

Malibu East Dialogue

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Meet 1920 poster girl of Malibu East seniors

By Tracy Poyser

On Jan. 5 of this year, a very special, beloved resident of our Malibu East village, Ruth-Betty Spilky, celebrated her 98th birthday in the Windjammer Room with some 45-50 of her close friends and neighbors, many from the Emanuel Congregation just south of us on Sheridan. Her trusted companion/caregiver for the past 11 years, Josephine Banjoc, also an accomplished singer, serenaded Ruth-Betty with several songs, some together with Aida Calvopina, while other guests shared their favorite Ruth-Betty stories and anecdotes.



The birthday girl's friends, including Aida and Sandy Chaet and other neighbors and members of our Social Committee, had set up a luscious table with a variety of sweet treats and pastry temptations. And, Ruth-Betty did the honors of cutting not just one, but two birthday cakes for her guests. There was only one symbolic candle for her to blow out (98 would have melted the frosting), but her smile lit up the room better than any candles – and I hope her photo reflects her wisdom and joy.

A milestone birthday like this deserves more than just describing a party. So, a couple of weeks later, I joined Aida and Josephine in Ruth-Betty's apartment for tea and memories of her full and complex life. In no

particular order, she shared memories that gave glimpses of stories that deserve a full biography. In Ruth-Betty's words, her life had a lot of sorrow, but balanced with a lot of joy.

On Jan. 5, 1920, wide-eyed baby Ruth-Betty greeted this world here in Chicago. A few highlights of that year were documented in a page of "Top Headlines This Week" she had received for her 95th birthday:



- Boston Red Sox sell Babe Ruth to New York Yankees on Jan. 5;
- 18th Amendment prohibits sale of beer, wine and liquor;
- League of Nations' first meeting – Treaty of Versailles in effect;
- A car costs \$345; a house \$6,296 on average;
- Woodrow Wilson is president. And, in November 1920, Warren G. Harding wins the presidency in the first presidential election in which women had the right to vote!

Both of her parents were born in Chicago, her mother in 1892 and her dad in 1889. Her granddad was born in 1871 – the year of the Great Chicago Fire, and Ruth-Betty remembers tales of a great-aunt who ran outside with her hot iron during that tragedy. Ruth-Betty's grandmother was born near Frankfurt, Germany – she died when Ruth-Betty's mom was only 10. A beautiful blue-and-white glazed pitcher from that part of Germany is one of her most precious keepsakes, displayed in her dining room where she can always see it. Internet genealogy research by a

cousin revealed that her great-grandfather, born in 1791, moved to the United States from London.

Ruth-Betty grew up in the Lakeview neighborhood, on Aldine near Buena and Broadway. She had a sister, two years her elder, who, sadly, died at only 55. Ruth-Betty remembers swimming in Lake Michigan at the Belmont beach before the boat harbor and Lake Shore Drive were built (the Drive was extended from Belmont to Foster in 1933, and in 1957 to its present terminus at Hollywood). She loved elegant luncheons at the former Edgewater Beach Hotel with its boardwalk right on the water, and going dancing there with her dates. She met her first husband there; they married when she was 31, and he died only five years later. She married again in 1969, but 10 years later she lost her second husband.

Despite these tragedies, Ruth-Betty lived her life with grace, grit and a zest for learning, a love of travel and meeting new people, and her devoted affiliation with the Emanuel Congregation, which started when she was only 18. She worked as an administrative secretary for a synagogue for 12 years, and at the University of Illinois at Chicago for 18 years – initially at UIC's Navy Pier campus in 1948 and continuing through the 1965 move to its current location south of the Loop.

