

# Malibu East Dialogue

February 2017

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## 2017 off to a rousing start

By Tracy Poyser

“Out with the old, in with the new” took on a new meaning for our dedicated Board member and Social Committee chair Sandy Chaet. A power outage on Dec. 31 had hit her unit and the entire 30th floor from about 5 a.m. until just after midnight ... not exactly the kind of bang she had in mind for Malibu East’s New Year’s Eve party!



But, rather than fretting, Sandy just started moving food and party supplies from her unit into the Windjammer Room’s kitchen and fridge around noon. Her 30th floor neighbors Elaine Froese and Savita Sawhney had found refuge from their darkened units in the Community Room and were happy to help with the setup.

It took many more helping hands and minds to organize a big party like this: Special thanks to Aida Calvopina, who not only helped with every phase of this event, but kept an eye on the food, helped serve and clean up, and brought her outrageously delicious home-baked lemon cake. Kudos also to Dominic Wayne, our very own resident disc jockey, who kept the dance floor full and the music lively, and had helped

plan, shop, set up and clean along with Aida. Malibu East party fan Susan Smith volunteered as barkeep while her husband Martin and daughter Gianna mingled with the crowd. Always cheerful Susan Reichel (missing her mate, Kevin Fukomoto, who, sadly, had lost his mom just the day before) helped with cleanup, as did Martina and Marcel Molins’ son-in-law, Air Force Col. Arnold Nash. Sally and Andre King checked in after midnight on their way home from another event and lent an extra hand. Finally, thanks to Larry Rosen for producing the announcement flyer, and staff member Armando DeLaCruz for setting up the room.



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The place looked gorgeous – with streamers, twinkling lights, dance floor strobes and disco setup, festive party favors, and a lavish buffet of delicious appetizers supplemented by a great many savory dishes, finger foods and desserts brought by residents. The bar featured people’s contributions of wines and bubbly – both the serious and non-alcoholic kind, together with soft drinks and water. The Social Committee sure appreciates our neighbors’ generosity, which added greatly to the success of the festivities.

Around 60 residents had RSVP’d for the party, but almost 80 showed up. Fortunately, the planners try to

anticipate additional walk-ins when ordering food and supplies, but it’s not always easy to predict.

After a bit of a slow start around 8:30 p.m., the party really got cooking around 10 p.m. With comfortable seating around the perimeter of the room and plenty of space to dance, mingle or catch up with good friends, no one needed to feel left out, especially the new residents. As midnight approached, everyone donned party favors of their choosing, from glittering tiaras to horns and noisemakers. And, with DJ Wayne and everyone counting down to the stroke of midnight, the Social Committee provided a champagne toast, and a big communal cheer rocked the building, accompanied by hugs and heartfelt wishes for much-needed peace and joy in 2017. The party wound down with a great view of the Navy Pier fireworks from the Windjammer Room’s south windows – and best of all, the lights were back on for the 30th floor.

Sandy encouraged everyone who had brought food or beverages to take leftovers home, and the rest of the food went to cheer our hardworking building and garage staff. Any unopened beverages have been stored for a planned “Happy Hour” on Friday, March 17, just in time for St. Patrick’s Day. Check your calendars and please make sure to RSVP when you get the announcement!

Thanks again to Sandy and everyone who helped bring such a large and friendly group together to make new friends and catch up with old ones.

### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, Feb. 16  
2:00 p.m. - Community Room  
(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

#### Board meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 28  
7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, March 1  
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)

*Our condolences to the family and friends of*

*Charles Parker  
Bertrand Smith*



# Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

## Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017

Attendance: Nine Board members, two management representatives, 13 residents  
Excused: Carl Chadek, Sriram Sitaraman, Thomas Vaughan  
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Laundry Room" was added to Old/New Business.

### TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

#### 1) Financial statement as of Dec. 31

Operating and reserve cash  
\$2,968,618  
Investment in units  
\$3,414,186 (22 units)  
Excess of operating revenue over expenses  
\$656,933

#### 2) Delinquencies

\$418,728, including \$271,955 from former residents, less \$275,000 allowance for doubtful accounts

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1) Garage - Martina Molins

The garage was 37 cars below capacity as of Dec. 31. Seventeen residents are on waiting list for single self-parking spaces. No damage claims in December.

#### 2) Units/Redecorating - Carl Stahlheber

Two units the Association recently purchased will need extensive renovations.

#### 3) Security & Life Safety - Sandy Chaet

Working with management on emergency information packets that will be distributed to owners.

#### 4) Sports - Neil Warner

New yoga class begins Feb. 9.

#### 5) Social - Sandy Chaet

A St. Patrick's Day happy hour will be held Friday, March 17 in Windjammer Room. An Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 8. Details to follow.

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

48th Ward Ald. Harry Osterman has set a community meeting for 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at Broadway Armory with the goal of forming a Cyclist and Pedestrian Working Group that will advise Osterman on bicycle/pedestrian safety, education, monitoring bikes on sidewalks, and planning bike rides and walking tours. Seniors will soon be eligible for \$50 water-sewer rebate; forms will be mailed by City in early February; submission deadline is July 1. Watch for details on ASCO website, in *Dialogue* or posted on bulletin board.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

#### Items requiring immediate Board action

#### 1) D & O insurance

Directors approved the renewal of directors' and officers' insurance.

#### 2) Balcony railings

Board voted to rescind its previous decision regarding balcony railings and instead direct the project consultant, KGH, to prepare the bid documents so as to include repair of railings, as needed, rather than replacing them with new railings.

#### 3) Garage lease amendment

Directors voted to reduce the garage space being leased to neighboring condo association as requested.

#### 4) Paddleboard storage

Board approved the storage of resident's paddleboard in Bicycle Room on a trial basis.

#### 5) Lease renewal

Directors approved one-year lease renewal for Association-owned one-bedroom unit.

#### 6) Camera purchase

Board authorized management to spend \$500 for additional cameras.

#### 7) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved as amended.

### Old/new business

#### 1) Facade/balcony project

Project consultant KGH is preparing the bid documents.

#### 2) Elevator report

Board's elevator project consultant and its vendor are working to resolve recent issues involving elevators' outages.

#### 3) Satellite TV fee increase

Directors authorized that an increase to \$25.35 per month be applied to owners' monthly statements as of March 1.

#### 4) HiPoint internet outages

Management will review the Association's contract with HiPoint Technology to determine whether or not the Association is entitled to rebates for extended service outages.

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

Board voted to direct HiPoint to wire the Captain's Walk commercial spaces for internet service.

#### 6) AWB roof antenna

Management will direct AWB to remove its antenna on Malibu East's roof once HiPoint has completed wiring the Captain's Walk.

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

Nothing new.

#### 8) Captain's Walk stairwell

Nothing new.

#### 9) Realtor's sale/lease reports

Realtor reports an uptick in showings of Association-owned residential units and promising leads for commercial spaces in

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.

Captain's Walk.

#### 10) Rules revisions

Nothing new.

#### 11) Association-owned units

Association owns 22 units, of which two have been approved for sale, 15 are being rented, three are listed for sale, and two were recently purchased and are being renovated.

#### 12) Harassment training

Directors will undergo the required training.

#### 13) Laundry Room

Board will notify our vendor, Family Pride, of its dissatisfaction with recent maintenance of the equipment.

Meeting ended at 9:44 p.m. and went into closed session.

## Special meeting of unit owners Jan. 24, 2017

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

After assistant treasurer Carl Stahlheber's recap of Board's history regarding Association-owned units 16K and 27M, owners approved a resolution authorizing directors to sell unit 16K for \$256,000, plus or minus prorations, with \$6,000 credit to buyer, and a second resolution authorizing directors to sell unit 27M for \$186,000, plus or minus prorations. President Molins voted the proxies in favor of both resolutions, both of which passed unanimously.

