

# Malibu East Dialogue

May 2017

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## Eggs galore at children's egg hunt

Eleven children descended on the Windjammer Room in search of a prize – a brightly decorated egg. That was the scene at Malibu East's annual Easter egg hunt on April 8.

Organized by the Social Committee and chair Sandy Chaet, the event supplied 150 eggs to be found by the participants, who ranged from a 14-month-old girl and an 18-month-old boy to a nine-year-old boy who gave some of the eggs he found to younger children.

The top egg gatherer was a boy who found 22 eggs, followed by a girl with 16.

Prizes were awarded, including chocolate bunnies, and refreshments were served. It was an enjoyable time for both the children and the adults in attendance.

### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Special meeting of unit owners

Tuesday, May 9

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, May 18

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

#### Board meeting

Tuesday, May 23

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Edgewater yard sale

Saturday, June 3

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Captain's Walk mall

#### Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, June 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)

*Our condolences to the family and friends of Marie-Therese Hofmann  
Barbara Abarbanell  
Martha Malham*



(Photos by Larry Rosen)



# Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

## Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Attendance: Twelve Board members, two management representatives, seven residents

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "28E resolution amendment," "Revision of motion re electricity contract" and "Captain's Walk lease motion revisions" were added to Items Requiring Board Action.
- 2) "Glenlake parkway" was added to Old/New Business.

### TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

#### 1) Financial statement (as of March 31)

Operating and reserve cash  
\$3,825,733  
Investment in units  
\$2,943,712 (19 units)  
Excess of operating revenue over expenses  
\$219,847 year-to-date

#### 2) Delinquencies (as of April 21)

\$422,845, including \$273,371 from former residents, less \$275,000 allowance for doubtful accounts

#### 3) 2016 audit

Auditor is working on audit.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) **Architecture & Aesthetics - Carl Chadek**  
Committee met with two more landscape architects.

2) **Communications & Cable - Tom Vaughan**

Some residents have reported issues with internet speed, but problem doesn't seem widespread.

3) **Garage - Martina Molins**

The garage was 46 cars below capacity as of March 31. Seven residents are on the waiting list for single self-park spaces. There was no damage claim in March.

4) **Units/Redecorating - Carl Stahlheber**

Board voted not to renew the leases for three Association-owned units when they expire so that they can be renovated and put on the market for sale.

5) **Sports - Neil Warner**

The swimming pools will open on Saturday, May 27. Yoga is being offered two nights a week, Mondays and Thursdays, in separate classes. Residents can join only at the first session of the month and must commit to the full month.

6) **Social - Sandy Chaet**

Easter egg hunt was a success (see article, Page One). High tea will be held Sunday, May 7 from 3-5 p.m. in Windjammer Room. Discussion group meets at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 18 in Community

Room. Edgewater Yard Sale, which replaces White Elephant Sale, will be held Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (see article, page 5). If you would like to join the Social Committee, leave your name, unit number and phone number for Sandy at the front desk.

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

A \$50 sewer rebate is available for seniors who submit an application to the alderman's office by July 1. Information sheets are available in Laundry Room. City Lit Theater is presenting "Forty-Two Stories," a comedy about high-rise condo living, through May 28. Use promo code "ASCO" for a discount on tickets. (See Community Calendar, page 4.)

### MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

#### Items requiring immediate Board action

##### 1) 26L and 35F sales

Directors approved the sales of two Association-owned units, 35F for \$294,000 and 26L for \$190,000. Special meeting of unit owners was set for May 9 to approve both sales.

##### 2) Garage lease

Board approved the leasing of garage space for a neighboring condominium association.

##### 3) 18J renovation

Directors approved a vendor's bid to renovate Association-owned unit 18J in preparation for a sale.

##### 4) Hearing outcome #1

Board voted to charge an owner for unauthorized use of multiple dumpsters and the staff labor for cleanup resulting from disposal of a large quantity of personal belongings.

##### 5) Hearing outcome #2

Directors voted to rescind a charge to an owner for damage to a garage door.

##### 6) Easter egg hunt

Board voted, in response to an owner's comment, to retain the name "Easter egg hunt" for Social Committee's annual event for children.

##### 7) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved as amended.

##### 8) 28E resolution amendment

Directors amended a previous resolution regarding the sale of Association-owned unit 28E to include a \$450 credit that was granted in exchange for eliminating a similar charge that the Association would have been responsible for paying under the sales contract.