She discovered her love for travel in

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Malibu East events and meetings

Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, Feb. 15

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

Board, special owners' meetings

Tuesday, Feb. 27

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

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

Our condolences
to the families
and friends of
Lawrence Wong



Alfredo
Lukinskas



June Shriver



Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018

Attendance: Twelve Board members, two management representatives, 20 residents
Excused: None
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Seawall repairs" was added to Items requiring Board action.
- 2) "Carpet cleaning" was added to Old/new business.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

1) Financial statement (as of Dec. 31)

Operating and reserve cash
\$5,139,974
Investment in units
\$2,160,729 (13 units)
Excess of operating revenue over expenses
\$1,035,415 year-to-date

2) Delinquencies (as of Jan. 19)

\$433,900, including \$242,910 from former residents, less \$279,526 allowance for doubtful accounts

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Building maintenance - Carol Beatty

Director Beatty noted that the Community Room has become a dumping ground for unwanted items, and she plans to schedule a working session of residents who are willing to help declutter the room. See article, page 3.

2) Garage - Martina Molins

Garage was 65 cars below capacity as of Dec. 31. Fourteen residents were on the waiting list for single self-parking spaces. There was no damage claim in December.

3) Pets - Sandy Chaet

Committee held a meeting of dog owners on Jan. 16 to discuss the dog runs and any changes they would like to see made. The group recommended that the dog runs be kept where they are, and they made several other recommendations, which the Board will consider.

4) Sports - Neil Warner

New yoga class begins the first Thursday of each month. Newcomers are welcome but must commit to a full month of classes.

5) Social - Sandy Chaet

Discussion group will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. An Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 24 in the Windjammer Room. A high tea will be held Sunday, April 29 in the Windjammer Room.

6) ASCO & Community Affairs - Sandy

Chaet

Protests from condo owners have convinced our state senator, Heather Steans, to co-sponsor Sen. Kwame Raoul's trailer bill to Illinois H.B. 189 that would amend the Illinois Condominium Property Act so as to remove the requirement that condominium boards provide phone numbers and email addresses to other owners who request the contact information, as now required under a state law that took effect Jan. 1. Director Chaet thanked Violette Deschamps and Dean Lerner for alerting the Board about the new law, and she expressed appreciation to the owners who contacted Sen. Steans and Rep. Kelly Cassidy to express their displeasure with the law. Owners may need to contact their legislators later, when Sen. Raoul's bill comes up for a vote. Also, Ald. Brian Hopkins and Ald. Brendan Reilly have introduced an ordinance in the Chicago City Council that would give condo boards more discretion regarding the release of owners' information. More details on this issue are available at ascosheridanroad.org/asco

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette

Deschamps

Items requiring Board action

1) 40F sale

An agreement on the sale of this Association-owned unit had been delayed, but the issue has been resolved. A special meeting of unit owners will be held prior to the Feb. 27 Board meeting to approve this sale.

2) Owners' contact list

Board will revisit this issue at the February meeting.

3) Satellite TV rate

A 5% increase in the monthly satellite television fee, the maximum allowable under our contract, to \$26.61 becomes effective Feb. 1.

4) D & O insurance policy

Board approved the renewal of the directors and officers insurance policy.

5) Landscape consultant

Directors voted to hire a new landscape consultant, subject to modification of the contract.

6) Electric vehicle charging stations

Board voted to install the infrastructure for electric vehicle charging stations in the garage, requiring the relocation of several self-parkers. A \$25 monthly surcharge will be assessed to each self-parker who requires a charging station.

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.

7) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved as amended.

8) Seawall repairs

Tabled.

Old/new business

1) Commercial mall rebranding

Board will consider renaming the Captain's Walk, with assistance from a consulting firm and our owners.

2) Commercial mall signage

This will be incorporated into the landscaping project.

3) Windjammer Room sliding door replacement

Management wants to hear from owners who wish to replace their windows. See article, page 3.

4) Committee membership

Tabled.

5) Admission meeting format

Tabled.

6) Property and parkway fencing

This will be incorporated into the landscaping project.

7) Balcony/facade project

RBS will begin Phase Two on the north side tiers (D, F, H and K) the last week of January.

8) Stack effect study

Board approved the first phase of the project, which is designed to mitigate the stack effect in our building.

9) Garage column repairs

Waiting on a revised proposal from our consultant.

10) Seawall repairs

Tabled.

11) Captain's Walk restrooms

A new contractor has begun work to complete the renovations.

12) Captain's Walk stairwell

Nothing new.

