

Malibu East Dialogue

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Your Communication and Information Resource

Someone you should know

At 80, activist still helps people

Her legacy includes more than being an 'Oprah' guest
by Marcella Tardy

Lerner Staff Writer

Happy birthday to Rose Wandel, who celebrated No. 80 on Sunday, Sep. 10, in the company of scores of her closest friends, family and colleagues at her daughter's home in North Mayfair.

She technically gets the title octogenarian, but she'll have to produce identification to substantiate that claim. Her schedule is not typical for anyone in her stage of life, not even for those in the preceding stages.

Recently, she appeared on the "Oprah" TV show, featuring people trying to find pattern-matched pieces for incomplete dinnerware or china sets. Oprah Winfrey's crew helped find a bowl for Wandel. Friends and relatives states away have called her since the show aired on Aug. 29.

"Of all the things I've done, I was on national TV for a broken dish," she said, wryly.

All the things she's done include several activities in the present.

Two to three times a month she continues to run the Senior Meds program, aimed at helping senior citizens properly take and store their medications and most importantly, at detecting any dangerous drug combinations in an existing prescription-drug regimen. The informational part of that program is followed by a one-on-one meeting between the participants and pharmacists.

Wandel also leads a humanities course for senior citizens at the Levy Center and the Chicago Cultural Center, offer-



ing a survey of humanities topics. The course's next session, which starts in October, will focus on philosophy.

These pursuits are in addition to her work with the North River Commission, the North Park Village Advisory Council, the National Council of Jewish Women and assembling the archives for North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski Road.

"She really is special; there's no question about it," said Joel Bookman, executive director of the North River Commission. "She's dedicated her life to making this community and the city a better place, to working with other people to improve the human condition.

"She is smart and strong and fair. She is one of those people I admire tremendously," Bookman said.

Wandel was the NRC's president in 1985-86 and has served as one of its vice presidents since 1987.

Former NRC director Joe Cicero remembered the quality of her contributions. "In the '80s, the North River Commission was going through internal political (strife). It was then that Rose organized the board and took over the presidency when the president resigned

and held the board together," Cicero said. "You wouldn't think she had it in her, but she did it in her own classy way. She never loses her temper."

One of her major efforts was to keep the former tuberculosis sanitarium and grounds from being paved over and turned into a supermarket. The result was North Park Village.

The chairman of the North Park Village Advisory Council, Don Hodgkinson, added his view.

"She keeps me in line by reminding me of the history, because she was involved from the beginning," Hodgkinson said.

"Rose is a wonderful person. She's a hard worker. I would be happy to have half of her energy when I'm her age," he said. "She has spent countless hours putting together the archives of North Park Village. That includes the history of the tuberculosis sanitarium as well as the North Park Village site.

The Wandels raised three children in the Peterson Park neighborhood. After the nest emptied, she lived for a few years in North Town before moving to her current home in Edgewater.

In addition to the work already mentioned, she was the driving force behind the creation of the Cancer Survivors Garden downtown a few years ago. That effort came of concern for her sister and husband who battled cancer and then a niece who was diagnosed after she had begun working on the park. She was a 1978 Lerner Citizen of the Month and an early inductee to Chicago's Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, and many years ago served as an officer in the Parent Teacher Association.

The plight of a family member and a

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friend is also what led her to found the Senior Meds program which later won some support from the Polk Bros. Foundation as well as cooperation from Walgreens and Osco pharmacies.

"I had had a sister-in-law die from the interaction of medications because she didn't know what she was taking," Wandel said. Then she recalled her friend who was seeing two doctors who didn't know what the other was prescribing, she said.

Wandel said her friend, who had always been full of life, all of a sudden became sluggish. Following her suspicions, Wandel asked about his medications and urged that the doctors be informed, which led to the discovery that he was in fact taking incompatible drugs.

"That led me to start this program," Wandel said. "It's for seniors age 55 and over." Participants are given a card to fill out, listing all their medications. "The first time we went out we found someone who was in trouble, so I know this is worthwhile."

Honors to Wandel on her birthday included a message from state Sen. Carol Ronen (D—9th) and a City Council resolution moved by Ald. Margaret Laurino (39th).

"It was a pleasure to be able to honor a wonderful person like Rose," said Ronen. "Nobody works harder for senior citizens and cares about the issues than Rose. Her energy and caring for people is something to behold."

