

# Malibu East Dialogue

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Your Communication and Information Resource

## Meet Zohreh – a true citizen of the world

By Tracy Poyser

Malibu East is a global village, with immigrants from across the globe living in harmony with U.S.-born residents. That's why you should meet Zohreh Ghavamshahidi, a relative newcomer in our midst. She embodies what it means to be a citizen of the world while realizing her own American dream. Zohreh moved here from Madison, Wisconsin, in January 2018 after a 28-year tenure as professor of political science and international studies at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.



Born and raised in Iran's capital, Tehran, Zohreh was interested in travel and the world from childhood on. Her parents believed she could become whatever she wanted to be, but her greatest inspiration was her maternal aunt Heshmat Eftekhari, a remarkable woman who had survived great hardship herself and steadfastly encouraged her niece's intellectual pursuits. "She was a brave and independent thinker, yet compassionate and kind, with the soft heart of a bird," Zohreh remembers. She values the example of kindness provided by her dad, and the streak of ambition with "a bit of craziness" from her mom.

Zohreh loved winters in Tehran, with snow covering the majestic Alborz mountain range of northern Iran, which

she could see from her home. She went climbing with her dad and loved school sports, with her high school team having been chosen to go to a sports camp in Izmir, Turkey. And, through a teacher who had a brother living in Germany, she was able to visit Cologne and Düsseldorf in the Rhineland and spent two months traveling by train all over Turkey, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.



Her paternal grandmother was a landowner in Mashhad, the second-most populated city in Iran, located in the northeast part of the country near the borders with Turkmenistan and Afghanistan, where her father grew up. She remembers the scent of apricot orchards, old clay houses, ghost stories and a wonderful storytelling aunt who introduced her to the famous tale of Scheherazade, who became queen of Persia after telling 1,001 stories to its jealous king, who spared her life.

She first attended a public school where English was taught, but didn't learn Arabic although it had been mandated by the educational system. (She and her family spoke Farsi, the predominant language in Iran.) She then went to Damavand College, an American all-girls college with many students who had high-ranking parents in the international diplomatic service. In 1976, Zohreh earned her bachelor of arts, majoring in comparative history and culture.

At 26, she spread her wings and left her home country for the United States, fascinated with what she perceived as the American openness to new ideas, especially in arts, technology and

science.

Zohreh had contacted agencies in Tehran that provided admissions to U.S. universities and was given a choice between the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor or The University of Oklahoma in Norman. She opted for Oklahoma on the spur of the moment because of Ann Arbor's winter deep freeze.

She studied and lived in Norman for nine years, starting with anthropology with a focus on Native American cultures, and moving on to political science and international relations to help bridge the gap between the Middle East and the West. Zohreh earned her master's degree at Oklahoma in 1979 and added a Ph.D. in political science in '86.

In 1987, she taught political science under a one-year contract with the University of Wisconsin and was considering a position in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, as a professor and director of international studies. Instead, she opted for a permanent teaching position in the political science department back at UW-Whitewater, allowing her to live in nearby Madison, Wisconsin. She became tenured as an associate professor in 1993, and as a full professor in 2000. She retired in 2016 and was awarded the status of Professor Emerita of Political Science in May of that year.

Zohreh received her U.S. citizenship in Oklahoma City in 1987. At UW-

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### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Board meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 17  
7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Holiday party

Wednesday, Dec. 18  
6:00 p.m. - Lobby

#### New Year's Eve party

Tuesday, Dec. 31  
9:00 p.m. - Windjammer 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

Janet Zaslow

Kathy Katz

Edwin Clayton

Leopoldo Gerardo





# Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

## Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019

Attendance: Ten Board members, one management representative, 11 residents  
Excused: Tom Irvine, Martina Molins  
Presiding: 1st vice president Thomas Vaughan

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Windjammer Room floor" and "Kitchen doors in hallways" were added to old/new business.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Joan Scholl

- 1) **Financial statement (as of Oct. 31)**  
Operating and reserve cash  
\$2,608,017  
Investment in units  
\$1,881,232 (11 units)  
Excess of operating revenue over expenses  
\$325,457, year-to-date
- 2) **Delinquencies (as of Nov. 20)**  
\$366,264, including \$261,380 from former residents