13) Realtor lease/sale reports

Realtor reports some activity.

14) Rules revisions

Nothing new.

15) Association-owned units

Of 13 units owned by the Association as of Dec. 31, nine were being rented, one was under contract to be sold, two were listed for sale, and one had just been leased.

16) Carpet cleaning

A thorough cleaning of all residential hallway carpeting will begin after the garage is power-washed in March or April.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. and went into closed session.



What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

UNIT WINDOWS: This is a reminder to subscribe to the owners' pool if you are contemplating the replacement of your windows in the summer of 2018. Management needs to know how many owners are seriously considering the replacement of their sliding glass doors/windows so that it can negotiate the best possible prices with the vendor, Softer Lite, on behalf of our owners. Please contact management by [Feb. 15](#) to be added to the negotiation pool with Softer Lite.

COMMUNITY ROOM: In November of last year, part of my article for the *Dialogue* reminded our residents of the basics of the Community Room. This room is primary a "lending library" for residents to drop off and pick up [books](#). Unfortunately, the room has become a dumping site for toys, DVDs, magazines, VHS tapes, knickknacks and others clutter. Furthermore, outdated books that do not qualify as either vintage, popular, cult, trendy or historical documents should not be brought to the Community Room. The room has to be periodically uncluttered and reorganized by [volunteers](#). It has become an excruciating burden for the volunteers to sort and dispose of an increasing number of undesirable items. Please be courteous and do not abuse the time of the volunteers by using this room as a dumping ground to get rid of unsuitable items that you no longer wish to keep in your unit.

CABLE TV BASIC PROGRAMMING: Effective Feb. 1, 2018, the cable TV charge itemized on your monthly statements from Sudler increased by \$1.26 per month per unit. The increase is a pass-through that is billed to the Association by USA Wireless, which got the same increase from its programming vendor, DirecTV.

LANDSCAPING: The Board of Directors adopted a motion at its January Board meeting to hire Jacobs/Ryan Associates Landscape Architects to prepare a master plan for the outdoor soft and hard landscaping components of the ground floor. The master plan will include the review, assessment and improvement of the signage, lighting, fencing, parkways, sidewalks, stairs, ramps, dog runs,

planters, and plants, trees and bushes. This is a comprehensive program that will significantly contribute to the enhancement of the curb appeal of the property once implemented. Should you have any ideas related to this project, please do not hesitate to submit them to management for assessment by the Architecture & Aesthetics Committee, the landscape architects and the Board.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS: Directors made the decision at their January Board meeting to install the infrastructure for six charging stations in the garage for the purpose of recharging electric vehicles owned by residents. The first charging stations will be installed in the self-park stalls located in the northwest corner of the third floor of the garage. This location has been selected due to the congregated self-park stalls and their proximity to the electrical source necessary to feed the charging stations. Residents currently occupying the first four stalls to be upgraded have received a letter from management informing them of the project and the necessary relocation of their vehicles in the garage. Sievert Electric was hired by the Association to install the necessary transformer, electrical panel and the first four charging stations.

BALCONY/FACADE PROJECT: Reliable Building Systems is preparing to initiate Phase Two of the façade and balcony project. RBS was scheduled to start with the rigging of its scaffolds on the north side of the building on Jan. 29. Please expect rigging activities on the D, F, H and K tiers and take the precautions you see fit to protect your privacy. Once the rigging is completed in the last week of January, weather permitting, RBS will start the removal of the old balcony coating. As we stated before, RBS will not request residents to remove their belongings from their balconies; RBS has consented to move the belongings around as necessary while removing the existing membrane. As soon as the weather is conducive for the brick and concrete work, RBS will start the replacement of the bricks of the west wall of the garage and complete the remaining work to be done on

the L and M tiers.

CARPET CLEANING PLANS: We are projecting to power-wash the garage in March or April, depending on the weather. The carpet cleaning of the residential floors will be scheduled to start soon afterward.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL: Garbage disposals contribute to repeated clogs in kitchen drains. Please keep in mind that disposals will shred food waste into small gluey chunks that tend to adhere to the walls of the drains before they eventually are flushed down the main stack. In order to prevent repeated clogs that may result in floods in your kitchens, we advise you to let the water run for 10-15 seconds after usage of your disposal in order to maximize the flushing of particles down your drain.

