

# Malibu East Dialogue

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## Evanston bestows honor on Malibu East resident

By Tracy Poyser

During my 10 years as a volunteer staff writer for the *Dialogue*, I have had the pleasure of interviewing many wonderful residents, but rarely someone like Clara Hairston Pate, whose amazing life force never let anything stand in her way despite the odds.



Our neighbor Richard Hicks had alerted us that the City of Evanston had honored Clara's long and successful tenure as a former Oakton Elementary School principal and District 65 teacher with her very own street name: The portion of Oakton Street between Ridge and Barton avenues has now been designated as "Clara Hairston Pate Way."

The Evanston City Council approved the resolution in June, and the official

ceremony took place on Aug. 25 on the school lawn at 436 Ridge Ave., attended by a large contingent of former and present-day students, fellow educators, friends and Evanston city officials. For more details, you can Google "Clara Pate Street Name Evanston Review," and it'll pop right up.

It's clear from listening to Clara that kids and teaching were her life – and that of her beloved late husband, Edward Pate, who passed away in March 2015. It was a great joy to her that, in 1971, Edward became the first African American principal of Chute Middle School, a stone's throw away from Oakton Elementary. That meant that "Pate's Kids," as Clara's students were lovingly known, could go right from Clara's caring leadership into that of Edward, and the couple were able to support each other and gain strength from their shared passion as educators.



Clara's teaching tenure in Evanston from 1963 to 1994 included many firsts: the first African American female principal of Evanston's College Hill, Timber Ridge and Oakton schools; the first principal to implement an all-day kindergarten program, a breakfast program and three special education classrooms; the first guidance counselor in District 65; and the first to introduce team teaching, among other groundbreaking initiatives. But that doesn't even begin to express Clara's

passion, resilience, pride, diplomacy and grace in the face of incidents of racism, which struck me when I listened to her telling me about her and her Edward's life together. And, she never backed away from challenging school bureaucracy that didn't make sense, personally nurturing kids in need of special encouragement, or creating an open-door policy where none had existed before.

Both Clara and Edward were born in 1936 in Winston-Salem, N.C., where they attended excellent, though segregated, schools. While in college in Durham, N.C., and Baltimore, respectively, they met at a winter-break party in 1954 and married on Nov. 8, 1958, in Chicago, where both had found teaching positions. Not surprisingly, given the pervasive undercurrent of racism at the time, social and civic engagement soon became an integral part of their lives, including civil rights lunch counter sit-in demonstrations.

Clara recounted several glaring examples of overt prejudice:

In 1958, when Clara and Edward went in person to book Hyde Park's Ramada Inn Lake Shore for their wedding reception, they were shocked when the hotel staff told them that the space wasn't available for that date, which she knew wasn't true because they had checked earlier and were told that the hotel *did* have space available. Although they had to cram their large gathering of family and friends into her cousin's house, it was a memorable and joyous wedding day. (A quick fast-forward: When she planned their big 50th anniversary on Nov. 8, 2008, Clara, intrepid and dignified as always, went to the very same Ramada Inn and told the manager how they had been treated 50 years earlier. The manager was deeply apologetic and made sure they got absolutely the best function space

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### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Board/special owners meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 15  
7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, Nov. 17  
2:00 p.m. - Community Room  
(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

#### Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 7  
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)



# Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

## Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016

Attendance: Nine Board members, two management representatives, three residents

Excused: Marcel Molins, Martina Molins, Sriram Sitaraman

Presiding: 1st vice president Thomas Vaughan

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "18H sliding glass door" was added to Old/New Business.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Joan Scholl

#### 1) Financial statement as of Sept. 30

Operating and reserve cash  
\$2,656,792  
Investment in units  
\$3,334,196 (21 units)  
Excess of operating revenue over expenses  
\$553,003

#### 2) Delinquencies

\$394,411, including \$271,821 from former residents, less \$275,000 allowance for doubtful accounts

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Board approved an additional expenditure for new weather mats in common areas.

#### 2) Garage – Thomas Vaughan

The garage was 38 cars below capacity as of Sept. 30. Fifteen residents were on waiting list for single self-park space. There was one damage claim in September; it was denied.

#### 3) Long-Range Planning – Carl Stahlheber

Committee will develop plan to prioritize major projects to be undertaken in next few years.

#### 4) Pet – Sandy Chaet

Management identified and dealt with resident whose dog was improperly using our common areas.