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Building services – Carol Beatty**  
Wine-colored vests will be part of uniforms to be provided to doorkeepers.
- 2) **Malibu East Plaza – Arthur Arfa**  
Samples of new flooring recommended by committee were shown to directors.
- 3) **Communications, Dialogue & TV – Thomas Vaughan**  
Association will continue satellite TV service via DirecTV and internet service via HiPoint through Dec. 31 as changeover to Comcast occurs. Residents are responsible for canceling any extra services they have with DirecTV or HiPoint and for returning their receivers to DirecTV. They can take the receivers with their account number to a UPS store, which will box and ship them to DirecTV at no charge.
- 4) **Community Forum – Sam Bullock**  
Next forum will be held Wednesday, Dec. 4 in Windjammer Room, with refreshments at 7 p.m. and program at 7:30. Forum will focus on useful life of unit windows, balcony/facade project and garage project.
- 5) **Garage – Thomas Vaughan**  
Garage was 59 cars below capacity as of Oct. 31. No one is on waiting list for single self-parking spaces. One damage claim was made in October; it was denied.
- 6) **Landscaping – Violette Deschamps**  
Phases One and Two will go out to bid in January.
- 7) **Legal, Rules & Regulations – Arthur Arfa**  
Directors will receive an updated copy of Rules & Regulations containing all changes before December meeting.
- 8) **Long-Range Planning – Carl Stahlheber**  
Committee will meet to discuss several projects that had been deferred.
- 9) **Public & Community Affairs – Sandy Chaet**  
ASCO has completed its winter planting of 19 planters on Sheridan. Sheridan Road will be resurfaced next summer, with the possible addition of curb cuts for buildings that don't have a loading dock. Edgewater

Historical Society is working to save the Nordine mansion at NW corner of Glenlake and Kenmore, hoping it will gain landmark status, which would prevent it from being demolished. Ken Nordine was a radio announcer who did his shows from the top floor of the mansion. EHS urges neighbors who would like to see the mansion preserved to email 48th Ward Ald. Harry Osterman (see article, page 6). ASCO is working to get help combating the high lake levels behind Sheridan Road buildings and at Osterman Beach.

### 10) Social – Sandy Chaet

Holiday party will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 in Lobby. A New Year's Eve party will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Windjammer Room. Next book club meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19 in Community Room, with Tara Westover's book "Educated: A Memoir" to be discussed. "MECA's Got Talent" is slated for Sunday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m.; watch for details.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT – Violette Deschamps

#### Items requiring Board action

##### 1) 2020 budget

Board approved the budget that was distributed to owners, calling for 4% increase in assessments and \$4-\$8 increase in monthly parking rates. Hourly parking rates and fees for renting storage lockers in Plaza remain the same.

##### 2) 2019 holiday fund letter

Approved.

##### 3) Employee recognition

Board will recognize maintenance man Carlos Morales (40 years) and garage employee Daniel Bacerra (15 years) at the staff holiday luncheon for their long service to the Association.

##### 4) Electric vehicle charging fee

No action taken.

##### 5) Sliding door assembly specifications

Directors approved the hiring of an expert to provide specifications for sliding door units and to provide names of vendors that will install units here that meet those specs.

##### 6) Commercial tenant lease amendment

Board approved the modification of a lease with a commercial tenant.

##### 7) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved.

#### Old/new business

##### 1) Office copier

Board approved the purchase of new copier for Management Office.

##### 2) Garage sweeper

Management will ask vendor to bring several garage sweepers to our property to demonstrate them for directors for possible purchase.

##### 3) Holiday outdoor lighting

Board appointed directors Carol Beatty and Carl Chadek to review a proposal for upgrading our outdoor holiday lighting.

##### 4) Reserve study

Directors will meet to review this new

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.

study.

##### 5) Garage usage

Management has requested a proposal to reconfigure the garage to accommodate additional uses besides parking.

##### 6) Balcony/facade project

RBS continues demolition on south-side balconies as long as weather permits, which will decrease the length of time the pool will have to be closed next year.

##### 7) Stack effect projects

Garage fans will operate continuously while work is being performed in garage.

##### 8) Lobby, fourth floor, hallways master plan

Postponed until next year.

##### 9) Boat dock, east stairwell, garage repairs

Repairs of columns on second floor of garage, north side, have been completed. Rest of garage work should be finished by mid-January. Work on boat dock and east stairwell projects has been postponed until 2020.