STACK EFFECT AND ELEVATORS: Following the final report by Sunnyside Design Group, the Association's consultant in addressing the stack effect, directors made the decision at their January Board meeting to proceed with about \$300,000 of building improvements in an effort to mitigate the stack effect in the building. The 2018 projects will include the installation in the garage of a carbon monoxide system combined to control air intake and exhaust; the creation of strategic vestibules by the passenger elevators on the second and third floors, and the closing of gaps around doors and mechanical equipment penetrating compartment walls.

Meanwhile, we have placed warning signs on the relevant doors of the lower levels to emphasize the importance of closing these doors behind you. We have seen a tremendous improvement, but still, much more can be achieved with your cooperation. Do not be surprised if elevator doors do not close and you get stuck in an elevator that refuses to move: a nearby common-area door is likely open. One of the doors that has been the biggest challenge for being repetitively left open is the door by the fourth-floor passenger elevators leading to the fitness and community rooms. This door is used hundreds of times every day, and left open hundreds of times as well. The second problematic door faces the mail room and leads to the service elevator on the first floor. Same problem. We sincerely rely on you to improve this

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Community Calendar

By Neil Warner

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BROADWAY ARMORY

Indoor park, six gym floors, trapeze classes, senior activities, athletic equipment, meeting room, computer center, dancing floor, shuffleboard, weights, arts and crafts, aerobics, ping pong, after-school activities and more.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
5917 N. Broadway
312-742-7502
goo.gl/MSZSES

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Beat 2433 community meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m.
Engine 70 Fire House
6030 N. Clark (use north entrance)
(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 exhibits: "Made in Chicago: An industrial history in everyday objects 1900-1970" and "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

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
WhitelCraneWellness.org

THEATER/SHOWINGS

BABES WITH BLADES

"The Good Fight" by Anne Bertram
To defend their members, a group pushing for women's suffrage in England built "The Bodyguard" – an all-female security team, trained in jujutsu – and "The Good Fight" began.
Thru Feb. 17

City Lit Theater
1020 W. Bryn Mawr
773-904-0391
babeswithblades.org

BROWN PAPER BOX CO.

"Speech & Debate" by Stephen Karam

Three teenage misfits in Salem, Oregon discover they are linked by a sex scandal that's rocked their town. When one of them sets out to expose the truth, secrets become currency, the stakes get higher, and the trio's connection grows deeper in this searching, fiercely funny dark comedy with music.

Feb. 2 thru March 4
Edge Theater
5451 N. Broadway
brownpaperbox.org

JACKALOPE THEATRE

"Franklinland" by Lloyd Suh
Focusing on the only son of Benjamin Franklin, this play asks what it's like to make your way in life knowing your father's greatest invention wasn't you.

Thru Feb. 24
Broadway Armory Park
5917 N. Broadway
jackalopeattheatre.org

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

"The Importance of Being Gendered"

A devised piece examining gender, Oscar Wilde, and The Importance of Being Ernest.

Fri.-Sat., Feb. 9-10, 7:30 p.m.
Underground Laboratory Theatre
Black History Month Choral Celebration

Loyola University Choirs will be joined by choirs from the University of Illinois at Chicago and area high school students to take part in a combined rehearsal and performance that celebrates black music history, led by Dr. Keith Hampton.
Sunday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m.

Mundelein Auditorium
"Machinal" by Sophie Treadwell
Long regarded as one of the strongest examples of Expressionism on stage, this 1928 play is loosely based on and inspired by the real-life case of convicted and executed murderer Ruth Snyder. It deals with feminism, victimization and mental torture exacerbated by yellow journalism.
Feb. 22 thru March 4

Newhart Family Theatre Senior Solo Showcase 2018

The dance program's Class of 2018 performs six solo dances by internationally acclaimed choreographers and a full ensemble work.
Sat.-Sun., Feb. 24-25, 12 p.m.
Palm Court

Spring Instrumental Showcase I

A diverse selection of orchestral, big band, and concert band works featuring the Loyola Symphony Orchestra, the Jazz Ensemble and the Wind Ensemble.