##### 9) Revision of motion re electricity contract

Board ratified a revision of the electricity contract approved at the March Board meeting, clarifying the terms of the

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contract.

#### 10) Captain's Walk lease motion revisions

Directors ratified a revision in lease terms for a master trainer in the Captain's Walk and approved a new lease for Holistic Health Care in the Captain's Walk.

### Old/new business

#### 1) Balcony/facade project

Board decided to interview the four best bidders.

#### 2) Sauna repair

Management will get prices for repair of men's sauna.

#### 3) Landscaping project

Directors voted to engage McAdam Landscape Professionals as our landscape architect.

#### 4) Structural investigation: 2nd floor garage

Nothing new.

#### 5) West penthouse air handler

Unit will be replaced, with most of cost covered by insurance.

#### 6) Seawall project

Management will pursue temporary repair of joint between seawall and pavement to mitigate further erosion until a permanent solution can be implemented.

#### 7) Elevator report

Management is learning how to program elevator touch screens to show Malibu East news.

#### 8) Dry cleaner alternatives

Management is investigating alternatives for recently closed dry cleaner business in Captain's Walk.

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

Waiting for City permit.

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

Waiting for architect's updated drawings.

#### 11) Captain's Walk internet

Internet service from HiPoint is now operational for Captain's Walk businesses that choose to use it.

#### 12) Realtor lease/sale reports

Several spaces in commercial unit have been leased by new tenants.

#### 13) Rules revisions

Nothing new.

#### 14) Association-owned units

After the sale of unit 28E in April, Association owns 18 units, with 14 being rented, two under contract for sale, one being offered for sale, and one pending renovation for sale.

#### 15) Glenlake parkway

Director Sandy Chaet said the appearance of the Glenlake parkway has deteriorated since the fence was removed at Board's direction. No action taken.

Meeting ended at 9:37 p.m. and went into closed session.



## What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

**STORAGE LOCKERS:** Residents' storage lockers are located in large rooms on the third, second and lower-level floors. Several of those storage lockers are located under plumbing pipes or condensate lines. Malibu East routinely proceeds with maintenance work on those pipes. Despite all the efforts to prevent leaks, they may happen and cause water damage to the contents of lockers.

We are advising you of the following:

- If not already covered, contact your insurance broker and have the value of the contents of your storage locker added to your homeowner policy;
- Avoid storing items of high value in those lockers, whether having emotional or financial value;
- Protect your belongings against possible water damage and dust by placing them off the floor and away from the walls, and/or storing them in plastic containers, and/or wrapping them with a tarp.

**BALCONY/FACADE PROJECT:** The Board will proceed with interviews of the best four bidders in the first week of May. A hiring decision may be made at the May Board meeting. The repair work may start as early as this summer. The architects recommended to proceed with tiers A and B as Phase 1, but the Board has yet to make a decision. The work will entail stripping and recoating all the balconies, refinishing the balcony railings, and repair work on the concrete and masonry components of the tiers.

**MAIL:** It may happen once in a while that you get the mail of another resident delivered in your mailbox by mistake. If that happens, slide the misdelivered mail under the locked door to the mail room facing the service elevator so that the mail carrier can redeliver it to the proper mailbox. Do not place it at the top of the mailboxes or anywhere else.

**GNATS:** Gnats are around the building every year, and for that matter, all over the City at this time of year. Recently we experienced a large flock of gnats gathering around the roof and entering the west end of the building through fans and louvers. We pro-

ceeded with the treatment of the west indoor sections of the building having gnats or susceptible to becoming infested. We also treated the roof surfaces in an attempt to keep them away from the top of the building. Some units had the gnats covering their window screens and entering the unit. In such cases, the best way to minimize the gnats inside a unit is to refrain from going to the balcony and to spray the screens with domestic pesticides. For your information, there is no practical way for management to treat each balcony and window screen due to the prohibitive cost of hanging scaffolds and the lengthy timetable to do such work. Having said that, the gnats allegedly have a short life and are prone to be carried away with the wind.