##### 10) Garage floor: vehicle fluid leaks

More stringent measures will be taken to identify leaking vehicles. Residents whose cars have been identified as leaking fluids will be given 30 days to fix the leak or else face a \$200 fine.

##### 11) Urban design and landscaping beautification

Phases One and Two will go out to bid in January.

##### 12) Rules revisions

See committee report above.

##### 13) Plaza outdoor signage

Manufacturer of new sign is waiting for city permit before proceeding.

##### 14) Plaza remodeling: finishes

Board approved the committee's selection of new finishes for Malibu East Plaza. Project will go out to bid.

##### 15) Convenience store exhaust

Installation of kitchen exhaust for Malibu Market has been completed.

##### 16) Realtor lease/sale reports

Moved to closed session.

##### 17) Association-owned units

Of 11 units owned by Association as of Oct. 31, seven were being rented and four were vacant and available for sale and/or rent.

##### 18) Windjammer Room floor

Director Sandy Chaet asked to have damaged section of flooring in Windjammer Room either repaired or replaced. Management will address it.

##### 19) Kitchen doors in hallway

From now on, owners who wish to block their kitchen door from inside their unit will be required to pay for removal of door and frame and refinishing of hallway wall per Board requirements.

Open session ended at 9:21 p.m. and went into closed session. Open session resumed at 10:22 p.m.

### RATIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No motions were made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.



## What's happening around the building

*By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager*

**SLIDING DOORS:** This is an important topic that we will entertain as it develops. Please note that on Sept. 24, the Board of Directors approved the consultation fee for water testing in two locations in the building. The first test results demonstrated that water escaped the sliding door assemblies and leaked inside the units. The Board then authorized KGH Architects on Oct. 22 to perform additional water tests on four more sliding door assemblies scattered throughout the building. The results of these water tests will be shared as they become available. These additional water tests will be scheduled to be performed in December.

Further, the Board of Directors approved at its November meeting the consultation fee of KGH to prepare a Guide for the Replacement of the Sliding Door Assemblies. This guide will include a description of the products that are acceptable to comply with the Rules of the Association and the city energy code and ordinances. Names of manufacturers of commercial grade sliding door assemblies meeting the Malibu East requirements will be suggested in the report and made available to owners who decide to replace their sliding doors.

This topic will be the subject of Board communications to unit owners via different channels; the subject was added to the agenda of the resident forum organized by the Community Forum Committee, which will take place on Dec. 4.

**CONVENIENCE STORE:** The operators continue to serve daily fresh dishes cooked from scratch, breakfast, espresso coffee, and to offer a diversified selection of wines and beers, and even basic-care products. They can deliver to your door for a small fee. They regularly organize wine and food tastings, usually on Fridays. They are usually open at 7 a.m. Do not hesitate to contact them to suggest any additional products of your preference.

**CABLE TV AND INTERNET:** Comcast's crew is in the building per the schedule we distributed to all residents the last week of November (email blast and door drop). Comcast's technicians are wiring the units downward; it

appears that they will be able to keep up with the schedule as distributed. Any questions about wiring, service, voice-over-internet telephone, amenities, etc., should be directed to Emily or John in the Community Room on the fourth floor.

Should you need to reschedule the wiring of your unit, for any reason (absent, traveling, sick, indisposed, hospitalized, etc.), please contact John at [john\\_gambon@comcast.com](mailto:john_gambon@comcast.com) or 312-288-5890.

As indicated before, the Board of Directors made a recent decision for those of our residents who wish to have a building staff member accompany Comcast's technician: The service fee is \$50/hour with a minimum of \$25 – the same fee as currently billed for a work order.

Before Comcast is scheduled to work in your unit, management will door-drop the instructions needed to cancel your DirecTV account when your new Comcast service is live, including the return of the DirecTV receivers. Failing to cancel your account with DirecTV and/or to return its equipment will result in additional fees billed by DirecTV. **You must cancel your account with DirecTV even if you had only the basic cable TV service.**

Per the Television and Internet Committee, it appears that some residents have banded together to gather and deliver together multiple units' equipment to FedEx or UPS. You may also wish to coordinate with your neighbors.

Based on the very last development, the switchover from USA Wireless and HiPoint to Comcast will be completed by year-end as shown in the schedule that was distributed earlier.

**GARAGE REPAIR PROJECT:** The garage repairs are progressing well and should be completed by mid-January 2020. Work on the boat dock and the new stairwell at the east end of the building are postponed to 2020 due to a permit delay.