## Special meeting of Board of Directors

Jan. 10, 2017

Attendance: Ten Board members, two management representatives, five residents  
Excused: Carol Beatty, Martina Molins  
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "16K sale," "27M sale" and "Billing of legal fees to owner" were added to Other Business.

### FACADE/BALCONY PROJECT

Michael Locigno, of Kellermeyer Godfry Hart, the project manager for our upcoming facade/balcony project, explained the elements of the project and several options. Much discussion related to whether balcony railings should be repaired or replaced - and if replaced, using which material and how they would be attached - and also whether cladding is a feasible option for west wall of tower and/or garage and Captain's Walk walls. The meeting's purpose was to make decisions so that KGH could

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## What's happening around the building

*By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager*

**ELEVATORS:** MCE, manufacturer of the software used for the control of the elevators, updated the software components on Jan. 31 between 11 a.m. and noon. This may have caused a slower response of the passenger elevators during this period.

**FAÇADE PROJECT:** A special Board meeting took place on Jan. 10 to discuss with the consultant, KGH, the balcony railing options, phasing, construction budget, unit costs, first phase bidding and possible cladding of the west walls. Here is a summary of the Board's decisions:

1. Railings: repair the existing steel railings and prep onsite to make ready for painting;
2. Railing post embedments: repair and restore as needed;
3. Balcony membranes: remove the existing membrane and apply a new membrane (standard color);
4. Condensing units: install the condensers on composite rubber/cork square pads;
5. Captain's Walk windows: replace with insulated thermal windows, per the existing openings' dimensions;
6. North brick wall, lower level: check for visible movement of bricks and include the necessary repairs in the bidding documents;
7. Cladding feasibility study: assess the option of cladding the west wall of the tower and/or the garage and Captain's Walk wall; list the cladding options (glass, metal, etc.); analyze the pros and cons of the cladding, estimate the potential cost, and compare the cladding with the conventional repair approach;
8. Phasing and timetable: The project will be executed over a period of four years starting in 2017.

**DOGS AND SERVICE ELEVATOR:**

Dog owners are restricted to using the service elevator except when the service elevator is being used for a move. Dog owners have complained about the large number of residents repetitively using the service elevator

despite having no dogs or large carts or bulky suitcases. We understand that it is more convenient for many of you to use the service elevator because it is closer to your unit, or in the proximity of your storage room, or closer to your parking location.

However, disregarding the elevator rules adopted by the Board is disrespectful to the Board and to the dog owners, who are restricted to the service elevator. The Board, management and dog owners will truly appreciate it if you use the elevators in compliance with the rules of the Association. Ignoring this simple rule may compel the Board to be less lenient toward the residents who fail to observe the rules.

As stated in previous articles and memos, please be reminded that the Board of Directors has reinstated the standard service elevator rules effective Oct. 1, 2016: Passengers with NO pets or large carts or bulky suitcases are required to use a passenger elevator. This applies to all residents, even if they live at the west end of a floor.

**SATELLITE TV INCREASE:** Please note that the Board of Directors approved at its Jan. 24 meeting a small increase of \$1.35 per unit per month for the basic programming service of the satellite TV. This increase is effective March 1 and will appear on your March statement. This increase is a pass-through that equals the increase imposed on the Association by USA Wireless as a result of a DirecTV programming cost increase.

**ATRIUM PARKING:** We have noticed some important improvements following the addition of a drop-off/pickup sign located at the west end of the revolving doors. However, I would like to point out a few things to keep in mind:

1. The driveway between Sheridan Road and the drop-off sign is a designated area to facilitate passengers to get in or out of vehicles; it is not a waiting area.
2. Other than as permitted in the drop-

off zone, parking is not permitted on the ramps, driveways, or near the building entrance doors, not even for a "few moments."