**DOGS AND ELEVATORS:** Dog owners are required to use the service elevator when it is not in use for a delivery or a move. Dog owners are largely observant of the rules in respect to the other residents. We have an increasing dog population in the building, resulting in increased traffic of pets in the service elevator. We have observed residents of the west end of the building too often using the service elevator due to its proximity, despite having no dog, cart or large container with them. Again, please walk a few more steps and use a passenger elevator in respect of the dog owners. Our camera system allows for a 30-day storage of the surveillance recordings; we wish not to use this tool to document the offenders of this policy and then invite them to a hearing with the officers of the Board.

**GARAGE AND CARPET CLEANINGS:** We are in the process of completing the power wash of the garage. Once completed, we will proceed with the carpet cleaning of the residential floors.

**POOL SEASON:** The pool season will open on Saturday morning, May 27. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. Please have your pool tags ready for the pool attendant to be admitted into the pool enclosure. The replacement cost for a lost or damaged tag is \$15 each; tags are available in the Management Office during business hours. Each registered resident is

entitled to one tag, and two guest tags are allowed for each unit. Parties taking place in the Windjammer Room or on the fourth-floor sundeck cannot be extended into the pool enclosure.

Please be reminded of the basic rules that apply inside the pool enclosure:

1. No smoking;
2. No animals of any kind;
3. No private parties;
4. No lifeguards are on duty; you and your loved ones swim at your own risk;
5. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests (two maximum);
6. Owners are responsible for the conduct of the occupants of their units and their guests;
7. All swimmers must shower before entering a pool;
8. Proper swimming attire is required: no cut-off jeans, no street shoes, no dirty clothes, no high heels;
9. No glass, no metal container, no alcohol, zero tolerance;
10. No radios or other music/noise devices, unless you are equipped with earplugs;
11. No running, no jumping, no water games (ball or frisbee throwing, etc.);
12. Unattached flotation devices can be used in conjunction with attached devices such as water wings, life jackets, etc.; however, unattached flotation devices are not allowed as sole-support safety devices; floating mats or chairs are forbidden;
13. Privilege to use the pools or to be in the pool enclosure will be denied to residents violating the pool rules.

## Seeking stories

Do you know a Malibu East resident whose life story deserves to be publicized?

The *Dialogue* is looking for individuals to profile in our newsletter, but may not be aware of their stories.

You can try your hand at writing the profile yourself, or you can contact the *Dialogue* staff and, if we like your idea, we'll assign one of our staff writers to interview the resident and write the profile.

Send an email to the *Dialogue* staff at [Dialogue@MalibuEast.org](mailto:Dialogue@MalibuEast.org) or leave a note at the front desk or with the Management Office to the attention of the *Dialogue* editor.



## 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.

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Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

5917 N. Broadway  
312-742-7502  
goo.gl/MSZSES

#### CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Beat 2433 CAPS meeting  
Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m.  
Edgewater Branch Library  
(Alternating CAPS and community meetings 4th Tuesday of each month)

#### EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

Check out their book clubs and other events.

6000 N. Broadway  
Mon. and Wed.: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Tue. and Thu.: noon-8 p.m.  
Fri. and Sat.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
(closed on Sundays)

312-742-1945

chi.publib.org/locations/28

#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Current exhibit: "Edgewater Beach Hotel, 100 Years Later" (thru June 4)  
Regular museum hours:

Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.  
5358 N. Ashland Ave.  
773-506-4849

www.EdgewaterHistory.org

#### EDGEWATER SATELLITE SENIOR CENTER

Organized activities for seniors, Monday through Friday, throughout the year.

Broadway Armory Park  
5917 N. Broadway  
312-742-5323

#### 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

#### ASTON REP THEATRE

##### "Time Stands Still" by Donald Margulies

This play examines the lives of one couple who are journalists and make a living out of documenting the horrors of war. Is it possible for two people who are used to living in dangerous conditions to carve out a normal life?

May 11 thru June 11

Raven Theatre  
6157 N. Clark  
773-828-9129

astonrep.com

#### CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL ARTS & DESIGN

##### "Cc: An Exhibition"

A showcase of duplicates and near duplicates, including series, editions, models, maquettes and product lines, all personal projects that have been realized with the resources at CIADC incorporating metal, wood, casting, molding or technological processes.