#### 5) Social – Sandy Chaet

Holiday party will be held at 6 p.m., Dec. 14 in Lobby, with live music provided. A New Year's Eve party will be held on Dec. 31 in Windjammer Room. Details to follow.

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

48th Ward Ald. Harry Osterman has proposed a fenced-in dog park be built, possibly in the spring, east of Lake Shore Drive near Bryn Mawr. He's looking for residents who wish to participate on a

committee that will plan and monitor the project. ASCO will hold its general meeting in Windjammer Room at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, with ASCO legal counsel Michael Kim speaking about legislation that affects condominiums. Residents are welcome to attend.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT – Violette Deschamps

#### Items requiring immediate Board action

##### 1) 2016-17 Board calendar

Directors suggested changes to proposed calendar; a revised version will be discussed in November.

##### 2) Kitchen drainpipe on third floor

Board approved a vendor's proposal to replace the eight-inch drainpipe on the third floor serving multiple tiers' kitchen drains.

##### 3) Carpet cleaning

Directors approved a vendor's proposal to more thoroughly clean the hallway carpeting on all residential floors.

##### 4) Service elevator flooring

Tabled.

##### 5) Request for religious display

Board approved a request to display religious symbols in Community Room for Hanukkah.

##### 6) Lease and prepayment

Directors approved a two-year lease for an Association-owned unit with prepayment of 12 months' rent.

##### 7) Lease extension

Board approved a two-month lease extension for an Association-owned unit.

##### 8) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved as amended.

#### Old/new business

##### 1) 18L sale

Owners will be asked to exercise right of first refusal.

##### 2) 35F sale

Owners will be asked to exercise right of first refusal.

##### 3) Elevator report

Touch screens in elevators will be modified to make them more user-friendly.

##### 4) Facade project

Under review.

##### 5) CMU repairs in unit 41M

Board authorized repair of west exterior wall in 41M.

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

Nothing new.

##### 7) Captain's Walk restrooms

Directors authorized a change in vendors at management's discretion.

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.

#### 8) 18H sliding glass door

Board authorized the replacement of living room window unit in Association-owned unit 18H.

#### 9) Captain's Walk leasing

Directors discussed a potential new commercial tenant's letter of intent.

#### 10) Captain's Walk ATM

Board approved the installation of free-standing ATM in Captain's Walk by Bridgeview Bank.

#### 11) Captain's Walk internet service

Nothing new.

#### 12) Captain's Walk interior designer

Management received a proposal from a fourth bidder.

#### 13) Realtor report

Our broker reported on viewings of Association-owned units.

#### 14) Rules revision

Nothing new.

#### 15) Association-owned units

After sale of unit 26E in early October, Malibu East owns 20 units, of which 15 are rented and five are for sale or being renovated for sale.

#### 16) Directors' conflict of interest

Directors are being asked to sign conflict of interest statements, as required annually.

#### 17) Malibu-Malibu East meeting

Nothing new.

The meeting ended at 9:11 p.m. and went into closed session.

**If you notice a hallway spill or accident, immediately notify the front desk for a clean-up.**

**"Town Crier"  
announcements  
by Melody Keegan**

We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

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



## What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

**RECYCLING:** The City of Chicago has a website to inform and update us on its recycling program: [recyclecity.com/chicago](http://recyclecity.com/chicago). Here is a very informative quiz extracted from the City's website.

Can we recycle the following?

- Envelopes with plastic windows? Yes, because the little plastic windows are removed during the paper recycling process.
- Waxed cartons? Yes, they are all recyclable whether they contained juice, milk or another kind of beverage.
- Polystyrene #6 (Styrofoam food containers, beverage cups, packing peanuts, foam blocks and coolers)? Not recyclable; it must be wrapped with your regular garbage and placed down the chute. You may want to patronize vendors that don't use these non-recyclable items.
- Snack and chip bags? Not recyclable because they are a mix of plastic and metallic foil that cannot be separated at the recycling facility.
- Greasy or food-encrusted cardboard and paper (pizza box, etc.)? Tear off the greasy and food encrusted parts and dispose of them with your regular garbage and recycle the rest.
- Kitty litter and laundry jugs? The containers are recyclable up to five gallons in size. The metal handles, if any, are to be disposed in the regular trash.
- Composite hot beverage cups commonly used for carryout for coffee, tea, etc.? Not recyclable because they contain a plastic lining that cannot be separated at the recycling facility. Asking for a real cup so you can consume the beverage at the coffee shop or switching to a vendor that uses reusable cups even once a day can save five trees over 10 years.
- Plastic bottles containing kitchen or bathroom cleaners? Yes, they are recyclable with the plastic caps left on. But you must dispose of nozzles or pumps in the regular trash because of the metal parts.
- Plastic bags? Not recyclable by the City. As of Jan. 1, recyclables need to be placed loosely in the blue cart, without a bag (paper or plastic). Plastic bags of any kind are no longer accepted, even those with a number on them.
- Paper that has been wet? No, because any liquid, including rainwater, shortens paper's