"What a party the kids threw me," Wandel said, the day after her 80th bash.

She joked that the party, which started at 2 p.m., did what her activities could never do: tired her out and left her hungry. "Every time I tried to take a bit of something, someone would come up to talk to me."

She said she got home at 10 p.m., tired and hungry. But she seemed pretty happy about that.

From the Wednesday, Sep. 13 Lerner News-Star by permission from editor Jack Bess.

How to save money on your electric bill

By Tom Wheelock

Updated and reprinted from the February 1984 Dialogue

Do you spend \$90, \$100, \$150 or more in the winter months to stay warm? You don't have to! Even if your sliding doors are in perfect condition, the winter months cause the metal to contract and that causes leaks to let in the cold air. That cold air stays in a pocket of about 2 feet from the floor up. To stop this problem, you can go to a hardware store and buy a box of "MORTITE" (see prices below). It's a gray clay that you pull off in strips, and fill in where your doors are letting cold air in. (It takes approx. 1 box per set of sliding doors.)

If you combine the use of the Mortite, keeping the baseboard heaters set on 2 and the furnace temperature set at 65 to 68 degrees, you should find a great deal of difference in your bill. I live in a 2-bedroom unit on the north side and have kept my winter heating bills to a minimum.

It takes little time to put in and when winter's over it only takes a few minutes to pull out. It's the best way to keep the cold out and the heat in. Meanwhile, the money you save can go to other things.

Editors note: See the editor for a demonstration sample.

Manufacturing advertising copy
"Mortite Rope Caulk is putty in a roll. It can be applied around the edges of windows to reduce uncontrolled air infiltration and exfiltration. It can be installed by simply pressing it into place with your fingers. Easily applied, self-adhering, yet easy to remove, Mortite is a perfect way for apartment residents to inexpensively control drafts. It comes in a roll of 90 linear feet of caulking cord."

Available online for \$3.75 at: <http://www.efi.org/products/weather/mortite.html> and also at Clark-Devon Hardware for \$4.79.

Getting-to-know-you party

by Grace Bergbom

It is time to greet our new neighbors, and there are so many who have moved into Malibu East this year. So please mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 1 at 7:30 pm.

Light refreshments will be served in the Windjammer Room. We are looking forward to meeting each of you.



Thursday Afternoon Discussion Group

With the fall season beginning, the Thursday Afternoon Discussion Group is back in session. We meet the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room from 2 to 3:30 pm. We serve coffee and enjoy the camaraderie of our neighbors.

We want to welcome back all of our old friends, and we hope many new people will join us. This is not just a session for women — men too are welcome (don't be shy).

Following are the dates for the balance of the year. Please mark your calendar to know when to join with us — Thursday, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

We look forward to seeing you.
Ilse Siegler and Ruth Betty Spilky

Opening for advertising account executive

Not really, but the Dialogue does need a volunteer with advertising sales experience to obtain new advertisers for the Dialogue. Sources and business cards will be provided. Contact the editor for details.



The United Nations bank in Edgewater

By Betty Mayian

The Broadway Bank is located on the southwest corner of Broadway and Elm-dale across from the Edgewater Library. The bank is probably in one of the most attractive buildings in Chicago, let alone Edgewater. The structure used to house many different businesses, including a car dealership, a restaurant, and an auction house for estate artwork and sculptures. In the late 1970s, the owner, Mr. Alexis Giannoulas, saw the beautiful structure and chose it to house his bank. Mr. Giannoulas used his native Greek language to bring in customers from his homeland. He happened to select employees from the neighboring area to staff his bank; one of the first was Erika Mueller, now senior vice president. She spoke German as a second language and found she could help people from Germany and also those people who could communicate with her in Yiddish.



As the years went on, people and the neighborhood saw more changes in languages and those people with those language skills just happened to join the banking staff. The bank has an electronic sign that it uses to advertise and display holiday greetings. One year, they began putting up the Christmas wishes in the various languages of the Broadway Bank staff. They were amazed that there were so many nationalities represented. Though it was never begun as a program to hire people because of their language skills, once they discovered this benefit, the decision was made to use these skills in advertising for the bank. The bank now seeks out newspapers and other local foreign language publications to encourage those people to come to them and to let them know they will be understood by an employee of the bank.