Thru May 21

Chicago Industrial Arts & Design Center

6433 N. Ravenswood  
773-961-8498

ciadc.org

#### CHICAGO THEATRE WORKSHOP

##### "Little Miss Sunshine" by James Lapine and William Finn

A musical comedy about one modern family's unexpected route to brighter days. Based on an Academy Award-winning film.

May 11 thru June 4

Edge Theater

5451 N. Broadway

chicagotheatreworkshop.org

#### CITY LIT THEATER

##### "Forty-Two Stories" by Douglas Post

A comedy about life in a Lake Shore Drive high-rise condo building where a professional student from the University of Chicago is moonlighting as a janitor, a stressed-out apartment manager is at odds with the residents and on the edge of a nervous breakdown, and a motley assortment of other staff members struggles with survival in the face of urban pandemonium.

Thru May 28

Edgewater Presbyterian Church

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

citylit.org

#### JACKALOPE THEATRE

##### "Ideation" by Aaron Loeb

A psychological suspense thriller, in which a group of corporate consultants work together on a mysterious and ethically ambiguous project.

May 10 thru June 17

Broadway Armory Park

5917 N. Broadway

773-340-2543

jackalope theatre.org

#### LIFELINE THEATRE

##### "Her Majesty's Will," adapted by Robert Kauziaric

An irreverent comedy that imagines William Shakespeare's "lost years" as a rousing romp through the streets and across the stages of Elizabethan London, in a world premiere based on the 2013 novel by Chicago author David Blixt.

May 26 thru July 16

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

#### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

##### "Heartbreak - A Processing Space"

A studio of designers and fine artists began a collaborative research initiative in response to the 762 homicides in Chicago during 2016, focusing on how they, as empathetic creative individuals, could awaken civility, public awareness, policy discourse, and all the while renew respect for life.

Thru May 14

Ralph Arnold Gallery

Ralph Arnold Fine Arts Annex

1131 W. Sheridan

##### Merritt Award for Excellence in Design & Collaboration

A theater design exposition showcasing the works of Chicago-area emerging theatrical designers and graduating design students from Chicago's best theatrical design programs.

Monday, May 15, 5-7 p.m.

A dialogue with the designers

moderated by Sun-Times theater critic Hedy Weiss.

Monday, May 15, 7-8 p.m.

Newhart Family Theatre

Mundelein Center for the Fine and

Performing Arts

1020 W. Sheridan

artsevents.luc.edu/events

#### RAVEN THEATRE

##### "Not About Nightingales" by Tennessee Williams

When rules are unjust, we need to

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break them. This early play by Tennessee Williams is the story, based on real events, of a prison in which inmates fight back against the oppression of a physically abusive and even murderous warden.  
Thru June 4  
6157 N. Clark  
773-338-2177  
raventheatre.com

**REDTWIST THEATRE**

**"Circle Mirror Transformation"** by Annie Baker  
When four lost New Englanders enroll in Marty's six-week community center drama class, they begin to experiment with seemingly harmless theater games, but hearts are quietly torn apart, and tiny wars of epic proportions are waged.  
Thru May 14  
1044 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-728-7529  
redtwist.org

**RIVENDELL THEATRE**

**"The Firebirds Take the Field"** by Lynn Rosen  
It's been 25 years since molecular neuroscientist Avery Kahn left Highland Falls, N.Y. But when 18 local girls, mostly cheerleaders, are stricken with a mysterious ailment, Avery reluctantly returns home to tackle what the locals derisively call the "girl disease." As Avery becomes affected - and infected - by the girls, the case becomes more personal than she ever expected. Inspired by real events in 2011.  
Thru May 27  
5779 N. Ridge Ave.  
773-334-7728  
rivendelltheatre.org

**STEEP THEATRE**

**"Hookman: An Existential Slasher**

**Comedy" by Lauren Yee**  
Her mother warned her about the treacherous hook-handed man hiding in the back seat, but only after a tragic accident could Lexi see the real threat of the Hookman.  
Thru May 27  
1115 W. Berwyn  
773-649-318  
steeptheatre.com

**Edgewater Yard Sale**

By Sandy Chaet

Malibu East will participate in the 23rd Annual Edgewater Yard Sale on Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Captain's Walk mall. This event replaces our annual White Elephant Sale.

There are seven block clubs, plus Edgewater Beach Apartments and Malibu East, participating in the event this year.