3. A person making a (small) delivery (food, flowers, envelope, laundry) is not allowed to park his or her vehicle anywhere in the atrium other than in a 15-minute parking space. If no stall is available, the delivery person may park in the loading dock if there is availability or shall park on the street at their own risk.
4. All ramps and driveways should be kept free of parked vehicles except for law enforcement, fire department and emergency transporters' vehicles.
5. No vehicle shall block or hinder the movement of other vehicles getting into or out of the property.

Due to the parking abuses in the atrium observed in recent months, drivers abusing the 15-minute parking stalls or the drop-off zone, or parking their vehicles on a ramp or driveway or next to the revolving doors will be the subject of an incident report to the attention of the Board. Further, violators' vehicles will be towed without any further notification or warning.

**INDOOR PARKING:** Permission to use the garage facility is reserved and exclusive to the residents with parking contracts in place, transient parkers and authorized vendors of the Association. A person with no parking contract, or without parking coupons to park as a transient parker, or who is not climbing into or out of an authorized vehicle does not have the privilege to use the facility, including the loading zone located at the east end of the first floor of the garage.

**SAFETY:** Late at night, most of the entry doors of the building are restricted to the residents with a fob. Intruders may attempt to enter the building by following you through one of these controlled access doors. We ask that you attempt to prevent these individuals from following you into the building and instead instruct them to use the main entrance in the atrium.



## Community Calendar

By Neil Warner

### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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773-506-4849

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### THEATER / SHOWINGS

#### ASTON REP THEATRE

"Eleemosynary" by Lee Blessing

This play examines the subtle and

often perilous relationships among three generations of remarkable women.

Feb. 23 thru March 12

The Frontier

1106 W. Thorndale

773-508-6543

astonrep.com

#### BABES WITH BLADES THEATRE

"Henry V" by William Shakespeare

Shakespeare's history play performed by an all-female cast.

Feb. 18 thru April 1

Edgewater Presbyterian Church

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-904-0391

babeswithblades.org

#### CITY LIT THEATER

"The Sundial" by Shirley Jackson

Lionel Halloran's wife is convinced that he was murdered by his mother, who stands to inherit the Halloran Mansion.

Thru Feb. 12

Edgewater Presbyterian Church

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

citylit.org

#### JACKALOPE THEATRE

"The Snare" by Samantha Beach

When Ruth mentions at the dinner table that the Devil has been talking to her, her pastor mom and family struggle to help Ruth fight something only she can see.

Feb. 22 thru April 1

Broadway Armory Park

5917 N. Broadway

773-340-2543

jackalopetheatre.org

#### LIFELINE THEATRE

"A Wrinkle in Time," adapted by James Sie

A heartwarming adventure across the stars, in a newly revised adaptation of a 1963 novel by Madeleine L'Engle.

Feb. 17 thru April 9

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

#### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

"Getting Out" by Marsha Norman

After spending the first decade of her adult life in prison, Arlene must again confront a past she thought she had already conquered as she struggles to assume her new identity as a free

woman.

Feb. 16-26

Newhart Family Theatre

Mundelein Center

"Tintypes" by Mary Kyte, Mel Marvin and Gary Pearle

Join five characters – Susannah, Anna Held, Emma Goldman, Charlie Chaplin, and Teddy Roosevelt – as they narrate the breakthroughs and struggles of America in the late 19th century, with popular songs from 1890 to 1917.

Feb. 23 thru March 5

Underground Laboratory Theatre

Mundelein Center

1020 W. Sheridan

artsevents.luc.edu/events

#### QUEST THEATRE ENSEMBLE

"The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt

This funny and romantic musical fable tells the tale of a boy, a girl, and their parents who plot to get them together by keeping them apart. Free; donations appreciated.

