptions, go to the Management Office, which has lists for the following activities: billiards, board games, chess, handball, jogging, playing cards, racquetball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, walking.

Put your name, contact information and current date on the appropriate list, and potential partners will then be able to contact each other.



## What's happening around the building

*By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager*

**AIRBNB:** Airbnb hosting and similar home-sharing services are not allowed at Malibu East or, for that matter, in most condominium associations, as it is a short-term rental in violation of the 12-month minimum rental term provision contained in our Rules, as well as prohibitions in our Declaration.

A lot of people found the concept of the Airbnb very compelling, considering the amount of revenue that may be expected from that business. But remember, a violation of this nature will lead to a very hefty fine that is billed to the unit owner, whether or not the unit owner was aware of the hosting violation, potentially in an amount equal to the revenue collected through the short-term rental of one or several rooms in a given unit. Off-site unit owners should routinely verify the nature of the activities conducted by the occupants of their units since the owners are entirely liable for any violations stemming for those activities.

In addition to most condominium properties forbidding Airbnb hosting, these short-term rentals are gaining a bad reputation across the country. Here is some Information provided by Dean Lerner, our property supervisor at Sudler:

- Chicago recently passed an ordinance that will tack a 4% surcharge onto short-term rentals and require hosts to register their units with the City. It also lets residential neighborhoods petition to have these short-term listings banned in their neighborhood.
- A pending New York bill would make it illegal for many people to list their entire apartments on sites like Airbnb for a stay of less than 30 days. Hosts violating the ban in the state would face fines up to \$7,500.
- In Airbnb's hometown of San Francisco, a new rule set to take effect on July 27 will require all hosts to register with the city. Instead of fining hosts, the San Francisco law would fine the rental companies up to \$1,000 a day for each unregistered listing, putting the burden on the

companies to make sure each listing is legal.

- Other cities like Seattle and New Orleans are still weighing legislative options. They include surcharges, annual caps on rentals and safety regulations.

### **FAÇADE AND BALCONY PROJECT:**

We have received a large number of surveys and pictures that were transmitted to KGH, the architects overseeing our upcoming balcony/facade project. Warmest thanks to all of you. We continue to gather and mail late surveys to the architects. The more information we provide to KGH, the better. We even would like to hear from the residents who found their balconies, railings and walls in good condition; that information is also very pertinent to the architects. Do not hesitate to contact management with any questions or requests.

**ELEVATOR PROJECT:** The elevator project is progressing slightly ahead of schedule.

**MOVE AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE:** As you are all aware, elevators #1 and #2 are currently out of service for modernization work; this leaves us with three operating, modernized cars. We are aware that many of you have experienced some difficulties in going up or down in the building, having to wait for an elevator to respond to your call. In order to help you adjust your departure schedule or arrival time, we have summarized below the move and delivery activities for the service elevator known as of the publication deadline:

Week of July 5-8 and July 11: Moves scheduled each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Week of July 5-8: Multiple deliveries scheduled during the day.

Week of July 28-Aug. 1: Moves scheduled each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in addition to multiple deliveries.

Weeks of July 12-15 and 18-22: No scheduled moves as of June 30.

Keep in mind that this schedule may change daily.

Until completion of the elevator project, only one move can be scheduled during any weekday, from 10 a.m. to

4 p.m.; no move is permitted on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

**DOG TRANSPORTATION:** Be aware of the following regarding the service elevator and dogs:

- The service elevator is primarily dedicated to pet transportation, residents and guests in swimming attire or with carts, deliveries and moves, and others of similar nature;
- The Board is allowing any other passenger who otherwise wouldn't qualify, to use the service elevator during the modernization project;
- If you use the service elevator as a passenger during the modernization project with no pet, no cart, no swimming attire, etc., please keep in mind that dogs have the right to be transported in the service elevator while you are in the elevator.
- No passenger can thwart dog owners from using the service elevator with their pet, at any time, unless the service elevator has been reserved for a move.

### **UP AND DOWN CALL BUTTONS:**

Many of you have noticed that an elevator will skip your floor or the Lobby even though you have pressed the UP or DOWN button. The new elevators' computer constantly calculates the weight and estimates the number of persons in the cab in order to determine whether more passengers can get on a given elevator. If the computer determines that one elevator cab is at full capacity; it will designate the other elevator to take your call and order the full elevator to skip floors without any more stops, even if that full elevator was the closest to your location. Further, it does not help to press both UP and DOWN buttons at the same time. With the new computer system, unnecessarily pressing a call button will slow down the overall transportation time for all users. Anderson Elevator is advising us to refrain from pressing the UP and DOWN buttons at the same time.