The sale is for used items. As the saying goes, "One man's junk is another man's treasure."

The non-refundable entry fee of \$10 per seller will help defray the costs of advertising, printing (such as the maps of participating locations that will be distributed), signs that will be posted on the day of the sale, permit, banners, balloons, etc. - a share of which Malibu East must pay in order to participate.

Management will distribute a flier that interested residents can use for registering for the event. The registration form and payment must be returned to the Management Office no later than 3 p.m. Friday, May 26. Once you give the office your registration and a \$10 check made payable to MECA, you will receive a confirmation. NO late registration will be allowed. Only Malibu East residents can sign up for a table, and only one table, which can be no longer than six feet.

Malibu East bears no responsibility for any item sold. There is a limited area available for tables to be set up in the Captain's Walk, so once the allotted space is filled, additional registrations will not be accepted. Table space will be assigned in the order in which residents submit their registrations and payments.

If you have any questions about the event, you can contact me by leaving a note with your name, unit and phone number at the front desk or in the Management Office.

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**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

- Doorman's Station ..... 773-271-1769
- Garage Office ..... 773-271-5193
- Management Office ..... 773-271-1732
- Receiving Room ..... 773-271-2608

**CAPTAIN'S WALK MALL**

- Dr. Ahmad Bastani ..... 773-506-9600
- Drs. Jack & Kerstin Horbal... 773-275-0110
- Sheridan Hair & Body Studio 773-561-6595
- Malibu Convenient Store ..... 773-769-5440
- H. M. Wagner Realty ..... 773-334-0200
- Sarah Wynn, LCSW ..... 773-580-7282

**CITY SERVICES/UTILITIES**

- Aging & Disability ..... 312-744-4016
- Alderman Harry Osterman... 773-784-5277
- Assessor's Office..... 312-443-7550
- AT&T..... 800-288-2020
- AWB..... 312-951-9600
- Chicago Transit Authority .... 312-664-7200
- Chicago Park District..... 312-747-2200
- City Hall Inquiry & Info ..... 312-744-5000
- Com Ed..... 800-334-7661
- Consumer Services ..... 312-744-4006
- Edgewater Branch library ..... 312-744-0718
- Family Pride Laundries..... 630-620-4700
- 48th Ward Streets & San ..... 312-744-2130
- HiPoint Technology Svcs ..... 312-238-9506
- Police (24th Dist.)..... 312-744-5907
- Police/Fire Emergency Only.....911
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**"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*.

**Restaurant review**

**The Growling Rabbit – a tasty work in progress**

By Tracy Poyser



Word had been out since early 2016 that the vacant St. Andrews Inn on Broadway near Thorndale, plus the storefront next to it, would become the new and expanded home of a beloved Rogers Park institution. **The Growling Rabbit** café, formerly at Sheridan and Lunt, reopened its doors in January in its sizable new digs, with two dining rooms and two bars to fit about 100 customers, four times its previous capacity.

For owners Laura and Craig Soncrant, this was an ideal location to spread their wings and combine a coffee shop/brunch place with a friendly neighborhood supper club and bar. And, it's close enough to Rogers Park for their faithful regular customers, on an increasingly attractive foodies' strip along Broadway, less than a block from the Thorndale Red Line stop. While their liquor license application is pending, the main bar is used to feature a variety of special teas, coffees and interesting non-alcoholic beverages, and a secondary one serves

as a bakery counter.

Dialogue Diners Beth Robinson and her husband, Freddy, had tried the Rabbit for breakfast on a weekday earlier this year. She had loved her spinach omelet as well as the red velvet cake they took home, although Freddy wasn't overly enthused about his chorizo skillet. So, on March 7, Neil, Debbie and I joined Edgewater friends Nancy Lewis and Mary Lauren for a dinner outing to see if our growling stomachs would walk away happy.

The Growling Rabbit has a pleasant, laid-back atmosphere – conversation-friendly with nicely spaced wooden tables, soft lighting, warm décor and blissfully low background music. There's a big archway between the erstwhile St. Andrew's space and the neighboring storefront – the latter with a disability-friendly north entrance facing the parking lot. Joe, our friendly server, showed us to a big corner table and helped us decipher the menu and beverage choices. Neil liked his ginger root tea, but Mary found her special root beer a bit watery, though saved by a nice dollop of whipped cream. We were a bit surprised that her first two beverage choices were not available that evening.