Feb. 17 thru March 26

The Blue Theater

1609 W. Gregory

312-458-0895

questensemble.org

#### RAVEN THEATRE

"The Assembled Parties" by Richard Greenberg

In 1980, the Bascov family gathers with relatives and friends to celebrate the holidays and the accomplishments of the son they assume will one day become president of the U.S. By the year 2000, they find that fate doesn't always play by the rules and that their lives and family look much different than they had planned.

Thru March 25

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

#### REDTWIN THEATRE

"Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller

With the American Dream seemingly in his grasp, Willy Loman refuses to admit his mistakes and balance the books in his heart.

Feb. 4 thru March 5

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**Board meeting notes**

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prepare bid documents and go out to bid this winter, in preparation for start of construction this year.

**Items requiring Board action**

**1) West facade cladding**

Tabled for further study.

**2) Balcony railings**

Board approved the replacement of railings with aluminum railings. (This motion was rescinded at Jan. 24 Board meeting, when directors voted to repair and repaint the existing railings. See above.)

**3) Balcony membranes**

Directors voted to use a standard color on balcony membranes, all of which will be replaced. Exact color will be determined later.

**4) Condensing units**

Board approved KGH's recommendation that A/C condensing units on balconies be permanently lifted off membrane with pads at corners.

**5) Captain's Walk windows**

Tabled until decision is made on whether to clad the west wall.

**6) First phase of project, budget**

Tabled.

**Other business**

**1) 16K sale**

Directors approved sale of Association-owned unit 16K for \$256,000, with \$6,000 credit to buyer, subject to approval of unit owners.

**2) 27M sale**

Board approved sale of Association-owned unit 27M for \$186,000, subject to approval of unit owners.

**3) Billing of legal fees**

Directors voted to charge Association's legal costs to owner who violated Malibu East Declaration.

Meeting ended at 10:08 p.m. and went into closed session.



*At right: more photos from the New Year's Eve party  
(All photos by Tracy Poyser)*

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# When Edgewater first became a 'destination'

By Neil Warner

*This article was inspired by a marvelous exhibit called "Edgewater Beach Hotel, 100 Years Later," presented by the Edgewater Historical Society at 5358 N. Ashland Ave., open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through June 4.*

When the 20th century began, Edgewater resembled a sparsely populated area, not a thriving Chicago neighborhood. In fact, Edgewater was considered a part of the town of Lakeview until Chicago annexed Lakeview, and thereby Edgewater, in 1889.

Edgewater gained status in the early 1900s with the construction of a number of mansions built for well-to-do residents, mostly along Sheridan Road, such as Conway House (completed in 1906; now part of the Sacred Heart Schools), Colvin House (1909; at the corner of Sheridan and Thornsdale), Gunder House (1910; now known as the Berger Park north mansion) and the Emil Bach House (1915; 7415 N. Sheridan). These mansions began to build Edgewater's early reputation as a prestigious neighborhood.

What really put Edgewater on the map, though, was the construction of the Edge-

water Beach Hotel in 1916. Located at 5349 N. Sheridan Road, at Balmoral, on what had been submerged land, the hotel quickly became a destination for affluent Chicagoans and celebrities. Not meant to be shared with neighborhood residents, the property was surrounded by a high fence, barring access to the lake along the eastern side of the EBH property for anyone who wasn't a hotel guest.



The EBH began with an eight-story, 400-room building in the shape of a Maltese cross, opening in June 1916. Because the hotel was an instant success, an 18-story, 600-room "Annex" was built eight years later immediately to the south of the original building, with a long hall called the Passaggio connecting the two buildings. A third part of the resort complex was the 19-story Edgewater Beach Apartments, a luxury rental property built at Bryn Mawr and Sheridan in the late 1920s. Of the three structures, the apartment building, which

was auctioned to investors in 1949 and became a co-op, is the only one still standing.