As you may have noticed, this type of work generates a lot of disturbances, such as noise and dust resulting from concrete demolition, relocation of vehicles, obstruction of ramps and the

like. However, on the bright side, the work has been distributed in phases to avoid vacating and closing the whole garage. The garage staff members and garage manager have been very helpful and cooperative to help residents and assist the construction workers to go through the project as seamlessly as possible.

**FAÇADE AND BALCONY PROJECT:** Given the improved weather this fall, Reliable Building Systems continues to strip the old membrane from the balconies of the south tier balconies. They will perform the stripping work as long as RBS's workers can withstand the weather, even in December because the stripping of the old membrane is not sensitive to weather. The work will stop when the weather gets too cold for the workers. The building staff helped and will continue to help residents free of charge to get the heavy stuff from their balconies to the inside of their unit and, later on, to bring it back to the balconies once the stripping is completed on their balconies. The advantage of accelerating the membrane stripping of the south balconies is to extend the duration of the pool season next year and shorten Phase 4 of the project.

Note that RBS regularly performs pressure washing of exterior surfaces in preparation for other work, and membrane stripping; the work performed by RBS inevitably causes water and/or dust to be airborne and to settle on other surfaces. Please be aware that the Board has no provision in its budget to have the sliding doors washed during the course of the project nor at the end of the project. It is kindly expected that each owner will handle the cleaning of their sliding doors.

**2020 BUDGET: The budget was approved by the Board on Nov. 26 as mailed to owners.** Please be reminded that the assessment will be increased by 4% over the 2019 rates, and monthly parking fees are increased by \$4 to \$8.

**MELODY KEEGAN:** For those of you who didn't know yet, Melody, our assistant property manager, worked her last day at Malibu East on Nov. 27. She accepted a position at another company that focuses on building development, purchase and resale. Her new job description is very different than the work she had been achieving with us, although she will be using

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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 CAPS meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Engine 70 fire house

6060 N. Clark (use north entrance)

(3rd Tuesday of each month)

#### COLVIN HOUSE HOLIDAY MARKET

##### FAIRE

Holiday gift market, food and drinks, music and pampering

Free admission.

4-10 p.m. Sat., Dec. 7; 12-5 p.m. Sun., Dec. 8

5940 N. Sheridan

colvinhouseevents.com

#### 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

chipublib.org/locations/28

#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Current exhibits: "The Chicago Conspiracy Trial: One Juror's Ordeal" 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

#### E-WASTE RECYCLING

Streets and Sanitation Dept. is partnering with Dept. of Health to collect electronic waste for recycling. Items accepted include computers, monitors, TVs, printers, keyboards, mice, VCRs, DVD players, video game consoles, MP3 players, iPods.

Streets and Sanitation Div. 1 yard

6441 N. Ravenswood

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 4

#### NORTH SIDE NORTH POLE

A one-day holiday event in Edgewater packed with family-friendly activities for everyone all across the neighborhood, leading up to the first-ever Lights on Bryn Mawr event and the Edgewater Chamber's annual photos with Santa at Lytle House.

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8

Various Edgewater sites

edgewater.org

#### WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER

Adult day wellness programs for persons 60 and over. Gentle yoga, tai chi, music, exercise, lunch and snacks. Transportation provided within boundary area.

1355 W. Foster Ave.

773-271-9001

whitecranewellness.org

#### THEATER/SHOWINGS

##### BLANK THEATRE

"The Mystery of Edwin Drood" by Rupert Holmes

This Tony-winning musical adapts Charles Dickens' unfinished murder-mystery novel as a comedy in the music-hall tradition. As Dickens died before finishing the novel, the cast will perform the ending voted on by the audience each night.

Dec. 7-29

Edge Theater

5451 N. Broadway

blanktheatrecompany.org

##### GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY

##### MOSAICS

##### "Savage Liaisons"

Artists Karen Ami (Chicago) and Pamela Irving (Melbourne, Australia) expand upon their individual practices and ongoing visual discourse manifested in their mosaics and drawings.

Thru Jan. 11

1127 W. Granville

gallerygocm.com

##### JACKALOPE THEATRE

"P.Y.G. or the Mis-Education of Dorian Belle" by Tarrance Arvelle Chisholm

Dorian Belle is a big deal. He's a Canadian pop sweetheart, and he's ready to be taken seriously. So his people hire his favorite hip-hop artists to help him toughen up his image. They're black, he's white. They're from Chicago, he's from Canada. It's all on reality TV. What could go wrong?