fibers, making it less valuable for recycling.

- Bagged newspapers? The plastic wrap needs to be removed before the newspapers are recycled.
- Plastic wrap, film and bags? No, they are not accepted by the City but can be lumped together and recycled at most grocery stores in the City.

Do recyclables have to be spotless? No, as long as they are empty and rinsed and any sticky residue (peanut butter, mayonnaise, etc.) has been wiped off with a napkin or paper towel.

**ELEVATOR RULES:** Please keep in mind that the Board of Directors has reinstated, as of Oct. 1, the permanent rules regarding the use of our elevators.

What does it mean to you?

- Passengers with no pets or large carts or suitcases must take one of the passenger elevators. This applies to all residents, even if they live at the west end of a floor.
- Residents who are only passengers shall use only the passenger elevators.
- Residents and their guests who are dressed in swimming attire and all persons with tools, pets, bicycles, cleaning equipment, shopping carts, laundry carts, building service carts or very large buggies must use the service elevator, unless the service elevator is out of service.
- Two move reservations are allowed during the weekdays, with morning and afternoon slots.
- No moves are authorized on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.
- No delivery of any item or items that require more than one person to carry such item or items, or which cannot be loaded in one grocery cart or on one dolly, will be permitted on Saturdays, unless such delivery has been authorized by the Management Office.

**CARPET CLEANING:** The Board of Directors has hired a professional carpet cleaning company to clean the hallway carpeting on all residential floors. We expect the cleaning of all floors to take place after Thanksgiving.

**KITCHEN DRAINPIPE ON THIRD FLOOR:** Please be aware that the Board of Directors has hired a plumbing company to proceed with the replacement of several sections of

the main drain kitchen pipe on the third floor. You can see the pipes to be replaced, which are taped in black, in the corridor of the third floor. We will notify you of this work ahead of time via email blast, door drop and bulletin board posting once the exact dates have been established by the plumber. This is a project that will take about five days to complete.

What does it mean to you?

- We will notify you at least three days before the work is initiated.
- This work will be done after Thanksgiving.
- You will not be able to use your kitchen sinks, faucets and dishwashers during a specific timetable on those repair days.
- You will, however, be able to use your kitchen, with no restriction, on those repair days starting at about 4 or 5 p.m. and throughout the night.

**ATM MACHINE:** Great news: Bridgeview Bank will install a free-standing ATM in the Captain's Walk on a trial basis. The installation will take place during the first week of November. The ATM will allow you to draw cash for a small fee unless you have an account at Bridgeview Bank, in which case the fee will be waived. If the number of monthly transactions exceeds the expected benchmark established by Bridgeview, the ATM may lead to Bridgeview having a modest part-time presence in the Captain's Walk for Bridgeview's clients to open bank accounts, manage transactions, deposit checks, order checkbooks and so forth.

**FLYING OBJECTS:** This is the season when we are reminding you to secure all furniture and items placed on your balconies, including your window screens. The winter and resulting winds can be brutal; objects flying off balconies (screens, jars, chairs, bottles, flowerpots and planters, etc.) may cause serious damage to other properties and, more importantly, injuries to people. Do not wait to do this work as we advance into the winter season. Once the weather turns cold and we get snow, you may become discouraged to go out on your balconies and brave the weather in order to take care of items that you failed to secure earlier, when the weather was nice, which is now. Do not wait and do not underestimate the force of the winds accelerating around the building due to its shape and height – we sometimes can hardly walk on the sundeck or on the adjacent Sheridan and Glenlake streets due to the winds.



## 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.

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5917 N. Broadway

312-742-7502

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#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Current 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

#### ARTEMISIA THEATRE

"Shrewish," adapted by Barbara Zahora

Shakespeare's angel-faced gang tames a bad boy Kate in this sassy, gender-swapping version of "Taming of the Shrew."