Wed., Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Mundelein Auditorium
All of the above Loyola events will be held at the Mundelein Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
1020 W. Sheridan
artsevents.luc.edu/events

RALPH ARNOLD GALLERY

"Under the Influence"

This exhibition explores the work of artists who also work as art educators and their various sources of inspiration.

Feb. 22 thru March 23
1131 W. Sheridan
773-508-7510

luc.edu/ralpharnoldgallery

RAVEN THEATRE

"Nice Girl" by Melissa Ross

Josephine Rosen finds herself stuck in her job, her spinsterhood and her mom's house at age 37, but a new friendship and a budding romance bring her the possibility of change.
Thru March 11

6157 N. Clark
773-338-2177
raventheatre.com

REDTWIN THEATRE

"Surely Goodness and Mercy" by Chisa Hutchinson

Tino is a Newark schoolboy sent to live with an abusive aunt after his mother dies protecting him in a street fight. Seeking solace, Tino befriends the cantankerous lunch

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lady at school who has been diagnosed with MS.
Feb. 14 thru March 18
1044 W. Bryn Mawr
773-728-7529
redtwi st. org

RIVENDELL THEATRE

“Cal in Camo” by William Francis Hoffman
With new mother Cal feeling isolated in rural Illinois and yearning to love her baby despite a seething resentment, this play delves into old wounds than can scar even our capacity for connection.
Thru Feb. 17
5779 N. Ridge
773-334-7728
rivendelltheatre.org

STEEP THEATRE

“Hinter” by Calamity West
Inspired by a chilling and true unsolved crime, “Hinter” is a darkly comic thriller set in a remote village in Bavaria in 1922.
Thru March 3
1115 W. Berwyn
773-649-3186
steeptheatre.com

UNCOMMON GROUND EDGEWATER

One Voice Series: A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant and a Prayer
Presented by Chicago Danztheatre Ensemble as part of Chicago Theatre Week, each monologue is devised in collaboration with an all-female cast to fuse dance, theater and multimedia. The evening concludes with community stories to tie in the theme of solidarity. Proceeds will be donated to Life Span, which empowers survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
Thu.-Fri., Feb. 15-16, 7:30 p.m.
Uncommon Ground Edgewater
1401 W. Devon
773-486-8261
danztheatre.org

Board meeting dates

February 27	September 12
March 27	(annual meeting)
April 24	September 25
May 22	October 23
June 26	November 27
July 24	(budget approval)
August 28	December 18

Restaurant review

Oaxacan dishes shine at Kie-Gol-Lanee

By Beth Robinson



Just around the corner from the Vietnamese restaurants on Argyle Street, Kie-Gol-Lanee serves up cuisine from the Mexican state of Oaxaca. The restaurant is named after Santa Maria Quiegolani, the Oaxacan hometown of the cooking team, who came to Chicago and worked at the Italian restaurant Anteprema in Andersonville before opening their own venue in the storefront formerly occupied by Riques Cocina Mexicana.

The menu contains some regional dishes not usually found in other Chicago Mexican restaurants, as well as more typical offerings.

Six Dialogue Diners visited Kie-Gol-Lanee on a Sunday night. At the entrance is a small table with a votive candle and strewn flower petals. The warm, vibrant green and red walls are decorated with Oaxacan paintings.

Exploring the menu took a little time. We all recognized tacos and guacamole, but other items were new to us. While the names of some dishes were unfamiliar, the descriptions were clear and precise. The group ended up finding many appealing options. To start, we shared a few appetizers: *garnacha*, a corn patty filled with pork, onion, cilantro, radish, cabbage and fresh cheese with a green chili sauce; *tlacoyos*, corn patties stuffed with refried beans and served with a garnish of cactus, tomato, onion, radish and cilantro and a spicy red pepper sauce on the side; and wild mushrooms steamed in a plantain leaf. No one was ready to try another menu item – *chapulines* (grasshoppers).