Thru Dec. 21

Broadway Armory Park

5917 N. Broadway

jackalopetheatre.org

##### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

##### "Fall Dance Informance"

Dance students of all levels showcase their semester's work in an informal dance performance.

7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6

Newhart Family Theatre

Mundelein Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, 1020 W. Sheridan

##### "Lessons and Carols"

Dance students of all levels showcase their semester's work in an informal dance performance.

4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7  
Madonna della Strada Chapel  
6530 N. Kenmore

artsevents.luc.edu/events

##### RAVEN THEATRE

"Cold Town / Hotline: A Chicago Holiday Story" by Eli Newell

Five volunteers have come together to answer calls for a hotline created to help fellow Chicagoans cope with the holiday blues. When an unexpected visitor bursts through the doors, everyone must work to embody the season's most valuable lessons and transform their humble hotline into a home for the holidays.

Thru Dec. 22

##### "Hoodoo Love" by Katori Hall

A young woman named Toulou arrives in Depression-era Memphis with dreams of becoming a blues singer. When she falls in love with a rambling musician named Ace of Spades, Toulou lays a hex on him with the help of a Hoodoo practitioner, setting in motion a devastating chain of events.

Thru Dec. 22

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

##### REDTWIN THEATRE

##### "Death Tax" by Lucas Hnath

In this darkly comic play, the aging and infirm Maxine is convinced her daughter is paying the hospice nurse to nudge her into the grave. Nurse Tina adamantly denies Maxine's accusations, but when Maxine offers to cut a deal with Tina to cheat both death and taxes, Tina's willing to go along with the delusion! However, it doesn't go according to plan.

Dec. 11 thru Jan. 19

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwist.org

##### RIVENDELL THEATRE

##### "Laura and the Sea" by Kate Tarker

It's company outing day, and Laura, one of the top travel agents of her generation, is having the best/worst day of her life. So much so that she decides to end it all. Afterward, her colleagues try to piece things together on a memorial blog. But how do you mourn someone you didn't know that well? A comedy about depression, or a treatise on travel agents who don't travel.

Thru Dec. 8

5779 N. Ridge

773-334-7728

rivendelltheatre.org

##### THREE CAT PRODUCTIONS

##### "The Holiday Radio Show: 1944"

It's the final Christmas of World War II. Featuring stories by Charles Dickens, Hans Christian Andersen, Augustus M. Hodges, Clement C. Moore and more.

Dec. 5 thru Jan. 4

Berger Park

6205 N. Sheridan

threecatproductions.com

**Community wellness****Consider 'forest bathing'**By *Lynne Forella**Second in a series.*

Community wellness is the goal of our newly forming group. We are about to choose a date for the first meeting. Which is better for you? A Tuesday evening around 6 p.m. or a Saturday or Sunday morning around 11 a.m.? Send a quick email to [forlyn14@gmail.com](mailto:forlyn14@gmail.com) with your preference and any other comments.

At this first meeting, we will discuss what our community wellness group should be and do. Come share your thoughts and ideas. We'll keep it short and sweet.

Mindfulness, wellness and community are all connected. Modern living can get in the way, cutting us off from our place in the world and our connection to the earth and each other. We can find our way back through nature.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." – William Shakespeare

Haven't we all experienced the calm and serenity that time in nature brings? Our beautiful surroundings here at Malibu East allow this to be part of our everyday lives. Each morning, we can step out onto our balconies to check the weather and welcome the day. Any day, we can take a short or long walk on the beach or in a park.

Being mindful while enjoying nature will take you down the path to wellness. The Japanese call it "forest bathing," being immersed in and nourished by nature. There are some very simple ways to do this.

While in nature...

- Pick up some litter and throw it away properly. It will make you feel good.
- Look at something very closely, a leaf, a rock, a wave, an animal. Think about it. Where did it come from? How did it get here? It is amazing. A miracle, really.
- Stop and meditate for a few minutes. As George Harrison said, "Everyone should have themselves regularly overwhelmed by nature."

We can learn more about mindfulness at our community wellness group meetings.