Nov. 4-20

The Edge Theater

5451 N. Broadway

312-725-3780

artemisiatheatre.org

#### COCK AND BULL THEATRE

"Lecherous Honey" by Megan Breen

A contemporary adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's 19th century play "Ghosts" about societal taboos, this play traps the audience in the mind of the protagonist, Helene Alving, and is performed for small audiences in multiple locations inside a mansion.

Thru Nov. 12

Berger Park north mansion

6219 N. Sheridan Road

773-761-0376

cockandbultheatre.org

#### JACKALOPE THEATRE

"Octagon" by Kristiana Rae Colón

The Octagon. The fiercest arena of lyrical battle on the planet, where eight poets bare all to become immortal. But backstage, as relationships fray and silence resounds, whose freedom is worthy of speech?

Thru Nov. 20

Broadway Armory Park

5917 N. Broadway

773-340-2543

jackalopetheatre.org

#### LIFELINE THEATRE

"Miss Holmes" by Christopher M. Walsh

A thrilling murder mystery that re-introduces familiar characters from the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle under a brand-new light, in a world premiere production.

Thru Nov. 27

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

#### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

"Dances of Death and Light"

Annual dance concert

Dec. 1-4

Newhart Family Theatre

Mundelein Center/Fine & Performing

Arts

1020 W. Sheridan

artsevents.luc.edu/events

#### PRIDE FILMS & PLAYS

"Resolution" by Nancy Nyman and Heather McNama

New Year's Eve, New York City, 1892.

High-society husband and wife Jack and Hannah make their resolutions for the coming year, but a discovery may change everything.

Thru Nov. 20

Rivendell Theatre

5779 N. Ridge

800-737-0984

pri defi | msandplays.com

#### RAVEN THEATRE

"Red Velvet" by Lolita Chakrabarti

In 1833 London, a young African-American actor was called in to take over the role of Othello after Edmund Kean had collapsed on stage while playing Othello. Outside the theater, the public was rioting in the streets over the abolition of slavery, but inside, another revolution was about to begin.

Thru Nov. 27

"Betrayal" by Harold Pinter

Jerry, a successful and married London literary agent, has a nine-year affair with Emma, the wife of his publisher best friend Robert. What happens when we break the rules requiring fidelity to one's spouse and loyalty to our friends?

Thru Dec. 17

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

#### REDTWIST THEATRE

"Turtle" by Jake Jeppson

This world premiere paints a funny and deeply-felt portrait of Americans in the years leading up to Trump. It asks us to investigate the myth of exceptionalism, the unrelenting noise that saturates our lives, and the cost of politics on our personal and national journeys.

Nov. 19 thru Dec. 30

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwist.org

#### STEEP THEATRE

"Bobbie Clearly" by Alex Lubischer

Nobody from the town of Milton, Neb., ever gave much thought to Bobbie before the tragedy in the cornfield. Two years later, it's hard for them to think of much else. In this darkly comic play, a community opens up about life in the aftermath and making sense of senseless violence.

Thru Nov. 19

1115 W. Berwyn Ave.

773-649-3186

steeptheatre.com

#### THREE CAT PRODUCTIONS

"Marvelous Madeleines" by Wendy Schmidt

Set in a not-too-alternate universe

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## Do you need to winterize your unit?

By Neil Warner

*This is an updated version of an article that originally was published in the December 2012 issue.*

As winter approaches, many longtime Malibu East residents begin thinking about how to keep their units warmer without running up their electric bills. It's a fact of life for those of us who haven't had our 45-year-old windows and sliding glass doors replaced or insulated recently.

Much of the cold infiltrates our unit through the crevices around the sliding glass door, especially where it meets the stationary floor-to-ceiling window. Those who still have the original windows in their units may also have the original weather stripping, which has deteriorated considerably. Even those of us who have had their windows weather-stripped again during the interim aren't immune to drafts coming into our units.

These drafts make us feel uncomfortable all winter long – and even more uncomfortable when we see our electric bill.

I've tried several different methods of winterizing my unit during the 39 years I have lived at Malibu East, some more successful than others.

One approach is to apply duct tape, or another strong type of tape such as a weather-seal tape, over the crevice where the sliding glass door meets the stationary window. You might also want to apply it over the crevice where the sliding door meets the door frame, as well as the crevices at the top and bottom of the door. It's preferable to apply the tape while the temperature is still well above freezing, as you will be able to get a stronger bond. The biggest negative with using duct tape is that the tape will leave residue on the door frame or glass when it is removed, although the residue can be removed with a solvent come spring.

