

# Malibu East Dialogue

July 2018

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## Windy City Performing Arts delights audience

From the moment Windy City Performing Arts began its concert with the LGBTQ anthem "Over the Rainbow," the audience in the Windjammer Room was hooked. Soloist Eric Esparza began the song most identified with Judy Garland with a seldom-heard introductory verse before the choir launched into the more commonly heard verses.

Bringing a trimmed-down chorus of 14 to better fit the size and acoustics of the room, along with a keyboard accompanist and conductor/soloist Esparza, WCPA entertained an audience of 40 for an hour on June 3.

WCPA performed a number of selections from "My Life: A Mixtape," a collection of songs that are connected to significant moments in the lives of the performers. The songs ranged from Mozart to "Prayer of St. Francis" to "This Is Me" and a medley of "We Shall Overcome" and "Lean on Me" to Cyndi Lauper's "True Colors" to "Raise You Up/Just Be" from the musical "Kinky Boots."

WCPA is composed of the Windy City Gay Chorus and the Windy City Treble Quire. According to its mission statement, it "celebrates diversity, honors creativity, and cultivates pride through the transformative power of music and the arts."

The Social Committee appreciates the help provided by longtime resident Norm Cratty in facilitating WCPA's appearance at Malibu East during Pride Month.



### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Board meeting

Tuesday, July 31  
7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

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Photos by Tracy Poyser



# Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

## Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Attendance: Eleven Board members, one management representative, 16 residents  
Excused: Jake Levandowski  
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "L and M tiers A/C" and "Elevator information screen" were added to Items requiring Board action.

### TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

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

Operating and reserve cash  
\$4,749,162  
Investment in units  
\$2,321,027 (14 units)  
Excess of operating revenue over expenses  
\$110,068 year-to-date

#### 2) Delinquencies (as of June 22)

\$419,599, including \$240,022 from former residents, less \$310,000 allowance for doubtful accounts

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1) Admissions - Carl Chadek

Director Chadek has prepared a list of key information for new residents to be given at admissions meetings.

#### 2) Building maintenance - Carol Beatty

Door between Lobby and garage waiting room isn't operating properly; new parts have been ordered.

#### 3) Communications & TV - Thomas Vaughan

Committee recently held an open meeting about the expiring satellite TV contract. A survey for residents is being prepared.

#### 4) Garage - Martina Molins

Garage was 61 cars below capacity as of May 31. Twelve residents were on waiting list for single self-parking spaces. There were no damage claims in May.

#### 5) Units & Redecorating - Carl Stahlheber

Committee chose some finishes to be installed in renovations of units 9J and 33H.

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

Committee suggests that outside doors to Captain's Walk be locked on July 4 if all businesses will be closed that holiday.

#### 7) Sports - Neil Warner

New yoga class begins July 2 at 6:30 p.m. Newcomers are welcome only at first class of the month and must pay for entire month. Following month's class begins Aug. 6.

#### 8) Social - Sandy Chaet

Discussion group will not meet during July or August; it resumes in September. Luau will be held Aug. 11; see article, page 8.

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

City is installing flashing speed indicators on Sheridan Road and Broadway (four on each street) in an effort to slow down cars. ASCO plans to meet with alderman about traffic from Rosemont to Foster, and bikes. Construction work being done on Granville, Glenlake and Thorndale involves installation of fiber-optic cable to improve cell phone reception. Upcoming events: Greek Fest July 7-8 at Hollywood and Sheridan; Edgewater farmers market each Saturday morning at Broadway and Thorndale; EdgeFest Aug. 4-5 on Broadway between Thorndale and Ardmore; ASCO fundraiser 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 at Marty's Martini Bar, 1511 W. Balmoral.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

#### Items requiring Board action

##### 1) 14F amended closing credit

Board amended its resolution on the sale of Association-owned unit 14F to reflect a \$5,000 closing credit to the buyer.

##### 2) Carbon monoxide detection system

Directors approved two change orders related to a contractor's proposals to replace the louvers for the east garage fans and the Laundry Room.