**Chicago Magic Lounge deals winning hand**By *Beth Robinson*

Like the elusive card up a magician's sleeve, the Chicago Magic Lounge is not easy to see. At 5050 N. Clark, you find a nondescript façade and a doorway papered with old flyers. Looking more closely, you see that the flyers are ads for magic shows. Go through the door to find a tiny laundromat with no other exit. Ring the bell and a hidden entrance opens from within, admitting you to another realm, a cozy bar where a magician engages customers with card tricks.



At showtime, customers are escorted through a secret panel in a library of magic books and end up in the Harry Blackstone Cabaret, where they are seated at small tables on three levels facing a stage with a red velvet curtain. There, prior to the main show, magicians go from table to table, entertaining patrons with deft card tricks, and the attentive waitstaff serve drinks and food.

Magic is part of Chicago's history, going back to the appearance of Harry Houdini at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. During the 1900s, Chicago-style magic, tricks performed at customers' tables, could be found in many local bars and restaurants but faded from the scene in the 1980s. The Chicago Magic Lounge is reviving this type of magic and is home to the Chicago Magic Round Table, a community of professional and amateur magicians first established in 1929.

Six Dialogue Diners went to the Chicago Magic Lounge to see "Indulgence with Lucy Darling," starring Canadian Carisa Hendrix, a delightful show that combined comedy with amazing magic and ample audience participation. After the performance, Hendrix told us that she had received an enthusiastic reception from Chicago audiences and all of her shows were sold out. Ron, one of our group, said that Hendrix has "one of the

classiest up-close magic acts I've ever seen."

Before the performance we ordered some food and drinks. The drink menu is substantial, and the food menu is limited to several appetizers and desserts. The shrimp cocktail and the beef, cheddar and onion sliders were favorites among the group. Ron really liked the prosciutto-wrapped dates stuffed with blue cheese, and he and Anita both enjoyed the potato pancake, although others were less complimentary. Neil thought the chicken chimichurri sliders were a little dry. Katie summed up her opinion of the food as "OK, but not really interesting."

Our main floor tickets were \$35, but Neil found them for less on Goldstar. Luckily for those of us who have no desire to appear onstage, Lucy Darling called on only people in the \$45 front row seats to participate in the act. Admission to a performance in the more intimate 654 Club after the main show costs an additional \$10. There is no entrance fee for the close-up magic in the tiny bar at the entrance. After 5:30 p.m. customers must be 21 or older, though young people ages 16-20 are admitted if accompanied by a parent or guardian. A performance on Sunday afternoons caters to families.

The Dialogue group highly recommends the unique experience at the Chicago Magic Lounge. It is a perfect place to have a drink and appreciate the work of talented magicians.

Chicago Magic Lounge  
5050 N. Clark St.  
312-366-4500  
[chicagomagiclounge.com](http://chicagomagiclounge.com)

**Hourly parking rates**

The following rates apply to guest/transient parking in the Malibu East garage and will be in effect through 2020:

0-2 hours – \$5  
2-4 hours – \$9  
4-6 hours – \$11  
6-12 hours – \$16  
12-24 hours – \$24  
Weekly – \$65

Residents can buy \$30 worth of parking coupons for \$25 in the Management Office.

## Controversy over Nordine mansion

Another century-old mansion in our neighborhood has become the subject of a tug-of-war between a developer and preservationists who want to prevent the home from being demolished.

Located at 6106 N. Kenmore (northwest corner of Glenlake and Kenmore), the 7,300-square-foot home went on the market earlier this year after the death of renowned jazz poet Ken Nordine in February. The zoning for the double-wide property, which was listed for \$2 million, would allow a developer to tear down the home and construct a multi-unit building up to a height of 45 feet, according to published reports. It is the last single-family home on the block.

Some neighborhood residents fear that a new multi-unit mid-rise building would further impact the population density in Edgewater and reduce the availability of parking.

Preservationists, led by the Edgewater Historical Society and Landmarks Illinois, want the property to be sold to a buyer who will seek landmark status for the home. Because the landmarking process requires at least six months, some sellers are reluctant to sign a contract on a property that includes landmarking as a contingency. This may explain why the owner of the Nordine mansion reportedly pulled out of a potential deal with a buyer who wanted to landmark the home.

From the preservationists' point of view, the only practical options for saving such a home are landmarking or rezoning.

The Nordine mansion's primary qualifications for landmark status are the renown of its architect and the

former owner. It was built, in 1902, by Pond & Pond, an architectural firm responsible for other buildings that have since been landmarked, including the Jane Addams Hull-House at 800 S. Halsted.