To eliminate the problem of residue, Frost King makes a clear plastic indoor/outdoor weather-seal tape that can be applied in temperatures as low as minus-10 degrees Fahrenheit, is easy to apply and remove, and doesn't leave a residue.

Another product that may serve you well is Mortite Weatherstrip and Caulking Cord, a putty-like substance that looks like a cord. You can press the Mortite into the problematic crevices, molding it into the crevices

with your finger or the head of a screwdriver. One potential downside is that if you don't press it into place firmly enough, it can come loose and pull away from the crevice during the winter. Mortite caulking will also become brittle in time.

One product recommended by a resident is Do It Best's X-treme Rubber Weatherseal self-stick tape. At three-eighths of an inch wide and a quarter-inch thick, it is ideal for the crevice between the sliding glass door and the stationary window, according to the resident, and can be held in place with a clear tape.

The method that I've found to be most effective and user-friendly is the application of Seal 'n Peel Removable Weatherstrip Caulk. This is a clear caulk that is manufactured by DAP, and you can buy a tube for approximately \$10. (Make sure the tube says "Seal 'n Peel"; otherwise, you will have a difficult time removing regular caulk when spring arrives.) You can apply it either inside or outside, or both. If you apply it inside, the manufacturer cautions that you ventilate that room during application and drying – you may need to use a fan – because the caulk emits chemical fumes that could prove hazardous to your health.

If you choose to apply the Seal 'n Peel caulk outside, you'll have to open your screen, which means that you can't lock it into place for the winter. However, you can tape the screen to the opposite side of the door frame in the open position, which should prevent it from rattling during the windy days of winter. You will want to apply the caulk in temperatures above 40 degrees, according to the manufacturer, so don't wait too late in the year if you want to apply it outdoors.

Before placing the Seal 'n Peel caulk tube in a caulk gun, you will have to cut off the end of the tube at a nozzle diameter that is comparable to the width of the crevice you'll be trying to fill. Once you've placed the caulk tube in the caulk gun, puncture the inner seal of the tube. Then position the nozzle at a 45-degree angle to the crevice, and I've found it most effective to start at the bottom of the door and work upward, applying uniform pressure on the caulk tube as the nozzle makes contact with the door. Because the caulk hardens fairly quickly, including inside the nozzle, it is best to plan on completing the application within an hour or two, so you may want to plan what you want to do and prepare the door in advance, including re-

moving any excess dirt.

I have tried a less expensive caulk product that purports to be similar to Seal 'n Peel, but it wouldn't stay in place for me, so I went back to the real McCoy.

When the cold weather comes to an end and you decide you want to open your sliding glass door, you can remove the Seal 'n Peel caulk by simply grasping one end of it and pulling it out of the crevice. You may need a screwdriver to remove caulk that is stuck in the crevice. Also, if you've applied Seal 'n Peel for several years and not been successful in removing every bit of the residue in the spring, it can become increasingly difficult to remove from the crevices in subsequent years, especially outdoors.

If you decide to winterize your sliding glass doors, you will probably want to leave one of them unsealed – perhaps in the room that you use the least, such as the spare bedroom. Otherwise, you will have no easy access to your balcony or to outside air if you should need it. For example, if you should get any smoke in your unit, it will be much more difficult to expel it if you can't open a sliding glass door to the outside.

Another option, which is more expensive than the do-it-yourself solution but less expensive than installing new windows, is to hire a professional to insulate the windows. Ask management for a list of vendors that do this type of work. This will likely cost several hundred dollars per set of windows, but it will make a noticeable difference in your comfort level for at least a few years.

The Board of Directors has had new window units installed in the Windjammer Room by two vendors, Softer Lite and Illinois Sash, which you are free to inspect. Because of the high demand currently for glass in new construction in this area, you will have to contact the vendor to obtain a current price for new windows (expect to pay \$5,000 to \$8,000 per opening). The unit owner deals directly with the window vendor. Typically, the vendor will have to measure the openings for the windows in your unit and then will need three to five months for the fabrication process. Because the glass being installed today is of a much higher quality than what was installed in 1971, owners who have installed new windows report a marked improvement in their comfort level.