Choosing a plated entrée, two people had the *sopa del mar* with mussels, shrimp, squid, crab legs and vegetables surrounded by a clear broth. Janet thought the marinated grilled quail in plum sauce was delicious. Neil ordered cod in a plantain leaf with pumpkin seed sauce and topped with cherry tomatoes, sliced zucchini, cilantro and onion. He said the fish was perfectly cooked, and the pumpkin seed sauce added a nice punch of flavor to the dish.

Some of the “snack” or “street food” offerings on the menu made a good meal, as well. The Oaxacan tamales, each cooked in a plantain leaf, had a

thin, creamy cornmeal exterior containing a generous amount of filling. Debbie ordered the chicken and pork tamales and found them to be larger and moister than other Mexican tamales she has tried. The *tlayuda*, another traditional Oaxacan dish, consisted of a large, thin, crispy corn tortilla covered with a black bean spread, cheese, cabbage, tomato, red onion, avocado and a choice of meat or vegetables. I enjoyed mine, topped with cecina, thin slices of spiced beef.

The *tres leches* cake for dessert was a big hit, and Debbie thought the *fruta and crema* with apples, raisins, pecans and honey, lightly coated with Oaxacan sour cream, was refreshing.

The restaurant serves an assortment of beverages, including *atole*, a hot corn drink, and several cold *aguas frescas*, such as *horchata*, made of rice, and a tamarind or squash cooler. Customers may also bring their own alcoholic beverages to accompany the meal.

Service was efficient and friendly. The average cost for an entrée was \$20, and the tamales were a bargain at \$5 each.

All six Dialogue Diners enthusiastically recommend this restaurant. The food is varied and well-prepared. Helen thought that she would make a meal of the unusual, high-quality appetizers next time. The restaurant also serves brunch on Saturdays and Sundays beginning at 11 a.m.

Kie-Gol-Lanee
5004 N. Sheridan Road
872-241-9088
kiegol.com
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 5-10 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Tamale Thursdays 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Management report

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situation; it will immensely contribute to the operation of the elevators.

DISCLOSURE OF EMAIL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS: We received our first request from a unit owner to disclose the list of unit owners along with telephone numbers and email addresses. For those of you who didn't return, or respond to, the form referring to Section 19 of the Condominium Property Act, management will have no other choice but to disclose the information on file. Please be aware.

Local 'treasures' imperiled

By Beth Robinson

To make room for new construction in different locations in Edgewater, developers have plans to tear down two buildings, including one of the few remaining mansions on Sheridan Road and the last example of a shopping arcade in Chicago.

The two-story Woodruff Arcade on the southeast corner of Broadway and Devon is not particularly memorable for most passersby. They may recall the ATM at the corner more vividly than the building itself. Yet, inside the red brick exterior is a local treasure, according to the Edgewater Historical Society. EHS initiated a petition to stop a developer from demolishing the building to make room for a proposed new multi-story structure.

The Woodruff Arcade, designed by architect Herbert H. Green, was one of a number of shopping arcades, a unique building design, located throughout the country and in Europe, when it was constructed in 1922. In the interior, the stores and businesses on two levels open to a sunlit walkway covered with an arched glass roof, allowing shoppers to stroll from one shop to another indoors. Until recently, 14 businesses, including The Mustard Seed Christian Bookstore, Planned Parenthood and Bank of America, occupied the building. Other shopping arcades in Chicago, one built in 1922 at 1120-1126 W. Granville, have been torn down, leaving the Woodruff as the only surviving building of this type in the city.

The first shopping arcades appeared in the 19th century, and the design is considered the forerunner of the shopping mall. The Woodruff Arcade has a fairly simple layout in comparison with

some others around the world. European arcades, such as Milan's Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, inspired John D. Rockefeller and others to finance the construction of "The Arcade" in Cleveland in 1890. With a five-story glass atrium and ornate metal work, this building was renovated in 2001 and houses a Hyatt Regency Hotel, along with restaurants and shops. Modern arcades include the Mall of America in Minnesota.