##### 3) 4L renovation

Board approved an expenditure to renovate Association-owned unit 4L, pending the receipt of one or two additional bids.

##### 4) 16M renovation

Tabled.

##### 5) Unit renovation and hallway protection

Directors voted not to charge unit owners for expense of hallway carpet protection during unit renovations.

##### 6) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved as amended.

##### 7) L and M tiers A/C

Board voted to implement a program that aims to expedite the temporary reconnection of A/C condensers for M unit owners who request it, for units that have not received their first of three membrane coatings.

##### 8) Elevator information screen

Administrative assistant Melody Keegan will take the responsibility for updating

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.

the information screen in the elevators, with the help of the *Dialogue* staff.

### Old/new business

#### 1) Boat dock cleanup

Nothing new.

#### 2) East air handler

Tabled.

#### 3) Stack effect: loading dock enclosure

Nothing new.

#### 4) Loading dock project

In progress.

#### 5) Protective pads for balconies

Management will buy protective pads that residents can place under heavy items on balconies to protect the membrane.

#### 6) Windjammer Room furniture replacement

Board approved an expenditure for new furniture for Windjammer Room.

#### 7) Seawall rehabilitation project

Bidding is in progress.

#### 8) Garage structural repairs

Bidding is in progress.

#### 9) Landscaping beautification

Board has approved landscape architect's concept.

#### 10) Balcony/facade project

Focus is being placed on L and M tiers, with two work crews, as weather permits.

#### 11) Stack effect project

In progress.

#### 12) Temporary parking request

Board authorized the leasing of a predefined space in the garage to a neighboring building that will be renovating its garage.

#### 13) Convenience store status

New operator is trying to resolve a zoning issue with the city.

#### 14) Captain's Walk stairwell

Bidding is in progress.

#### 15) Rules revisions

Nothing new.

#### 16) Bicycle Room audit

Management's audit is finished, with only five bikes found to be without proper decals.

#### 17) Committee membership, format

Nothing new.

#### 18) Realtor lease/sale reports

All but two spaces in Captain's Walk are leased.

#### 19) Association-owned units

Of 14 units owned by Association as of May 31, 10 were being rented, one unit was under contract and expected to close

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## What's happening around the building

*By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager*

**URBAN DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING:** The Board hired the landscape architect firm Jacobs Ryan Associates to assess the existing conditions of the components of the property (parkways, sidewalks, stairs, ramps, lighting, atrium, dog runs, signage, trees, business center terrace, and landscape) and to propose a master plan for upgrading the property. This is a comprehensive project that will be spread over a few years for its completion. This project is more than a landscaping project; it is rather an urban design and landscaping approach to truly bring the curb appeal and outdoor appearance of Malibu East into the 21st century. We are anticipating Phase One to be implemented as soon as 2019.

**PROPERTY TAXES, VALUATION OF YOUR PROPERTY:** You recently received a letter from the Cook County assessor reminding you of your option to appeal the increased valuation of your unit, which for most of you increased significantly compared to the previous year as a result of Cook County's triennial reassessment. As mentioned in my article in the June issue, you do not need to hire an attorney to contest the valuation, considering that the Board has already hired Worssek & Vihon LLP, which specializes in contesting property tax valuations. Worssek & Vihon is in the process of contesting the valuation of your unit; the results are expected to be known by the end of the summer.

The tax appeal fees are billed by Worssek & Vihon only if it achieves a reduction in the assessed valuation, and each unit owner will be billed a pro-rated percentage of that owner's tax savings. The fee will likely be billed to each owner's account in the fall, if the appeal is favorably concluded. Note that any owner having a "Senior Freeze Exemption" or a "Longtime Occupant Homeowner Exemption," printed word-for-word on the second installment property tax bill, will be exempted from the appeal fee. However, all other owners will be charged their proportionate fee billed by Worssek & Vihon; the appeal fee is computed per unit based on each unit's respective percent-

age of ownership as shown in the Malibu East Declaration.