Customers have expressed their happiness with the specialized services that this local bank provides them. And how interesting to see the neighborhood changes as reflected by the people who



come to them speaking languages other than English. Erika and I started to list the nationalities they can now accommodate at this location. Russian and Romanian; German and Greek; Armenian, Arabic and Assyrian; Bosnian and Bohemian; Croatian and Chinese; Indian and Italian; Yugoslav and Yiddish; Portuguese, Pakistani and Polish; Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, French, Spanish; but no Japanese at this time, and their Nigerian employee left. The list seems to go on forever, since so many of the languages and their dialects can double up, such as Brazilian and Portuguese. Many of the Spanish-speaking countries can be accommodated fairly easily as well.

I asked how business has changed since this has been addressed. Mrs. Giannoulas has found her niche by running the travel agency located in the same building. This has helped both the bank and the travel agency by sharing skills and customers. I was told that the bank has become more family-oriented and actually more of a community center. So much so that now, when hiring at the various locations, they concentrate their efforts to supply each branch with people who can encourage the same feeling of community. Now — that's a business that makes use of the talents of the area. Drop in and say hello — in whatever language you'd like.

48th Ward Zoning & Planning meeting

By Sandy Chaet

The empty lot at 6151 N. Sheridan has been down-zoned to R2. This means a high-rise cannot be built there. The Park District will try to acquire the property from the developer. It will take time, but a park will be there eventually. Praise was given to all who signed the petitions and to Alderman Mary Ann Smith, state Sen. Carol Ronen and Ill. Rep. Harry Osterman for their support and help.

At St. Ita Church, 5500 N. Broadway, a request was voted and passed to allow them to vacate the alley between the church and the parking lot, retaining the original brick area as a walkway. The parking lot will be redesigned, fenced with wrought iron and landscaped. The parking lot will have 54 parking spaces with two new handicapped spaces. Additional greening will be added at the front of the church.

The orange cones on Clark Street have been taken down and the street is now back to normal. Voltaire Theater will be using the space at the rear of 5537 N. Broadway for performances. There will be a four-story, eight-unit condominium building at 5306 N. Winthrop, which is currently the site of a nonconforming commercial building. The building will have 12 parking spaces. Mark Kishow of Pizzeria Aroma on Berwyn proposes to open a new restaurant where Barry's Spot was located (5759 N. Broadway). It will be a pizza and fine-dining restaurant. It will probably open around the holiday season. At 5948 N. Sheridan (across from Malibu), a seven-story assisted-living building is proposed. When the developer has the plans worked out, a meeting will be held to tell the community about it.

Alderman Smith also related that the zoning ordinances are being looked at and redone. With these changes, decisions will be easier to make. If there are any zoning problems you see, please leave me a note with the details.

MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans



MECA annual owners and board meeting

Tuesday, Sep. 26

Attendance:

9 board members, 3 management representatives and 25 residents

Excused: Larry Creter, Stuart Meshbom, Tom Vaughan

1) *State of the association, President Molins*

We have had an extraordinary year. We now have control of the whole building after 29 years. In January we exercised our "right of first refusal" and purchased the commercial unit for \$300,000. We were clearly unprepared to become property owners and have taken a conservative approach. We have made a number of improvements while improving the fiscal operation by taking advantage of the synergies and eliminating some duplication in maintenance contracts. The operation of the CU has increased the workload of the board and of the building manager.

Another development is an increase in unit values from two-thirds to twice the value of several years ago.

It is nice to see the light at the end of the tunnel with our balcony/exterior construction project, we are hoping to complete it by the end of 2001. It is noteworthy that no special assessments were needed to fund this project.

Now that construction is ending, I am hoping that we can now maximize the use of the 4th floor deck. We would like the Social or Special Committee to look to see how we can use the deck for a sense of community.

Wear and tear is starting to be no-

ticeable in the residential corridors. Substantial funds are being budgeted for this area. Last year's annual meeting was attended by a larger crowd, mainly due to concerns about cable TV. Clearly, we have continued full service with no increase in fees. We have saved thousands of dollars.

Our committees have done a major part in running the building.

On a sad note, the roof is going to be another repair project. In order to

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the MECA Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved at the following meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

run the CU, do all this additional work and avoid special assessment we need volunteers to aid us in carrying out millions of dollars of projects. I'm disappointed to see only eight candidates for the eight director positions this year.

The president then called for a round of applause in appreciation for the work of the many individuals who have contributed to MECA this past year.