**ELEVATOR CITY INSPECTION:** The City will perform a night test/inspection for all five modernized elevators at the same time. This night test/inspection will take place sometime in September or early October, subject to the completion

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## 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

chiplib.org/locations/28

#### EDGEWATER GREEK FEST

Greek food, craft beer, Grecian dancers, live music, church tours, books, children's activities, valet parking, raffle prizes up to \$5,000. \$3 admission.

Sat., July 9, 3-11 p.m.;

Sun, July 10, noon-11 p.m.

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church

5649 N. Sheridan Road

773-334-4515

standreorthodox.org

#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New exhibit: "Edgewater Beach Hotel 100 Years Later"

Regular museum hours:

Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

5358 N. Ashland Ave.

773-506-4849

www.EdgewaterHistory.org

#### WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER

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

#### IDLE MUSE THEATRE

##### "The Woman Who Amuses Herself" by Victor Lodato

In 1911, a worker at the Louvre walked out of the museum with the Mona Lisa hidden under his coat and then spent two years in his Paris apartment alone with the mysteriously smiling woman as his muse.

Thru July 24

The Edge Theater

5451 N. Broadway

773-340-9438

idlemuse.org

#### LIFELINE THEATRE

##### "Northanger Abbey"

Take a turn through the ballrooms of Bath and unravel the mysteries of Northanger Abbey in a world premiere musical based on the satirical 1817 comedy of manners by Jane Austen.

Thru Aug. 13

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

#### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

##### George Baker organ concert

Sunday, July 17, 3 p.m.; free

Madonna della Strada Chapel

SE side of campus at lakefront

blogs.luc.edu/artsalive/

events/

#### RAVEN THEATRE

##### "Direct from Death Row the Scottsboro Boys" by Mark Stein

Nine African-American teenagers falsely accused in 1931 of assaulting two white Alabama women spent decades in the legal system fighting for their lives. Return of 2016 Jeff Award winner.

July 21 thru Aug. 27

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

#### REDTWIN THEATRE

##### "The Seedbed" by Bryan Delaney

The seed of a powerful and toxic accusation – which may or may not be true – is planted, and it entangles all lives in a delicate family dynamic.

Thru July 17

##### "Eroica" by David Alex

Set in 1966, this play is the story of Sally, a woman patriot living in small town USA, who must balance her love

for her husband with her patriotic ideals. By Azusa Productions.

July 9 thru Aug. 7

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwinst.org

#### STEEP THEATRE

##### "Wastwater" by Simon Stephens

A look at three relationships, each sitting on the edge of a defining decision. What are the consequences of the choices we make? A U.S.

premiere by Tony Award-winning playwright. For mature audiences.

July 2 thru Aug. 13

1115 W. Berwyn Ave.

773-649-3186

steeptheatre.com

#### THEATER ON THE LAKE

##### "The Hairy Ape" by Eugene O'Neill

Six African-American actors portray multiple roles in this harrowing critique of class stratification. By Oracle Productions. Tickets free; reserve online.

July 6-17

##### "The Awake" by Ken Urban

Moving between dreams and waking life, this award-winning play explores the unspoken culture of fear that is the new normal of American life. A First Floor Theater production. \$10. July 20-31

Berger Park Coach House

6205 N. Sheridan Road

312-742-7994

chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/theater-on-the-lake

#### THREE CAT PRODUCTIONS

##### "Cabaret on the Lake"

Experienced performers split the bill with artists learning their craft or trying new material for the first time. Free.

Friday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.

##### "Between the Sheets" by Anthony Seed

Two young escorts find themselves in bed together at a fancy New York hotel and provide service to one another before discovering that both are escorts. A staged reading. Free. Monday, July 18, 7 p.m.

Berger Park Cultural Center

6205 N. Sheridan Road

312-970-9840

threecatproductions.com

## Japanese-American internment timely today

By Neil Warner

Recollections of the internment of Japanese Americans in the United States during World War II can't help but hold a mirror up to some of the rhetoric being heard during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign.



This uneasy realization became apparent when two Japanese Americans spoke about "The Japanese-American Experience in the Internment Camps" at the Edgewater Historical Society's 2016 annual meeting on March 19 at the Edgewater branch library. The lecture was part of EHS' "Voices of Edgewater" exhibit on the history of immigration in this area, which closed in May.