Please note the following clarifications:

1. A Senior Citizen Exemption is not the same and does not qualify as a Senior Freeze Exemption;

2. A Homeowner Exemption is not the same and does not qualify as a Longtime Occupant Homeowner Exemption;

3. Cook County requires all eligible candidates to apply yearly for the Senior Citizen Exemption, the Senior Freeze Exemption and/or the Longtime Occupant Homeowner Exemption;

4. Any such exemption, if granted by the Cook County assessor, is printed on the second installment property tax bill, typically mailed in July;

5. You must file directly with the assessor for any correction you wish to be considered on a tax bill that you previously received;

6. Should you qualify and be approved by the assessor for a Senior Freeze Exemption and/or Longtime Occupant Homeowner Exemption, it must be printed on your second installment property tax bill and a copy must be provided to management.

7. Less than 2% of Cook County properties qualified for the Longtime Occupant Homeowner Exemption last year, according to the assessor. Because the formula for determining who qualifies for this exemption is complex – the increase in your assessed valuation must exceed the maximum set by the Legislature – the assessor calculates which properties would qualify and automatically mails them an application. If you didn't receive an application, you probably don't qualify. However, you can contact the Cook County assessor to confirm this – phone 312-443-7550.

**BALCONIES AND WATER PONDING:** The balconies were originally built with a pitch from the walls to the edges to allow water (rain, melting ice and snow) to be drained away from the building. However, concrete naturally sags over time in between reinforcement rebar grids due to its own weight and gravity. As a result, a large majority of our balconies collect water along the knee walls and/or in the center parts; it is a

widespread problem. The stale water is inconvenient for a lot of reasons, besides adding wear and tear on the membrane. We can assure you that the Board discussed many times the ponding issue and potential solutions with consultants and contractors. There is not much that can be done besides the application of a light leveler (liquid) applied before the final green coating, which is being done by our contractor, Reliable Building Systems. The leveler, as part of the membrane system, will partly compensate for the sagging of the concrete, but overall, the sagging will remain and water will continue to collect on your balconies. Completely negating the effects of the sagging of the concrete is not possible at this time, given the absence of durable products on the market that will effectively achieve it. The only other known remedy is unrealistic to finance as it entails cutting off large and deep sections of sagged concrete, then installing new rebar in the section and repouring new concrete, not to mention that the timetable of the project would be at least three times longer.

**POOL SEASON:** For the safety of all patrons, please be reminded of these basic pool rules:

1. Patrons wearing swimming attire and heading to or returning from the pools must take the service elevator, if it's not locked off;

2. Dry off after swimming, before returning to the building;

3. No smoking;

4. No animals of any kind;

5. No private parties;

6. No lifeguards; everyone swims at their own risk;

7. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests (two maximum per unit);

8. Owners are responsible for the conduct of the occupants of their units and their guests, regardless whether the owner lives on-site or off-site;

9. All swimmers must shower before entering a pool;

10. Proper swimming attire is required: no cut-off jeans, no street shoes, no dirty clothes, no high heels;

11. Zero tolerance: no glass, no metal container, no alcohol; no running, no jumping, no water games (ball or frisbee throwing, etc.);

12. Unattached flotation devices can be used in conjunction with attached

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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.

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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, July 24, 6:30 p.m.  
Edgewater Branch Library  
6000 N. Broadway  
(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

chilib.org/locations/28

#### EDGEWATER GREEK FEST

Food, music, marketplace  
Admission: \$3 per adult  
3-11 p.m. Saturday, July 7  
noon-11 p.m. Sunday, July 8  
St. Andrews Greek Orthodox Church  
5649 N. Sheridan  
standreworthodox.org/events

#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Current exhibits: "Made in Chicago: An industrial history in everyday objects 1900-1970" (until August) 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

#### FARMERS MARKETS

**Andersonville:** 3-8 p.m. Wed.  
On Berwyn, betw. Clark & Ashland  
**Edgewater:** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat.  
SE corner of Broadway/Thorndale  
**Glenwood:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays  
On Glenwood betw. Morse & Lunt  
**Loyola:** 4-8 p.m. Mondays  
Loyola Plaza, 6550 N. Sheridan