Despite the efforts of preservationists, Algonquin Ventures Real Estate LLC, the developer that purchased the property, is moving forward with plans to replace the Woodruff Arcade. Tenants have vacated the building. The new structure, to be called "The Arcade," may incorporate aspects of the Woodruff building design. The proposed development posted online at

edgemarkllc.com/properties/the-arcade/ is a seven-story building with 58 residential units and street-level retail space. Bank of America is listed as one of the retail tenants.

The mansion at 5356 N. Sheridan Road, designed by Charles Thiesse, is also being targeted for demolition. It stands surrounded by tall residential complexes and is best known as the location of the Wing Hoe Chinese Restaurant since 1971. But when it was built in 1913, it was one of many luxurious family homes along Sheridan Road. Now most of these homes are gone. A developer purchased the property and would like to replace the mansion/restaurant with a four-story residential building.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Doorman's Station..... 773-271-1769
- Garage Office 773-271-5193
- Management Office 773-271-1732
- Management Office (Fax)..... 773-271-1743
- Receiving Room 773-271-2608

CAPTAIN'S WALK MALL

- Dr. Ahmad Bastani 773-506-9600
- Bezz Training 508-737-9528
- Dr. Kerstin Horbal 773-275-0110
- CG Therapies 773-359-3505
- H. M. Wagner Realty 773-334-0200
- Malibu Convenient Mart..... 773-769-5440
- Sarah Wynn, LCSW 773-580-7282
- Sheridan Hair & Body Studio 773-561-6595
- Dr. Elaine Wagner, DC, LAc 773-274-6827

CITY SERVICES/UTILITIES

- Alderman Harry Osterman.... 773-784-5277
- Berger Park Cultural Center.. 773-761-0376
- Broadway Armory 312-742-7502
- Chicago Park District..... 312-742-7529
- Chicago Transit Authority 888-968-7282
- City Hall Inquiry & Info 312-744-5000
- ComEd..... 800-334-7661
- Consumer Protection 312-744-6060
- Cook County Assessor..... 312-443-7550
- Cook County Treasurer..... 312-443-5100
- DirecTV 800-531-5000
- Edgewater Branch library 312-742-1945
- Edgewater Senior Center 312-742-7502
- 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
- Police/Fire Non-emergency 311
- RTA Travel Information..... 312-836-7000
- Senior Services (City)..... 312-744-4016
- State Rep. Kelly Cassidy 773-784-2002
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Ruth-Betty Spilky
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1939 on a bus trip to the Great Smoky Mountains – and a girl sitting behind them on the bus became (and still is) a lifelong friend. Talking about friends, there’s a six-months-older woman in the suburbs whom she met at 19, and they talk almost every day. Another friend is 100 – she lives at the Hallmark assisted living facility next to St. Joseph’s Hospital near Diversey. Ruth-Betty regrets that they can no longer visit each other easily, but she cherishes their phone conversations. Surviving your loved ones is one of the downsides of reaching 98 – one cousin was killed in an auto accident not too long ago, and a very kind and generous man whose friendship she cherished, Alvin Shapiro (he was married to her cousin), passed away in mid-January at age 89.

With a curious mind and open eyes, Ruth-Betty traveled as much as she could – initially in the U.S., where she visited many national parks as well as Alaska, and then her first trip to England in 1970, starting with London. 1988 took her to Australia on a trip that included dinner with a Jewish family, and she still corresponds with the woman who served her coffee. She also had a godson who lived in Perth on

Australia’s west coast. She was in Sydney on the east coast, so she ventured into the middle of that vast continent to meet him, and then spent one week in Perth. She can still visualize the fabulous sunsets from a coffee house on the Indian Ocean.

Now that she can no longer travel, Ruth-Betty pursues her interest in our world through the library and the internet. With Josephine’s help, she’s currently reading a thick volume about a distant relative: Sir Moses Haim Montefiore, (1784-1885) a British financier and banker, activist, philanthropist and sheriff of London. Born to an Italian Jewish family, he donated large sums of money to promote industry, economic development, education and health among the Jewish communities in Europe (check him out on Google). This is just one example of Ruth-Betty’s keen knowledge of history and vibrant mind.