The complex was designed by the architectural firm of Benjamin Marshall and Charles Fox (also the designers of the "sister" Edgewater Gulf Hotel in Biloxi, Miss., and the Drake and Blackstone hotels in downtown Chicago) in the Spanish Revival style, with the two hotel buildings having a "sunrise yellow" stucco facade and the apartment building in "sunset pink" stucco.

Because Lake Shore Drive came only as far north as Fullerton Avenue at the time, the Edgewater Beach Hotel offered its guests a private beach on Lake Michigan, 1,000 rooms with lake views, dining rooms and bars, tennis courts, a nine-hole golf putting course, playgrounds, a garage, indoor and outdoor dancing, live music and entertainment, a grand fireplace, a variety of shops, and private motor coaches that transported hotel guests to shopping destinations and theaters. The EBH also had an in-house radio station, which housed its equipment in a 14-by-18-foot "radio shack" at the north end of the property, near Bryn Mawr.

Initially, the EBH didn't have a large

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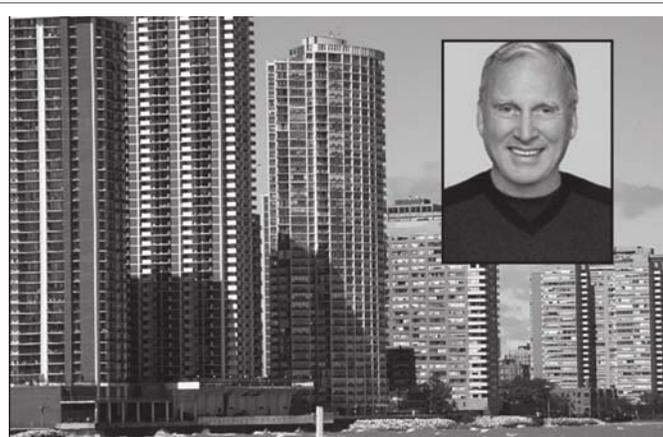
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**Edgewater Beach Hotel**  
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beach, but when Lake Shore Drive was extended north from Belmont to Foster in the early 1930s, the new parkland created east of the roadway had the effect of creating an extended sand beach alongside the hotel.

The EBH gained nationwide fame through the dance band music played by orchestras at the hotel's glamorous Marine Dining Room and on the Beach Walk, and broadcast live on network radio after 1929. This was one of many marketing ideas by William M. Dewey, the general manager (and eventual co-owner) of the hotel from 1916 until his retirement in 1952. Among the notable bandleaders and performers that appeared at the EBH were Freddy Martin, Wayne King, Russ Morgan, Xavier Cugat and Abbe Lane.

The Great Depression of 1929 and other external factors caused a number of changes for the EBH over the years. In 1937, the top 10 floors of the hotel were converted to furnished apartments, named the Dewey Apartments for the property's longtime general manager. (Interestingly, the first rental agent for the apartments was Sudler and Co., according to a 1937 Chicago Sunday Tribune article.)

In 1949, Phillies' first baseman Eddie Waitkus was shot by 19-year-old stalker Ruth Ann Steinhagen on the 12th floor of the hotel, inspiring an event in Bernard Malamud's book "The Natural." Despite the bullet lodging near his heart, Waitkus recovered and resumed his baseball career.

In 1955, the iconic Marine Dining Room was converted to the Polynesian Village, which featured dancers and even a comedy trampoline act, an experiment that lasted only eight years before the room reverted to its former identity. In the late '50s and early '60s, the EBH opened a summer playhouse that brought in actors such as Zero Mostel, Rita Moreno, Mickey Rooney and Groucho Marx.

In the early 1950s, the hotel's beach was closed to make way for landfill that enabled the extension of Lake Shore Drive from Foster to Bryn Mawr, and eventually to Hollywood. With LSD cutting off easy access to the lakeshore for hotel guests, the EBH built an outdoor swimming pool complete with cabanas, but it just wasn't the same.