#### SUMMER ON THE PLAZA

Live music every Wed. and Fri.,  
5-7 p.m.  
CTA Red Line Loyola station  
6550 N. Sheridan  
LUC.edu/communityrelations

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### THEATER/SHOWINGS

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**"The Laramie Project" by Moisés Kaufman and Tectonic Theater Project**

A deeply complex portrait of a community's response to the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man living in Laramie, Wyo. In a series of poignant reflections, the residents of Laramie react to the hate crime and surrounding media storm with anger, bewilderment and sorrow.

Thru July 8  
Raven Theatre  
6157 N. Clark  
773-828-9129

astonrep.com

#### BABES WITH BLADES

**"The Lady Demands Satisfaction" by Arthur M. Jolly**

A young maiden learns that her entire inheritance will be forfeited to anyone who bests her in a duel once she comes of age. The catch? Her birthday is in a week. A farce.

July 1 thru Aug. 25  
City Lit Theater  
1020 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-904-0391

babeswithblades.org

#### IDLE MUSE THEATRE

**"A Scandal in Bohemia, Part One"**

In this first installment of a new series based on the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Idle Muse takes audiences back to the glory days of radio, featuring period costumes and live foley sound effects.

8 p.m. Sunday, July 22  
The Edge Theater  
5451 N. Broadway  
773-340-9438  
idl emuse.org

#### NOTHING WITHOUT A COMPANY

**"Not One Batu" by Hannah II-Epstein**

At Hale'iwa beach park one morning, Honey Girl, a drug dealer, meets with customers and friends, rival dealers and her addict mother. The play follows Honey Girl's struggle to stay clean in a world turned upside down by meth.

Thru July 21

Berger Park Coach House  
6205 N. Sheridan

nothingwithoutacompany.org

#### REDTWIN THEATRE

**"Sagittarius Ponderosa" by MJ Kaufman**

Archer (still Angela to his family) returns home to the forests of eastern Oregon to care for his sick father. At night under the oldest Ponderosa Pine, he meets a stranger who knows the history of the forests.

Thru July 29

1044 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-728-7529

redtwinst.org

#### STEEP THEATRE

**"Linda" by Penelope Skinner**

An award-winning cosmetics executive finds that her immaculately curated work-life balance hasn't prepared her for the battle for visibility in a world focused on everlasting youth. An Olivier Award-nominated play.

July 7 thru Aug. 18

1115 W. Berwyn  
773-649-3186

steeptheatre.com

#### THREE CAT PRODUCTIONS

**"Cabaret on the Lake"**

A free, monthly (2nd Friday) variety show giving singers, storytellers, comedians, performance artists, musicians, dancers, poets, and solo artists of every type a place to develop their work.

Friday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

Berger Park Cultural Center

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**Management report***(Continued from page 3)*

devices such as water wings, life jackets, etc.; unattached flotation devices are not allowed as a sole-support safety device; floating mats or chairs are forbidden;

13. No radios or other music/noise devices, unless you are equipped with earplugs;

14. Privileges to use the pools or to be in the pool enclosure may be denied to residents violating the pool rules.

15. The pool attendant is authorized to check pool tags and enforce the rules. **BE SAFE AND ENJOY THE SUMMER.**

**COOLING AREAS OPEN:** For the convenience of residents, particularly those in the L and M tiers, the Board has made the decision to keep the Windjammer Room (when it is not reserved by a resident for a private event) and the Community Room **unlocked 24/7 until further notice**. You may want to spend some time in either of those rooms, which are climate-controlled and have Wi-Fi service.

**FAÇADE AND BALCONY PROJECT:** RBS crews are concurrently working on the north side of the building and the L and M tiers, although they reduced the labor force on the north side to concen-

trate on the balcony membranes of the L and M tiers. It is anticipated that the balconies and reconnection of the condensers of the L tier units will be completed by the end of June, weather permitting. The balconies of the M tier will follow. Note that the membrane is not only sensitive to cold temperature, which is no longer an issue at this time of year, but to moisture content in the concrete and ambient air. This explains the slow progress of the application of the balcony membranes on the L and M tiers due to June rains.