2) **Treasurer's report**

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3) **Committee reports**

Construction, Richard Strauss

We have had good progress on phase II, the reconstruction of the east end of the building, and are hoping for a November end date. The rest to be done is two columns and the EGJ tier balconies. This work will start Oct. 3. We hope that it will be done in 2001, but the contract allows until May 31, 2002, for unforeseen circumstances. Some of our newer residents have never been

here when construction was not going on. Our next projects will be the garage and the roof. This building will always need something to be done, but as far as I can see, we will not have to levy any special assessments.

Commercial Unit, Judy Walker

We are running at a small deficit; we knew this would be an issue. We are working on renting some of the empty space, which would give us a surplus. We are working through a realtor and the management office. We have eliminated or absorbed some of the maintenance contracts and now are doing a more efficient and better job of maintenance and cleaning.

We are working on several projects, ADA accessibility, air locks for heat/air efficiency and signing to make it more attractive to potential tenants. We are also looking at re-configuring some space for other use.

Admissions and Garage, Martina Molins

We processed 34 sales and 11 leases so far this year. The prices for the middle units (excluding the unit bought by the association pursuant to its right of first refusal) ranged from a low of \$160,000 to a high of \$189,000.

According to the records provided by the garage manager, we presently have 541 cars in the garage. Looking at income and expenses, the garage is currently operating about \$40,000 favorable to budget.

Cable, Jared Cloud

Last fall, we attempted to negotiate an amendment to our cable contract with 21st Century Telecommunica-

tions, now RCN. As you may recall, the contract calls for residents to receive 45 channels at a fixed rate of \$11.60 per month. After several months, 21st Century made what it said was its final offer, the 95 channels it had been providing in exchange for an initial price increase, with further increases each year thereafter. We conducted a survey of the building, which resulted in a close vote in favor of continuing with the current contract, i.e., 45 channels at \$11.60/month.

Floor Representatives, Ila Chaiken

We have 16 representatives and need more people to volunteer. The active reps. will introduce themselves to the residents of their floors.

Social, Sandy Chaet

We have several activities planned for this fall including a "Meet your neighbors night," dance lessons, Halloween, and the holiday lobby party, Wed. Dec. 17.

Dialogue, Jack Winans

The Dialogue continues to publish monthly prior to the first of the month. Despite increased expenses, we have kept costs well below budget due to an aggressive approach to advertising and in-house purchase of quality paper. The Dialogue needs the services of an experienced advertising sales volunteer.

Budget, Richard Strauss

The Budget Committee is recommending a 4% increase in assessments and a \$3 increase in monthly parking rates.

4) Questions from the floor

Are all commercial tenants under lease? **Two are month-to-month and we are working on a contract.** Residents concerned with tenants observing posted hours, specifically the dry cleaners and the convenient store. **Vito will address this issue.** What vendors provide window and baseboard heating unit replacement? **Glass is less of an issue than frame**

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Ward Watch by Norm Cratty



Revitalization in our ward continues! I had always hoped that businesses would take note of how vital North Broadway is. It was only a matter of time before Andersonville became saturated and there was no place else to go but east.

Of course, the upcoming Broadway influence is preceded by what has been happening on the Bryn Mawr redevelopment. The new Francesca's should be open by the time you read this.

I hear TomBoy will be opening another location just south of Moody's Pub on Broadway. The location is suspected to house the new offices of the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce.

South of this project is the additional location of Cheetah Gym. They've got a huge complex up on North Clark Street in Andersonville as well as an even larger presence in one of the new housing developments opening up on Halsted Street in New Town. Their establishment typically occupies an entire second floor of a location. With all that street-level exposure at their new location on North Broadway, wouldn't it be wonderful if one of the premier video entertainment establishments opened another location up here? Just a thought.

The old Barry's Spot at 5759 North Broadway will soon be taken over by the same operators of Pizzeria Aroma. They were granted an incidental liquor license as they are going to renovate the business and turn it into a fine-dining Italian restaurant called Travini.