She came to Malibu East by way of a scary incident. She had been living in a two-bedroom unit at 6118 N. Sheridan and got mugged in the building’s garage. After that incident, 24-hour security and having a doorman became essential, and she’s been happy living here since April 1992. What makes her so happy here is not just the safety, but the connection and friendship with her neighbors. She

met Aida at one of the Social Committee’s Thursday-afternoon discussion groups, which they have co-chaired since Ilse Siegler moved away.

I asked Ruth-Betty’s companion and caregiver Josephine to share what makes Ruth-Betty so special. “I’m learning so much from her. Above all, it’s her positive attitude and the way she keeps in touch with all her friends. She doesn’t hold grudges – and is always the first one to reach out. She loves to eat, but everything in moderation. We laugh and sing together in the morning, and I think being her eyes brings me as much joy as it helps her. Being with her is not a chore; it’s made my own life richer.”

Aida loves and admires Ruth-Betty and is honored to be her friend. “She’s a shining example of a well-lived life, and an inspiration to all the elders of our building, including myself,” Aida says.

As for me, I came away from my afternoon with Ruth-Betty thinking how much strength, grace and wisdom it takes to be such a positive force still at 98, and how many lives she has touched and made better.

Please say hi and wish her a belated happy birthday when you see Ruth-Betty with Josephine or her other caregivers in the elevator or Lobby.

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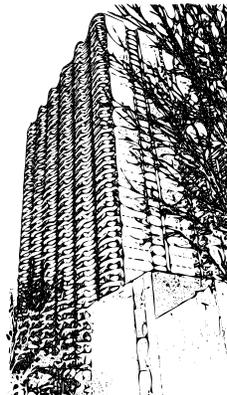
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How can we enhance the Billiard Room?

By Neil Warner

Several years ago the Billiard Room was moved into a space formerly occupied by the Fitness Room. The relocated Billiard Room was renovated, using the beautiful wood paneling that had been saved from a courthouse many years ago, with the addition of carpeting and new light fixtures. It's a beautiful amenity for Malibu East, but it doesn't get used very often.

For that reason, the Sports Committee has been discussing ideas to enhance the use of the room. The idea is to add something that would attract residents to use the room, yet something that doesn't encroach on the billiard table or those who might be using it. The placement of the added item would be in the alcove near the window overlooking the corridor.

One of the ideas that the committee has considered is a foosball table, sometimes called table soccer or table football. The table is typically about four feet by two feet, with figures (foos men) mounted on horizontal metal bars, usually eight bars. Manipulating those foos men, players try to kick the ball into the opposing team's goal. The game is most often played by two or four individuals.

A second idea that has been mentioned is an arcade game, such as a small pinball machine or a bubble hockey machine.

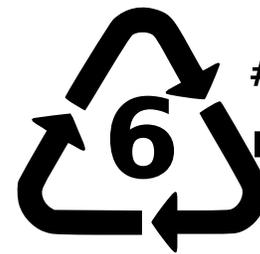
Whatever is chosen would have to be small enough to fit in the alcove and not block the window, as well as not encroaching on the billiard table. And it would have to be compatible with the playing of billiards at the same time.

Perhaps you have a completely different idea that you would like to propose. If so, the Sports Committee would like to hear it.

The committee would particularly like to receive input from resident teenagers and young adults who might be attracted to use the Billiard Room. Keep in mind, though, that the Malibu East Rules and Regulations require that whenever children or teens are using the Billiard Room, there must be a person at least 18 years old present at all times and responsible for their behavior.

If you have a suggestion for the Sports Committee, or a comment about any of the options mentioned in this

article, you can email it to the committee via the Management Office (mecaoffi ce@sudl erchi cago. com) or via the *Dialogue* (Di al ogue@Mal i buEast. org); use "Billiard Room" in the subject line. Or you can leave a written comment or suggestion with the Management Office, to the attention of the Sports Committee.



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