The garage west walls are being rebuilt by another crew primarily composed of bricklayers. To date, they have completed the installation of the new, thicker CMU of the sections (a section is defined as being the portion of wall situated between two floors and two columns) of the third floor, have completed the reconstruction of the parapet along the fourth-floor deck, and have initiated the installation of the new bricks in the upper sections. We are expecting the reconstruction of the west walls of the garage to be completed by the end of the summer.

**BIKE AUDIT:** For all of you acquiring a bike or having recently moved to Malibu East, please make sure to get a bike decal at no charge in the Manage-

ment Office.

Advice:

1. If you have a bike stored in the Bicycle Room, always make sure that the MECA decal is on your bike even if you had registered your bike in past years; bike decals may inadvertently fall off, or be vandalized, or be removed;

2. If there is **no** MECA decal on your bike (we have observed seven new bikes added to the Bicycle Room in the last two weeks with no decal), or there is a pink slip on your bike, contact management as soon as possible, and no later than the date on the pink slip, if any, in order to register your bike;

3. If you do not find your bike previously stored in the Bicycle Room, contact management no later than Aug. 8, 2018, to check whether it was taken out of the Bicycle Room by management and stored as "unclaimed."

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## Growing green on balconies

By Helen Reichert Lambin

Want to add some plant life to your balcony? Keep it healthy? Add to what you have?

A journey to Gethsemane Garden Center offered some valuable ideas and information. Tracy Poyser and Helen Lambin went there on June 19, questions in hand. Starting at the top, as musicians would say, here are some of them: What are some good annuals for balconies high or low, facing in any of the four directions? What about trees and shrubs? What kind of soil is recommended? And what type of food do the plants like? And what about planters?

Annuals: Green grow the grasses, oh. Here, our Gethsemane guide was Brock. One of his first recommendations was ornamental grasses, like purple fountain grass and cordyline. They were indeed beautiful and well-suited to balconies, wind – and poetic imagery. Grasses, Brock pointed out, were meant to wave in the breeze. And wave they will on a Malibu East balcony.

For flowering plants, he suggested Mexican petunia, Mexican heather and lantana. Although Brock said to avoid geraniums, Tracy has been lucky with them on her 22nd floor, and they should do OK against those balcony side walls, especially on lower floors with a south exposure. And, she recommends colorful French marigolds – hardy, small, bushy plants that reach heights of only six to 18 inches, depending on the variety.

Sometimes repotting in a larger pot is required. Either way, the annuals should then be placed in a planter, the bigger the better. It should be heavy enough so the plant and container are comfortable and stay where they are –

even in a high wind. Brock suggested using compost, rather than standard potting soil. Water when needed, determined by the scientific method of sticking one finger into the soil. And yes, plant food should be added at appropriate intervals as directed. The plant food Brock suggested was Bacto.

If you're ambitious (and patient), you can grow tomatoes, but try to get mature plants. Tracy put hers against those balcony side walls to provide a wind barrier, and fed them Tomato-tone organic fertilizer. Play bee, and rub the blossoms gently against each other to pollinate them. Even if you don't harvest bushels of them, it's fun to watch them ripen and then eat a sun-warmed, ripe tomato fresh from the bush. And, add a planter of fresh basil, chives or another herb, and you can do balcony farm-to-table Caprese salad (just buy the mozzarella).



Trees and shrubs: If you and your balcony feel like a shrub or small tree would be welcome, there are options for those also. First off, remember the plant zone that Chicago is located in: Zone 5. If outdoor plants, trees, or shrubs are to thrive, remember: 5.

Regarding tree types, our guide was Jessie. One good possibility for living on a balcony is boxwood; it can grow in any exposure. Another option is juniper, which can deal with a very sunny location, as well as a somewhat shadier  
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## Let's be eccentric

By Helen Reichert Lambin

"Eccentric: Departing from a recognized, conventional norm or pattern." (The American Heritage College Dictionary, Fourth Edition).