In 1948, the hotel was sold to the Boston Foundation, the first of three sales of the property over a 14-year period. As the Big Band era faded away, the hotel turned its emphasis from tourists to conventions. The third owner became less willing to put

money into the property, and things that required maintenance were often ignored.

After the third sale, in 1962, mob figures became more of a presence at the hotel, according to former employees quoted on the Edgewater Historical Society's website. In March 1967, federal agents raided a party at the EBH, arresting the Chicago mob boss and 200 of his guests on drug charges, and causing Mayor Richard J. Daley to order an investigation of the hotel's management.

The hotel filed for bankruptcy in December 1967 and announced its closing shortly after that. The last resident moved out, and Loyola University briefly used the hotel as a student dorm. Demolition of the hotel began in January 1970 and was completed in March 1971, about the same time that Malibu East was opening its doors.

Some Malibu East residents may remember having visited the EBH to enjoy its entertainment or perhaps celebrate a high school prom. The memories generated by the more than 50 years of the Edgewater Beach Hotel will never be replicated.

So, if you'd like to recall these memories or simply learn more about the Edgewater Beach Hotel through photos and other memorabilia, do yourself a favor and visit the Edgewater Historical Society before the exhibit closes June 4.

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by *Melody Keegan*

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## Touring the 'Pink Lady'

By Sam Abdullah

The 19-story pink building at 5555 N. Sheridan Road is the Edgewater Beach Apartments (EBA). The building was designed by the well-known architect Benjamin Marshall and completed in October 1928. EBA is constructed of reinforced concrete stone and face brick and shaped in the form of a Greek cross. This unique building shape lends advantage to maximizing light, cross breezes and the magnificent views of Lake Michigan for each apartment. The building has 307 co-op apartments and contains a total of 1,517 rooms.



There is a lot of history behind EBA. To start, stroll down the arcade hallway near the front door of the lobby and look at the vintage black-and-white framed pictures, which tell the history of the building. As you walk to the center of the lobby, you will see the gorgeous original butternut wood paneling with ornate rococo relief in the style of Louis XV and appointed with beautifully restored sconces. Also in the center of the large lobby you will see an ornately designed antique table resting on a very large, deeply carved, plush Oriental rug. Looking up to the ceiling, you will appreciate the beautifully sparkling crystal chandelier.

As you tour the arcade, take notice of the businesses located on the retail level, which includes the Edgewater Beach Cafe and the Eight Days Gallery, to name a few. Perhaps the oldest and most well-known is the Anna Held Floral Studio, which moved to the far south end of the arcade 18 months ago; pro-

prietor Beth Tenney is a graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. At the other end of the arcade is Frank Event Design, owned by Frank Andonoplas, one of just 62 master bridal consultants worldwide.

Walking south, you will come to our beautiful backyard with its wonderful flowering gardens among groomed shrubs and tall trees. Co-op shareholders can sign up for a personal garden plot on the east side of the building or a planter box on the terrace. Further south you will find a children's playground and a bocce ball field where EBA teams compete. Scattered throughout the backyard are benches, chairs and tables nested in shade or exposed to the sun. For a roof over your head, move to the gazebo next to the communal grilling area.

Shareholder residents expecting house guests may put them up in one of many newly redecorated and reasonably priced guest rooms.

The historic "Pink Lady" – the Edgewater Beach Apartments – will beautify our Edgewater neighborhood and Chicago's lakefront for many years to come.

*Sam Abdullah is a Malibu East resident who works security at EBA.*

## Community Calendar

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1044 W. Bryn Mawr

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"Winter" by Julie Jensen

Now that a woman's once-brilliant mind is diminishing, her family all have different ideas about what is right for her. Meanwhile, she's ready to take matters into her own hands.

Thru Feb. 11

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As global destruction approaches, the lives of a climate scientist and his three estranged daughters come crashing unexpectedly back together. The play embodies the chaos of today's society, and asks us what matters most when everything's falling apart.

Thru March 4

1115 W. Berwyn

773-649-318

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