Jean Mishima, the president of the Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, and Richard Hidaka spoke to a packed room of 75 people about their personal experiences when their families were sent to internment camps in 1942. The internments were the outgrowth of fears that were stoked following Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and the United States' subsequent declaration of war on Japan. Rumors were spread that the Japanese Americans would sabotage the U.S. war effort.

Then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt was pressured to isolate Japanese Americans by various groups – including a worried U.S. population, the military, politicians who wanted to curry favor with their non-Asian constituents, and West Coast farmers who wanted to eliminate their primary competitors, Japanese-American farmers. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 about two months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, ordering all Japanese Americans to evacuate the West Coast. They were permitted to move east if they had sponsors waiting for them. However, most were put in impossible situations as their families were often established in communities with good jobs and sometimes even owned their own businesses.

As a result, more than 110,000 people, many of whom were American citizens, were sent to 10 remote, military-style internment camps, mostly in the West. The internees were forced to sell their property for a fraction of its value or, in some cases, abandon it without compensation.

Ironically, Japanese Americans living in other parts of the U.S., even Hawaii (whose population was roughly one-third Japanese Americans), weren't interned – only those living on the West Coast were.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the internment order by a 6-3 vote in 1944.

Jean Mishima was seven years old when her family was sent to the Gila River, Ariz., camp. "I have memories of the camp, but I didn't realize I was interned until I was in my 20s," she said. Mishima said that discrimination against Asians in California predated the internment order, as Asians had previously been prohibited from testifying against Caucasians or marrying one.

Each internment camp – or relocation center, as some were euphemistically called – had its own newspaper, hospital, dining halls and churches. Each family had a living space about 20-by-25, with hung blankets providing the little privacy that was possible.

Boredom was an obstacle for many at the camps. Equipment and uniforms for sports and other activities were extremely limited or nonexistent. The internees were expected to buy such things with their own money.

"It was boring," said Richard Hidaka, who was in his teens while living at the Granada Relocation Center in Colorado, the smallest of the camps with about 7,300 internees. "We played a lot of cards. I got pretty good at pinochle." He said they also played some baseball but didn't have much equipment.

As you can imagine, the teenagers were capable of getting into mischief with so few outlets for their energy. Hidaka recalled that occasionally some boys in the camp would hijack a camp police car at night and take it for joyrides.

However, internees rarely tried to escape. "They had nowhere to go," Hidaka said. "They would have stood

out (if they had tried to integrate into the general population)."

Some internees were given an opportunity to join the U.S. armed forces, and an estimated 3,600 did. Another 22,000 from outside the relocation zone and from Hawaii likewise enlisted.

The federal government began a relocation program for internees in 1943, if they could find jobs. Chicago was one city that welcomed Japanese Americans. According to EHS, "the Edgewater Beach Hotel was one of a handful of employers in Chicago that hired relocated internees during the war; before then there were only about 300 Japanese Americans in all of Chicago, with numbers increasing dramatically thereafter, largely on the North Side."

Some internees were allowed to return to the West Coast beginning in 1945, the year that the war ended, and the last camp closed in March 1946.

In 1988, Congress awarded restitution payments to each survivor of the camps – a recognition that the internments had been monumental errors of judgment, partly precipitated by ethnic prejudice.

### Management report

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of the modernization and the availability of the City inspector. The night test/inspection may take from five to seven hours. Anderson Elevator will provide a date and approximate timetable after establishing the inspection protocol with the City of Chicago. We will publicize the night inspection schedule and request that you contact management if you need to leave your home or be transported to your floor during that night while the inspection is under way. Anderson Elevator will transport residents and guests based on respective needs by manually operating one of the elevators.

The elevator modernization project is anticipated to be completed by September 2016, which is earlier than the estimated completion date when we started the project.

## High-rise safety: Know what to do

By Neil Warner

If a fire would happen to break out at Malibu East, the keys to staying safe are knowing your building and knowing the dos and don'ts of residential high-rise safety.

That was the message that Officer Jeffrey Chavers of the Chicago Fire Department's public education unit delivered to approximately 20 residents on June 4 in the Windjammer Room. In a presentation planned by Social Committee chair Sandy Chaet, Chavers was making an encore visit after a 2012 appearance.

"To make it simple: If the fire isn't in your unit, stay in your unit - unless directed to leave by the Fire Department," Chavers stressed.