Whichever option you choose, you will feel more comfortable this winter, and your electric bill will benefit, too.

Restaurant review

**Edgewater Beach Café – in a time capsule of its own**

By Tracy Poyser

On a pleasant fall Friday night last month, your Dialogue Diners ventured just a few blocks south on Sheridan Road to the venerable, historic, pink Edgewater Beach Apartments to check out a place that has prided itself on gracious dining for many years: the Edgewater Beach Café.

After so many forays into more exotic cuisines, we wanted to try what many consider a true local treasure. The current Reader web review describes the place as a “charming ... throwback offering a taste of the Pink Elephant in its heyday,” with French continental fare, and occasional specials reflecting owner Zung Dao’s Vietnamese heritage. Our group of nine was comprised of your Malibu East neighbors Beth and Freddy, Neil and Debbie, Lori and yours truly and joined by local friends Nancy, Louise and Mary (who lives just upstairs from the restaurant).

The Malibu East contingent walked

the few blocks to Sheridan and Bryn Mawr. You can enter the restaurant either directly from Sheridan or from the commercial corridor via the lobby and main entrance on Bryn Mawr, with the latter being handicapped-accessible.

Thick carpets, nicely spaced tables dressed in white tablecloth (many along the Sheridan Road windows), warm lighting, plush upholstered chairs, flowered wallpaper and live piano music truly do take you back to a seemingly less complicated time. The restaurant’s website bills itself as “recently remodeled,” but it sure didn’t lose its old-world touch.

Dao greeted us personally and led us to a very nice, large table set up for nine in a spacious corner of our own and presented us with their short, easy-to-read menu. There’s a choice of six classic appetizers, including salads and a traditional French onion soup au gratin, followed by 10 entrees and a couple of daily specials recited for you. All main courses come with a choice of soup of the day or house salad, rice or potato, and the vegetable of the day. Like the food menu, the wine list is short, with most wines by the glass priced very reasonably at \$7.

Given the restaurant’s emphasis on

seafood, three of us (Neil, Nancy and I) ordered the day’s special baked cod on a bed of wilted spinach with scalloped potatoes and French green beans. Neil and Debbie also shared an appetizer of escargots Bourguignon in garlic butter. Beth and Debbie opted for the broiled Lake Superior whitefish entree with lemon, paprika, butter and white wine; Lori tried the broiled salmon with lemon, a touch of butter and a hint of black pepper and accompanied by rice. Louise went for her personal favorite, which she fondly remembered from quite a few dinners over the years: roast duck with apple brandy sauce, a seared and roasted duck breast with an apple brandy reduction and sliced Granny Smith apples. Freddy tried the raspberry ginger chicken, a broiled boneless chicken breast topped with fresh raspberry. Mary joined us for wine and dessert only.

Our verdict was mixed: Neil and Nancy thought their cod was perfectly cooked and nicely browned; mine was a touch on the undercooked side but very flaky. Debbie enjoyed her whitefish, as did Beth, who would have preferred it a bit spicier. Freddy’s chicken was very

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satisfactory, although a bit sweet for his personal taste. Louise thought her duck breast was delicious, properly cooked and tender with very crispy skin, and interlacing the duck slices with the sautéed, tart Granny Smith apples was an inspired touch. But, Lori found her broiled salmon was dry and disappointing, with the rice and green beans OK.

In terms of the side dishes and veggies of the day, those of us who had ordered the tomato and red pepper soup of the day, though quite tasty, thought it a bit thinner and more tomato-based than what we expected. House salads were nice, fresh and crisp with a good vinaigrette as the house dressing. And, we all agreed that the scalloped potatoes – a nice scoop properly browned on top – could have been served warmer.

The dessert menu, recited by Dao, who looked after us the entire time, is short and sweet: rum cake with ice cream, a traditional crème brûlée torched at tableside, chocolate cake, and a couple of flavors of ice cream with an optional topping of the restaurant’s genuine Belgian chocolate sauce and

whipped cream. Neil and Debbie, as well as Beth and Freddy, ordered the rum cake. It didn’t have much rum flavor but was tasty. The rest of us ordered a scoop of peppermint ice cream (highly recommended by Mary) topped with that special chocolate sauce – just the right portion size after a plentiful meal. And, my decaf coffee was freshly brewed and really good.