The dinner menu covers some of the breakfast/brunch items with just a few

dinner entrées added – not quite enough choices for a vegetarian like Mary. Our food selections were a bit hit-and-miss, maybe because the cute menu descriptions had raised our expectations. We started with a couple of orders of fried cheese curds – nicely browned in a light batter and accompanied by a tasty beer mustard dipping sauce... tasty, although on the greasy side.

For our main courses, both Debbie and I had ordered the stuffed portabello mushroom plate accompanied by excellent roasted potatoes. Debbie was happy with hers; I would have preferred mine hotter, and the sun-dried tomatoes strips were a bit chewy. Neil's fish tacos – typically a favorite menu choice of his – were a bit different from what he expected. Rather than presenting the dish with several distinct tacos containing the fish, they served several overlapping soft tortillas with a couple of fish fillets stretched over the them. Visually, it was a hit, especially if you don't mind eating tacos with a fork and knife, but to make traditional tacos that could be picked up and held, Neil had to cut and re-position the fish inside the individual tortillas, along with the other ingredients

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(radishes and cream sauce) that created a good texture contrast.

Nancy was very happy with a crunchy waffle and fried chicken – one of the breakfast/brunch items that are served through supper. Like Neil’s fish tacos, it was a big enough portion to warrant a doggie bag. Mary was less enthusiastic about her Cobb salad (by request, without bacon) – she thought the lettuce cut oddly, and the accompanying guacamole OK but not great. All of our entrées benefited from a bit more salt (and pepper in my case).

Desserts include a variety of baked goods from the cake counter at the coffee bar in the adjoining room. Neil and Debbie’s ricotta cheesecake was fluffy and light, not overly sweet, and with a distinct lemon flavor, and my mixed berry pop tart was flaky and quite delicious.

Given our mixed reaction to dinner, Neil, Debbie, Nancy and I went back to the Rabbit for brunch on Saturday, April 23. Unlike our dinner experience, when empty seats were plentiful, the place was hopping – we lucked out getting the same nice corner table we had had for dinner. All of us were happy with our

menu choices. Neil’s “Tilly’s chai tea” was not overly sweet, with hints of vanilla and orange. His spinach, egg and provolone sandwich on wheat toast was very good, with lots of flavor. There was just enough provolone to add a slightly cheesy flavor but not enough to dominate the egg and spinach. It was a good-sized portion, enough to fill him up. Debbie liked her chorizo omelet and nicely browned breakfast potatoes and said she would order it again. Again, the portion was very large. She had ordered orange juice, and it came in a very large glass for only \$3.50.

Nancy’s spinach, zucchini and brie omelet (hold the onions) was a winner, too, accompanied by rye toast that was just right. And, she enjoyed her hot and fragrant “Evening in Missoula” decaf tea. I opted for a short stack of three very fluffy pancakes with fresh blueberry compote. Not sure why they didn’t come with butter, but our server brought it (and some syrup) right away. My special chai tea was great after I sent it back for a bit more heat.

All in all, I think it’s safe to say that The Growling Rabbit is a super addition to the neighborhood. It has yet to morph into its dream of becoming a supper club (it bills itself as a brunch pub and supper club) – right now, it’s still more

of a coffeehouse and brunch spot with a few nods to a dinner menu. The staff is super-friendly and accommodating, a bit reminiscent of the sweet flower children of the Sixties for those of us who remember those days fondly. That’s not a negative, just a quirk that adds to the charm of the place. Do try it, especially for breakfast or brunch – just ask your server when ordering for teas and coffees to be hot, and if anything’s missing, it’ll be fixed right away.

We’ll keep on watching to see what happens when The Growling Rabbit’s outdoor patio opens later this spring and a liquor license helps with the ambience of a “supper club.” Maybe there will be entertainment, too, like at the Heartland Café in the Rabbit’s old neighborhood.

We still don’t know why the bunny is growling, so please let the *Dialogue* know if you find out!