Your unit will usually be the safest place you can be - as long as the fire isn't in your unit. As evidence of that, every fire in the 45-year history of Malibu East has been contained to the unit in which it started. (Nationally, 94% of high-rises fires are contained in the unit or room of origin.) Smoke will likely travel outside the originating unit, but rarely will the fire itself, because of the fire-resistant materials used in high-rise construction, including the fire-rated unit doors. National statistics show that less than one percent of fire-related deaths occur in high-rise buildings.

To make certain that the fire stays contained, keep your unit doors and balcony doors closed, as oxygen will fuel the fire. If smoke is infiltrating your unit, place a towel at the bottom of your doors to the hallway. If you still find that it's difficult to breathe, phone 911 and explain your breathing difficulty, then crack open a balcony door to get some fresh air to breathe.

Avoid going onto the balcony if that's possible.

As part of Malibu East's compliance with the City's life safety requirements, red speakers were installed on each floor, so that the Fire Department can communicate with residents on each floor. Also, phones were installed in the stairwells for the exclusive use of the fire personnel. And, as part of our elevator modernization, smoke detectors are being installed in the hallways on each floor and an automatic recall system by which any fire notification in the building will direct all elevators to immediately go to the Lobby level and be locked off for the exclusive use of the Fire Department.

Do you know how many stairwells we have, where they are located, and how they are identified? Officer Chavers posed these questions to a number of residents at the safety meeting, and several couldn't answer all, or any, of the questions. We have two stairwells, labeled east and west, that run from the 45th floor to the lower level, with doors near the C unit (east) and across from the bulk garbage room (west). In certain circumstances, fire personnel may instruct residents to evacuate their units via a specific stairwell (east or west), so you should familiarize yourself with the location so that you can find it in a smoke-filled hallway.

To remember what to do in case of a fire, remember the acronym **CALM**. **C**all 911 first. **A**lert the doorman and other residents. **L**isten for instructions from fire officials. **M**ove to safety or evacuate only if you're in immediate danger.

The list of don'ts in case of a fire includes:

- Don't take the elevator.
- Don't open your windows (unless necessary to breathe).

- Don't break a window.
- Don't leave a door open to the hallway for your pet to escape.
- Don't go to the roof or onto your balcony. It may be more difficult, if not impossible, to rescue you from either location.

Chavers says that each unit should have an ABC fire extinguisher that is kept in the kitchen, where 59% of residential high-rise fires originate. They are inexpensive, generally have a 10-year life and can be purchased at most hardware and home improvement stores.

Chavers offered residents the following safety tips:

- Have a working smoke detector in your unit. Change the battery whenever daylight-saving time begins or ends.
- Before entering a hallway or a stairwell, check it for heat and/or smoke. Place the back of your hand against your doorknob to check for heat in the hallway before opening your door.
- Keep a spare unit key and a flashlight in a cotton bag near your bed or on your doorknob.

A resident mentioned that she will sometimes smell smoke but can't identify where it's coming from, so she will notify the doorman. Generally, it's a false alarm. Chavers strongly suggested that, in such circumstances, a resident should first call 911, then notify the doorman. "That's what you're paying your taxes for," Chavers said, referring to the Fire Department responding to such calls. "I'd rather err on the side of caution."

More information about residential high-rise safety can be found online at [www.ci.tyofchicago.org/fire](http://www.ci.tyofchicago.org/fire). You can also email a question to [fireeducation@ci.tyofchicago.org](mailto:fireeducation@ci.tyofchicago.org) or phone 312-747-6691 and ask for Officer Chavers.

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**Anniversary party**  
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A very special thanks to one of our original owners, renowned architect Roula Alakiotou-Borenstine, who helped us connect with our special guest, Macsai, and his delightful wife, Gerry, and looked after their comfort throughout the evening.

Party participants were encouraged to wear stick-on name tags with their unit number and the year they moved to Malibu East – a nice way to facilitate conversation, especially for those of us who tend to forget names and are embarrassed to ask people we’ve seen in the elevator for umpteen years. Next, armed with liquid libations from wine and bubbly to soft drinks, we enjoyed a lavish hot and cold appetizer buffet with a great variety of offerings, including desserts, many of which had been contributed by neighbors. That made for a delicious mix of ethnic and more traditional dishes in keeping with the United Nations flavor of our community.