Now onto Sheridan Road. How would you feel about an almost 7-story "assisted living" property located on the empty lot between the big red brick mansion and 6000 north? Proposed by the same people who run The Breakers senior development, they are proposing over 80 units of additional housing in our already dense area. Don't we have enough institutional housing as it is, i.e., Loyola University dorms, senior centers, hospice and halfway houses? Wouldn't a smaller density or single-family facility be better? Or how about keeping it open land for public use? Come to the Broadway Armory Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 pm to hear all the proposed details at a meeting sponsored by the ECC Planning and Development

A meeting regarding the Kingsley Estate (senior assisted living projected) suggested for the west side of Sheridan Road will be held in the Malibu East WJR Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Sheridan Road construction by Jack Winans

State-funded work on Sheridan Road started Wednesday, Sep. 20 and is scheduled to be finished in 40 days (near the end of October). The work was scheduled for next year, but the contractor was working nearby on the Devon project and was able to consolidate the two projects.



The project starts just north of the Hollywood/Sheridan intersection and goes to the Sheridan/Devon curve. The grinding of the old asphalt will be followed by the application of a binder. The covers for sewers and utilities will be raised to the new level and then the asphalt will be laid.

North/south traffic will be limited to one lane each way during construction. Most of the work will be done during non-rush hour periods, specifically, 9 am to 3 pm weekdays and extended hours on Saturdays. No work will be done on Sundays.

Source: Ernie Constantino, 48th ward office, 773-784-5277.

Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



Our condolences
to the family
and friends of
Rosemary Leahy

Free recorder and music reading lessons — beginners of all ages.
10 am Saturdays

Inner Visions

Art exhibit through October by Willie Carter.

"Arsenic and Old Lace"

Through October, \$12, \$10 members/seniors

Fri./Sat. 8 pm, Sun. 2 pm

For reservations, parking call 312-683-5347

Keeping a journal

Mondays, 7 to 9 pm, \$35

6219 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-743-4477

Ongoing THEATER/SHOWINGS

AMERICAN THEATER COMPANY

"Endgame"

Samuel Beckett's black comedy starring Mike Nussbaum.

Through Oct. 7

1909 W. Byron

773-929-1031

BOXER REBELLION THEATRE

"The World of Myth"

A carnival midway setting where one clown can lead a revolt to shatter the world of illusion.

Thu.-Sat., 8 pm through Oct. 28

\$12, \$10 seniors, \$8 students

1257 W. Loyola

773-465-7325

CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY

"The Turn of the Screw"

An adaptation of Henry James' book.

Through Nov. 12

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

GRIFFIN THEATRE

"Ella Enchanted"

An adaptation of Cinderella, based on a story about a girl cursed by a fairy.

Fri./Sat. 7:30 pm

Through Oct. 15

\$15, \$10 children

5404 N. Clark St.

773-769-2228

LIFELINE THEATRE

"The Silver Chair"

An adaptation of part of C.S. Lewis' "Chronicles of Narnia."

Through Dec. 10

BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

Flu shots

\$10 or free with Medicare B

Oct. 17, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Live at 6205

"Women of Bosnia"

Birth of a Story Museum

Oct. 20, 7:00 pm

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

312-742-7871

CARE FOR REAL

Volunteers needed

Looking for new members. Call the ECC Office for information.

1042 W. Bryn Mawr

773-334-5609

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

5358 N. Ashland Ave.

773-907-1872

Oct. 7 — Lakewood Balmoral

Historic District walking tour

Begins at North Shore Baptist church, 5244 N. Lakewood at 11 am.

Donation \$4

Oct. 21 — Bryn Mawr Historic District walking tour

Begins at SW corner of Sheridan and Bryn Mawr at 11 am.

Donation \$4

Nov. 4 — Edgewater Historic Society General Meeting

Guest speaker, Angela Schlater, Ph.D., candidate in the Public History/American History program at Loyola University. Angela will

present a slide program of the Uptown Entertainment District.

Meeting 10 am at

Edgewater Library

1210 W. Elmdale

Angela Schlater at 10:30 am, free

EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #33SD

Come meet our beat police.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

(1st Wed. of every month)

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

FARMER'S MARKET

Fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers

Edgewater

Saturdays, 7 am to 2 pm

Broadway Armory parking lot

Broadway & Thorndale

Loyola/Rogers Park

Sundays, 7 am - 2 pm

Oct. 8, 22

6450 N. Sheridan Rd.

Broadway Armory parking lot

Broadway & Thorndale

MISERICORDIA

Volunteers needed

Misericordia Heart of Mercy Residential Living Center needs volunteers to play 16 inch softball with their disabled residents from 4:30 to 5:30 pm on Thursdays.

Even one game is acceptable.