Nordine was well-known for his voice-over work and as a Grammy Award-nominated artist who popularized "word jazz," a form of free-association poetry that he read over a background of jazz music. After buying the mansion in the 1960s, he turned part of the home into Snail Studios, where artists such as the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia and Tom Waits hung out.

In the past few decades Edgewater has lost quite a few mansions to the wrecking ball, and the one now occupied by Wing Hoe Restaurant, at 5356 N. Sheridan Road, is slated to be next. If you believe the Nordine mansion should be preserved, contact Ald. Harry Osterman's office - 773-784-5277 or email [Harry@48thward.org](mailto:Harry@48thward.org) with a subject line of "Save Nordine."

## Management report (Continued from page 3)

many skills and expertise acquired during her three years at Malibu East. We are - and she was, too - saddened by her departure but she leaves behind her a fulfilled chapter of her young career. We will all miss her dearly, and she knows it! We were lucky enough to have Scott as a temporary administrative assistant to help keeping us afloat until Melody's replacement is hired.

## Holiday parties

By Sandy Chaet

Our annual resident holiday party will be held Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Lobby. This is one of the Association's best-attended parties. Music will be provided by Randall Fleer.

We do provide wine, soda and other refreshments, yet the success of this party rests on our residents bringing something to share: a finger-food appetizer and/or dessert. If you do bring something, please put your name and unit number on the bottom of the plate or bowl so that in case you don't retrieve it, we can return it to you.

This party provides a chance to visit and celebrate the holidays with your neighbors.

On Tuesday, Dec. 31, the Social Committee will hold a New Year's Eve party in the Windjammer Room from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Providing the music will be DJ Dominic Wayne. If you have a song you want Dominic to play, please indicate it on the RSVP form.

There will be a champagne toast at midnight, with New Year's decorations, hats, favors and other refreshments.

There is no charge for this party, but we do ask you to bring your favorite beverage (soda, wine, etc.) or a finger-food appetizer or dessert.

If you RSVP by 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, you can bring two guests at no charge. After that date, and at the door, only two guests will be permitted and you will have to pay \$10 for each.

See the flyer for additional information.

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# Justice Hotel – the name doesn't say it all

By Ron Cohn



First, it's a brand-new hotel nearing completion in a 110-year-old building. A very small hotel – five guest rooms and a complement of sumptuous baths make it more like a B&B. But it's also more like a museum or a gallery – or a historic site with a busy calendar as a performance venue. The hotel serves breakfast to guests and full meals for up to 40 attending twice-weekly dinner events. It's all this, plus a community resource center dealing with the immediate, diverse concerns of the Edgewater neighborhood. Whatever it is, it's innovative, unexpected and decidedly non-traditional.

Take a five-minute walk and see for yourself. The Justice Hotel is at 6018 N. Kenmore, about five doors down the west side of the street from Glenlake. It's one of the last remaining neighborhood mansions, and its restoration is just one of numerous works in progress within its walls.

Come for one of its events. There's almost always something going on

Wednesday through Sunday, with the aim being to connect artists and audiences through unique happenings. There are movies of topical interest on Wednesday, the event-themed conversational dinners on Thursday and Friday, "Sound Saturday" performances by local musicians and related sensory experiences, and "Sanctuary Sundays," where brunch is paired with healing workshops. Most are free in exchange for a donation of any size, except the



dinners, though a reservation is needed for most. You can call or go to their website for the whole calendar, dinner prices and hotel rates. The phone number and web address are listed at the end of this article.

The Justice Hotel came into being just this fall as a project of 6018North, a not-for-profit community arts organization with roots on the South Side of Chicago, which acquired the dilapidated man-

sion eight years ago and took its address as the group's name. The people in charge, 15 serious artists and five curators under the leadership of director Trisha Van Eck, conceptualized the hotel in September of this year as part of the Chicago Architecture Biennial.

"This is sort of an experiment for the Biennial to see if a business, in this case a hotel, can sustain and support an arts community," Van Eck said. A Chicago native who has been leading 6018North for eight years, she has an impressive résumé for this endeavor. She was a curator at the prestigious Museum of Contemporary Art for 13 years and, before that, ran a gallery in Manhattan.