Portion sizes are ample, especially the main courses, but not so huge that you’d need a doggie bag. Prices are moderate or slightly above, with main courses ranging from \$13 to \$29 (the latter for their filet mignon). Dao kindly accommodated our request for separate checks for our group (normally only possible for up to six diners), and Neil and Debbie’s check, including tip, came in under \$80 for two entrees, a shared appetizer, a shared dessert and one glass of wine.

Both Beth and Mary recommended the Sunday brunch – it’s not a buffet, and the selection includes just a few classic dishes, but a bunch of recent Yelp! reviews praised the eggs Benedict as the best ever, with perfectly poached eggs and a true hollandaise sauce. On the fun and quirky side for the restaurant’s staid, quiet atmosphere, there is live piano

music on weekends, and occasionally featured singers and entertainers, including a cowboy group.

The upshot? If you’re looking for exotic spicing, edgy cuisine and sound bouncing off brick walls, this wouldn’t be it. But, for a charming, conversation-friendly, warm atmosphere with personal service and tried-and-true French continental fare in one of Edgewater’s finest historic buildings, the Edgewater Beach Café is sure worth a try. You can also just pop in with friends for a glass of wine and dessert and check out the building’s lovely interior lobby. Best of all, it’s a comfortable four-block walk away, and CTA buses 151 and 147 stop right across the street.

For reservations (recommended especially for large groups or special celebrations), call the restaurant at 773-275-4141. Avoid using their email.

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**Clara Hairston Pate***(Continued from page 1)*

and pricing for their celebration, including a complimentary deluxe suite for the golden couple.)

And, during an early job interview in Evanston, she was asked if “she felt comfortable teaching children who lived in \$600,000 homes.” I found that as hard to fathom as her being directed to the back door of one of those large Skokie homes where she had gone as a school principal to attend a PTA meeting. From then on, she directed all PTA meetings to be held in the school library.

After Clara and Edward had earned their master’s degrees, with Clara teaching for five years at what was then one of Chicago’s worst public schools, Carver High, the couple accepted teaching positions in Evanston/Skokie. In 1968, they adopted nine-month-old twins, Paula and Paul, and in 1971, they left their beloved Hyde Park home to cut down on a two-hour commute.

Their new home was a brand-new condominium building on North Sheridan Road: our very own Malibu East, where they were the very first owners to move in while the building was still far from finished, with only one elevator running at the time. I was intrigued to see “Breezes from the Malibu East” from August 1971, the precursor to your *Dialogue*, with tips for moving and photos of the first pool party. Clara still loves her southeast corner unit with its great view over the lake and all the great memories with family and friends that she and Edward made in it.

Not only did the Pates overcome obstacles to become ranked among the more lauded educators in Greater Chicago, but their leisure time was full of daring adventures. They traveled widely all over the U.S. and worldwide, including hang-gliding over waterfalls in Hawaii; attending the Passion play in Germany’s Oberammergau; seeing the Step Pyramid in Egypt; taking a balloon flight over Australia’s Phillip Island; and, for Clara’s 80th birthday, trying a skydiving jump – to name just a few.

It’s clear that both embraced our entire world with all of its history and

beauty, but their spiritual life has clearly been their most important guiding light. Volunteering for numerous church initiatives and programs to make life better for their fellow beings was a natural extension of their passion as teachers and is now a great comfort to Clara.

Knowing of my interest in photography, she had told me a while ago that she loved taking photos, but that hardly described the loving way in which she created numerous framed biographical poster collages that will keep her legacy alive for future generations. I wish we could print them all here and that we had enough space to share all of Clara’s vivid anecdotes and stories about her family and stellar professional life, so I sure hope she’ll publish an autobiography sometime soon. Her courageous life has surely touched many, in addition to all her former students.

Clara attends many of our Malibu East social functions, and I hope you’ll have a chance to talk with her sometime soon (an elevator ride wouldn’t be enough).

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**Correction**

The Board meeting notes in the October issue of the *Dialogue* incorrectly stated that the charges for the rented storage lockers in the Captain’s Walk would increase by \$5 to \$13 next year. The actual increases are \$2, \$5 and \$7 for single, double and triple lockers, respectively, with the new monthly rates being \$58, \$115 and \$153 as of January.

We apologize for the error.

**Community Calendar***(Continued from page 4)*

where it’s legal for companies to get married, but marriages between individuals are frowned upon, this farce tells the story of how a French cake company meets an American cookie company, falls in love, gets married, has a child company, and ultimately must reckon with the individual human needs that rival corporate ones.

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