After the first hour of socializing and munching, our “mistress of ceremonies” (Chaet) launched into the presen-

tation part of the evening. She began by asking the original owners to step forward and introduce themselves. Malibu East’s 45-year veterans included Roula Alakiotou-Borenstine, Marian Davis, Bobbie DeFrancesca, Dennis Delavara, Eleida Gomez, Adeline Kalant, Martina and Marcel Molins, Joseph Montgomery, Avany and George Penaherrera, Liliana Ristic, Vilma and Vacius Scerba, Joan Scholl, Nancy and Fred Stoesser, and Kathy Strauss. The remaining original owners unfortunately couldn’t join us: Carrie Cohen, Jean and Fritz Gaertner, Constance Montgomery, Inge and George Nimitz, Clara Pate, Anna and Erkan Sayrun, and Betty and Percy Smith. We hope they were with us in spirit.

A brief, lively slide presentation followed, featuring photos from Malibu East’s early days to the present. Some of them caused quite a bit of hilarity when residents spotted their youthful selves in those shots from long ago when the men still had all their hair.

The highlight of the evening was Board president Marcel Molins’ presentation of a special recognition award to our building’s renowned architect, Macsai. Molins reflected on all

the merits and features of our building, and how much Macsai’s inspired design and sound construction specifications contributed to the excellent quality of life for our residents from day one. Aided by vice president Vaughan, Molins presented our architect with the following certificate of appreciation:

“Malibu East Condominium recognizes and thanks John Macsai.

“At the 45th anniversary of Malibu East Condominium, its residents salute the building’s architect, John Macsai, for his Architectural Design Excellence. During the chaotic infancy of condominium development in Chicago, Mr. Macsai applied discipline, order and good design principles that have withstood time and design trends. Malibu East residents are proud of their building and hereby recognize Mr. Macsai’s important contribution to their quality of life.

“Presented with unanimous agreement by the Board of Directors, June 11, 2016.”

Before getting to Macsai’s acceptance comments, here’s a bit more about his background and life from a long,

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interesting article by Tal Rosenberg in the March 31 issue of the Chicago Reader entitled "John Macsai's architecture by accident" (the article is available online at ChicagoReader.com):

Born John Lusztig in Budapest, Hungary, on May 20, 1926, Macsai had a love for drawing and art that started in early childhood, and in 1944 he graduated from what is now the Hungarian University of Fine Arts. Having survived the Holocaust and faced with residual anti-Semitism in Hungary, he changed his last name to Macsai in 1946, after the town of his ancestry. With communism threatening Hungary, Macsai applied for and was awarded a scholarship in the United States by the Hillel Foundation in 1947, and he got a job at Chicago architecture firm Holabird & Root straight out of college. From there, he joined Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, was a partner at Hauser & Macsai from 1955-71, and his own firm from 1975-90. A pioneer in residential high-rise development, Macsai designed a number of famous Chicago buildings in addition to Malibu East, including Lincolnwood's iconic purple Hyatt Hotel, 1150 N. Lake Shore Drive, the Waterford Condominiums, and Harbor House at 3200 N. Lake Shore Drive. He finally retired in 2000 but stayed vitally involved in his profession. He and Gerry have been married for 66 years and live in Evanston. They have three daughters and a son.

**"Town Crier"  
announcements  
by Lynda Hughes**

We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

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

In spite of his physical frailty at 90, John has a twinkle in his eye and a lively sense of humor. His stories and reminiscences after receiving his certificate of appreciation turned the audience into an instant fan club. He was clearly moved by the fact that his vision for our building – one of the early condo high-rises in Chicago – had come true. He had wanted it to be a place where people cared for each other, brought up children and enjoyed pets, grew old, and could exercise, play and socialize.

He had to fight quite a few battles with the original developers, Dunbar Builders. "Too many tightwads who wanted to go cheap" and, as he colorfully put it, made the architects "urinate blood." "They don't want to spend money, even if it's spent well," he mused, commenting that other buildings where shortcuts were made out of greed often paid the price later. It wasn't always easy to stick to his guns, but he and his team of architects/engineers put a lot of energy into making our building attractive and functioning well. The wood paneling in our Billiard Room actually came from the old appellate court building on Lake

Shore Drive.

We could have listened to Macsai's stories for much longer, but he relinquished the microphone after speaking for several minutes, citing his age and the need for his beauty sleep. Both John and his Gerry were clearly touched by the joy and gratitude our residents expressed, and they later left the party to lively applause.

The last "official act" of the evening was the cutting of a delicious birthday cake for the building, ably executed by Aida Calvopina, who had also contributed a lovely mousse dessert. And our DJ made sure that his music selection got people dancing.

The happy faces in our photos speak louder than words. I sure hope all of us will be around for the golden anniversary in 2021!

## Happy hour

Friday, July 29, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Windjammer Room

Wine and soda provided

Bring a snack, finger food  
or appetizer to share

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