Asked about the name of the hotel, she said that social justice, or more accurately *injustice*, has been the guiding focus of 6018North since its birth on the South Side. The organization, through its programs and events, has always been involved with issues dealing with the unequal access to justice in society, and the hotel is an extension of that concern.

Learn more about the Justice Hotel, reserve a room, make a dinner reservation or view the event schedule at the website [6018north.org](http://6018north.org), or call 773-271-4918 for more information.



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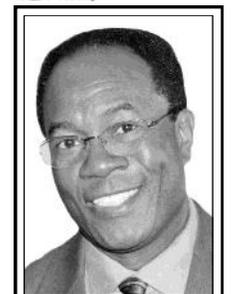
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## Zohreh Ghavamshahidi (Continued from page 1)

Whitewater and beyond, she was considered a driving force in the area of women's studies and rights. She was a vocal proponent for understanding our changing global landscape, especially with regard to the Middle East and Islam, and worked tirelessly to foster greater awareness about this often-misunderstood region and culture.

"Through her eloquent and incisive presentations, audience members and students have gained a much more nuanced and complex understanding of the specific geopolitical issues of the Middle East far beyond the stereotypes presented in mainstream media. ... Her firsthand knowledge of the Middle East coupled with her endless curiosity provided her students with more insightful knowledge about a part of the world not easily understood by outsiders," quotes a 2006 UW-Whitewater news article by Barbro McGinn.

During her almost 29-year tenure, Zohreh received 18 honors and grants, including two Fulbright awards to Uzbekistan, a National Endowment for the Humanities award to a seminar on ethnic conflict, a United States Institute on Peace Summer Seminar award to create a course on conflict resolution and crisis management, and a University of Wisconsin Faculty Excellence in Service award.

Zohreh's two-year Fulbright scholarship to Uzbekistan from 1994 to 1996 is one of the most fascinating periods in her colorful life and career. Part of this Central Asian country was once part of Iran, then was annexed by Russia, became a republic within the Soviet Union, and has been an independent sovereign state since 1991. Those two years were an eye-opening experience for Zohreh, with people she'll never forget, and exotic places most of us will only see on a map, such as Samarkand and Bukhara, famous names on the ancient Silk Road. The country's climate is dry, and it can get very cold, so she didn't miss Wisconsin winters. At Tashkent State Economic University, she taught international relations, economics and law in English, but learned Russian by living with a Ukrainian family. She also spent time in Khujand, the second-largest city in Tajikistan.

In 1995, she met a woman named

Claudia on a subway in Tashkent, who was recruiting women for the European Union Conference on Women in Islamic countries, including Muslim women in socialist countries. This led to a lecture trip all over Germany, an article on "Women and State Building in Uzbekistan" - and a lifelong friendship with Claudia.

Back at UW-Whitewater, Zohreh participated in a grant-funded 2009 project by the U.S. Department of State to bring Muslims, Jews and Christians together, including weeklong visits to Syria and Jordan, as well as the United Arab Emirates and Egypt. Other professional assignments took her to Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Jamaica and the Bahamas, England, Germany, France, Sweden, Norway and Greece. She also had a chance to visit almost every state in the USA.

Zohreh's meditation practice included a 2007 trip to Vietnam with renowned Vietnamese spiritual teacher Thich Nhat Hanh and 300-400 people from all over the world. It left an indelible impression, culminating with a United Nations celebration in Hanoi commemorating the Buddha's birthday. And, through a cousin who was the Iranian ambassador to Hanoi, Zohreh was able to stay there for three weeks and then add a three-week trip to mainland China with students from UW

-Whitewater, featuring visits to several major cities and beautiful nature sites.

As a retiree, Zohreh wanted to live in Chicago, which she used to visit 4-5 times a year. She loves our city's international flavor and diversity. She took her time finding a place to live, with proximity to the lake and a safe building as priorities. After almost two years, she was about to sign a contract on a unit in East Point next door when she noticed a Malibu East B-unit listing. Our sound financial situation and excellent security had impressed her - and she needed a home for her two beloved pooches, Sushi and Cinnamon, both of whom, sadly, died earlier this year.

Now, she finds respite in nature, hiking, swimming, racquetball, reading and meditation, and takes walks along the lake almost every day. She'd love to make more contact with neighbors in the building, especially from her home country, Iran, to find out about their stories. So, please introduce yourself when you see Zohreh in the elevator or at our meetings and social functions - or ask our doorman to have her get in touch with you.

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