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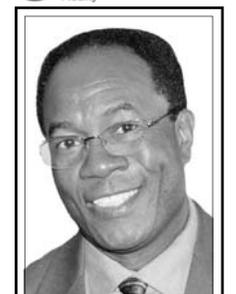
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## Brustdeckel recipe filled with love, history

Former Malibu East owner Barbara Abarbanell passed away in Naples, Fla., in March. For years she owned *The Daisy Shop* on Oak Street, a haute couture resale shop, and she published an electronic fashion newsletter for 16 years. At Malibu East she was a member of the Social Committee and the first person to take charge of the growing number of books in the Community Room's free library, taking pride in organizing them. She spent a few years on the Dialogue staff, mostly writing articles about authors of popular fiction and recipes gleaned from family and friends, liberally sprinkled with anecdotes about family, history and travel. She was a woman of strong convictions. Her writing for the Dialogue included "A simple Provence meal from Rym Sabaar's kitchen" in the July 2013 issue, "Polish sausage: two ways" in the February 2014 issue and "Trend-setting Paretsky should rejuvenate Vic" in the November 2014 issue. You can find these articles online at [MalibuEast.org/Dialogue](http://MalibuEast.org/Dialogue). In Barbara's memory, we publish one of her favorite family recipes that hadn't made it into print.

### By Barbara Abarbanell

My grandmother, known within the family as Tante Lakey, but to me as Bubbe, told me that she and her family came from Lomz in Austria. That's what she told the people at Ellis Island; that's what the officials wrote down. Turns out, I misunderstood her pronunciation, as did the officials. We should have heard "Lomza." Sometimes Austria owned Lomza; other times, Russia; still other times, Germany and Prussia and Hungary. My bubbe stopped counting at Austria.

Since other papers she carried said Galicia, she was accurate. Galicia papers meant Jewish, as well as Austrian. Those officials who kept track of Jews also stopped counting at Austria, too – so that's what the family told the U.S. Census people.

Talking and reading documents with and for officials was important, so she was literate in German, Russian, Hungarian, Hebrew, Yiddish and, later, English, as was everyone else in the family. When the family arrived in Chicago, everyone went to the City of Chicago's Lighted Schoolhouse program to become literate in English. She told me

that after you learn two languages, what's three or four? She was right.

The house language was Yiddish. Our Lawndale community's street language was Yiddish. Outside of our community, for example Downtown, the street language was English. At the synagogue, the language was Hebrew. We never spoke German or Russian or Hungarian, but those languages were mixed into the "kitchen language."

Of all of Bubbe's recipes, the one I liked best was stuffed veal breast – in German she called it Kalbfleisch-Brustdeckel or just Brustdeckel. This cut isn't easy to find in Chicago, but you could get it at the Devon Market, 1440 W. Devon. The price per pound varies, from \$1.59 to \$2.99. It's worth it at any price. Buy enough rib blades so that each person will receive at least one blade per serving. It's very, very rich. One blade is usually enough per person.

Make a pocket between the rib blades and meat. Don't trim the fat. It bastes the meat as the meat roasts.

#### Stuffing:

Grate one medium potato per person into mixing bowl. Wrap in cheesecloth and squeeze out water. Return to mixing bowl and grate one small onion. Add enough beaten eggs to make mixture shiny. Add enough matzoh meal, a little at a time, to reduce the shininess by half. Add salt and garlic to taste. Stuff as

much as you can into the pocket.

Wrap Brustdeckel with kitchen twine to keep stuffing in pocket you created between the rib blades and meat.

#### Potato casserole:

Put the excess potato mixture in a casserole dish greased with peanut oil (only peanut oil will do) and bake at 350 degrees. It'll cook faster than the Brustdeckel, so test it with a toothpick for doneness once you smell it. When the toothpick comes out clean, it's done. Remove it from the oven; cover with a kitchen towel.

#### Brustdeckel:

In roasting pan, make a deep bed of sliced onions. Add 3-4 ounces of water. Sprinkle dried minced onion on top of sliced onions. Lay Brustdeckel blade side up. Cook, uncovered, at 350 degrees until it smells good. Check if roast needs more water. Add more water, sparingly, about two ounces at a time. Turn Brustdeckel blade side down. Sprinkle dried minced onion on top.

Cook at 350 degrees until it smells better than before. The veal will swell as it cooks. Test if meat feels soft. If so, it's done. If not, cook longer until it smells even better.

Cut servings according to blades. Serve with applesauce, pan gravy and rye bread to sop up juices. Gut essen, menchen, gut essen!

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