Are eccentrics made or born? Yes. But one thing is certain: Every eccentric is so in their own way. After all, what's the point of being eccentric if you're not yourself?

To celebrate wisdom eccentricity, each monthly issue of the Dialogue will offer some aphorisms or pithy insights.

This month we have a slice of wisdom from Malibu East resident and Guest Eccentric Rosemary Lambin:

**The prescription on my rose-colored glasses expired a long time ago.**

You are invited to be a Guest Eccentric by contributing your own sample of eccentric wisdom to the Dialogue. Email it to Dialogue@MalibuEast.org and place "Eccentrics" in the subject line, or leave a hard copy at the front desk to the attention of Dialogue editor Neil Warner. Maximum number of pithy words: 30.

The text will appear in print, either with your name or anonymously if so requested. However, as with all editorial text, the Dialogue staff reserves the right to edit the text or choose not to print it.

So, up with eccentricity, wisdom and creativity. It wasn't conventional cave persons who did the cave paintings at Lascaux.

### Board meeting dates

July 31	October 23
August 28	November 27
September 12	(budget approval)
(annual meeting)	December 18
September 25	

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Restaurant review

**Passerotto blends Korean, Italian**

By Beth Robinson



What happens when a chef combines Korean and Italian cuisines? The unique flavors and presentation of food at Passerotto in Andersonville answers this question. The name of the restaurant itself demonstrates the blending of cultures. Passerotto is Italian for "little sparrow," the name that chef/owner Jennifer Kim's father used to call her in Korean.

Though entrees seem to incorporate more Korean influence than Italian, do not expect to find traditional Korean food. This is modern, creative cooking inspired by both Korean and Italian cuisines. The fact that the dishes are flavorful but less spicy-hot than a lot of Korean cooking will be a plus for some people. The limited menu, made up of mostly small plates, offers several raw fish options as well as cooked dishes ranging from glazed short ribs to chicken cooked with Italian Calabrian chili.

With ample open space, an exposed brick wall and decorated metal ceiling,

the ambiance is minimalist and uncluttered. Communal seating invites socializing around food.

Seven Dialogue Diners visited the restaurant on a weekday evening three weeks after its opening, arriving before the dinner crowd and settling into a comfortable table. The waitstaff was friendly and attentive. Conversation around the table was easy until the restaurant filled up, as the increased noise level made communicating among a large group more difficult.



We decided to share dishes and were able to sample almost everything on the menu. Everyone had at least a mouthful of each plate we ordered, though in some cases it was only a mouthful. The raw fish items were a big hit. Thinly sliced, mild-flavored fluke resembling butterfly wings was served with maitake mushrooms. Large bay scallops with homemade XO sauce and citron were spicier but also delicious.

Lori thought the Pelicana chicken,

with Calabrian chili, cauliflower and carrot, was moist and rich in flavor. Neil liked the ddukbokki lamb ragu, accompanied by rice cakes rolled like egg rolls and decorated with an edible flower and tender green sprouts. The tasty kimchi pajeon merged the savory Korean pancake with scallions and the thin Italian farinata made with chickpea flour.

Both the glazed short ribs with kimchi and the cacciucco soondubu (clams and tofu in kimchi broth) came in larger portions, served with traditional Korean side dishes, or banchan, such as marinated mung bean sprouts, pickles and potato salad. Diners liked the short ribs but found them difficult to eat without a knife. Tracy and Neil enjoyed the soondubu's fragrant seafood broth over rice while Lori would have liked more clams in the stew.

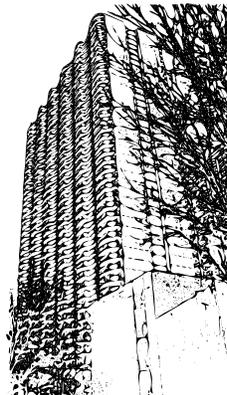
When all was done, the cost of \$37 per person seemed a little pricey yet reasonable given the variety and quality of the food we had eaten.

Passerotto  
5420 N. Clark St.  
(708) 607-2102  
passerottochicago.com  
Tue.-Thu.: 5-10 p.m.; Fri.-Sat.: 5-11 p.m.

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**"The Vultures" by Mark Ridge**

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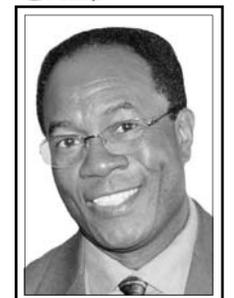
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## Hawaiian luau set

By Sandy Chaet

A Hawaiian luau for Malibu East residents will be held on Saturday, Aug. 11 in the Windjammer Room. Hawaiian attire is optional.

The luau will begin at 6 p.m. with refreshments and music, followed by a performance from the Royale Polynesian Revue at 7 p.m. on the south recreation deck of the fourth floor, weather permitting. After the performance, there will be more music, refreshments and mingling.

If the event is held outside, there will be limited seating provided, so please bring your own beach chair. The Social Committee will provide some appetizers, wine and soda. Please bring an appetizer or wine to share.

There is no charge to attend the luau, and the committee welcomes your participation. A flyer about the luau has been distributed; please RSVP so the committee will be able to plan accordingly.

The Royale Polynesian Revue has been performing in the Chicago area for more than 25 years. The troupe includes musicians and dancers. All of the dancers are professionals and perform dances from Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti and New Zealand in a truly Polynesian way. There will be hula and fast Tahitian dances, costume changes, poi balls dances and audience participation.

The emcee, Chief Pesi, who is from Samoa, started performing in Hawaii. He also sings, dances and plays ukulele.

## Recent graduate?

The *Dialogue* would like to celebrate Malibu East residents who have graduated this year, whether from junior high, high school or college.

Give the graduate's name and the name of the school to us and we'll publish the list. You can email the information to [Dialogue@MalibuEast.org](mailto:Dialogue@MalibuEast.org) – write "Malibu East graduate" in the subject line – or you can leave the printed information with the Management Office or the door staff, to the attention of the *Dialogue*. Include your phone number in case we need to contact you to confirm any information.

## Growing green on balconies

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one. But whatever the choice, it needs some help when winter comes. First of all, insulate the pot. Wrap something like burlap or an old blanket around the pot and fix it in place with fasteners – firmly. Second, use ice cubes instead of water. Yes, ice cubes. In really cold weather, water can freeze. Ice cubes can gradually melt.

Please know that excessive watering can run off to the balcony below, producing an unintended and unwelcome shower to people there. It's also a violation of the Malibu East Rules and Regulations. And, even the heaviest planter can be tossed sideways by the howling winds during one of those spectacular storms – so check on your green babies as soon as it's safe, and replenish the soil if they've fallen over.

Of course, to see these possibilities for plantings – and planter options – in living color, texture and possible fragrance, journey to Gethsemane, 5739 N. Clark St. It has a large parking lot. And if you don't drive or prefer not to, take the 147 or 151 CTA bus to Bryn Mawr, cross the street to the north side and take a No. 84 Peterson bus to Clark Street. It's well worth the journey just to wander around. And take time to smell the roses.

## Board meeting notes

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in July, another unit was for sale and two were being renovated for eventual sale.

### 20) 2018 election timetable

Directors accepted management's proposed dates relating to the upcoming Board election.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m. and went into closed session.

## Special meeting of unit owners

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### 1) Sale of 14F

Owners unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Board to sell unit 14F for \$295,000, plus or minus prorations, with a \$5,000 closing credit to the buyer. President Molins voted proxies in favor of the sale.

### 2) Sale of 18J

Owners unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Board to sell unit 18J for \$299,900, plus or minus prorations, with a \$4,900 closing credit to the buyer. President Molins voted proxies in favor of the sale. (Sale later fell through.)

**Recycling reminder: Don't place plastic bags or other non-recyclables in the recycling bins.**

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