Call Caroline Waring at 773-973-

4161 or John Dyer at 847-632-

1863.

NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER

Music Consort

6912 N. Glenwood
773-761-4477

NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE

“Curious Beautiful”

An environmental performance in homage to the Dutch painter Vermeer.

Staggered entry between 7:30 & 9 pm.

\$10, \$8 students – limit 50

Fri. & Sat. through Oct. 19

5153 N. Ashland Ave.

773-275-5255

PEGASUS PLAYERS

“Rum and Coke”

A one-woman show about the Cuban experience and search for identity — looking at women living in exile in Miami and others in Castro’s Cuba.

Th./Fri./Sat. \$15-\$25

Through Oct. 22

1145 W. Wilson

773-878-9761

COMMUNITY EVENTS/

MEETINGS

Edgewater Beautiful Committee

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 7:00 pm

5917 N. Broadway

Broadway Armory Advisory Council

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 7:00 pm

5917 N. Broadway

48th Ward Zoning & Planning Committee

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:00 pm

5533 N. Broadway

Community meeting

Sponsored by the ECC Planning and Development Committee

(See Ward Watch, page 5.)

Broadway Armory

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:00 pm

Fall ward clean-up

Saturday, Oct. 14

If your community group is interested in obtaining brooms, rakes, bags, shovels, etc. for the clean-up of a neighborhood, school, church or other location, please contact the 48th Ward Streets & Sanitation Yard Office

Mon. – Fri. 7 am to 3:30 pm

3120744-2130

Free blood pressure screenings

Mon.–Fri., 9–11 am

Edgewater Medical Center

5700 N. Ashland
773-334-3095

Voter registration

Illinois State Board of Election

Register by mail.

1020 S. Spring St.

Springfield, IL 62704

217-782-4141 for details.

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Budget meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 3

7:30 pm — Community Room

Dialogue Committee meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 18

7:30 pm — Community Room

ASCO

Tuesday, Oct. 17

6:30 pm — Windjammer Room

Thursday Afternoon

Social meeting

Coffee “and” will be served

Thursday, Oct. 19 (3rd Thurs

month)

2:00 pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 24

7:30 pm — Windjammer Room

Getting-to-know-you-party

Wednesday, Nov. 1

7:30 pm — Windjammer Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue.

Elevator comments

The Dialogue has received additional comments from residents in response to current elevator articles.

The elevator music is great, mainly because it is so superior to most elevator “marshmallow” music; it is so much more than just “Teutonic marches.” Personally, I don’t like music in any public areas — what’s wrong with quiet? But if there must be music, let it at least be good music.

Edith Lebed



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replacement. Illinois Sash does both. We have two vendors for the heating units.

Can we have a volunteer fair, or get the information including qualifications for volunteers for committees.

Nicole Heller, 28G, volunteered to assemble this information.

Why isn’t this building more ADA compliant? *The building is legally compliant and we are working to make it more handicapped accessible.*

Some of the laundry machines need repair. *Put a tag on the machine or call the office from the laundry in-house phone with the details.*

Are we considering upgrading the elevators to modern technology? *We have looked into it, but it would amount to a seven-figure expenditure to upgrade all five elevators.*

We have maintained them, their life expectancy is favorable and they are safe and in the same condition as they were when installed 29 years ago. We do not have problems getting parts. Staging is programmed; when there is a long wait, it’s usually because one is out of service.

Are we ready to e-mail or put the Dialogue on the Web? *Our present staff does not have the time or resources.*

5) Director election results

Marcel Molins	75.91255%
Scott Young	42.17285%
Ila Chaiken	34.25691%
Sandy Chaet	30.46790%
Larry Creter	28.07835%
Allan Eckhardt	27.62650%
Stuart Meshbom	26.33991%
Judy Walker	19.11559%

6) Officer election results

President	Marcel Molins
1st VP	Stuart Meshbom
2nd VP	Richard Strauss
Secretary	Larry Creter
Asst. Sec.	Judy Walker
Treasurer	Tom Vaughan
Asst. Treas.	Allan Eckhardt

7) Adjournment: 9:45 pm



What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese
MECA Association Manager



As fall approaches, the staff is preparing the building for its long winter nap. The pools and tennis court are closed for the season, and the sun deck is closed. The south side of the fourth floor deck will be closed to all residents on Oct. 2, due to the repairs to the A, C, E and G tiers. The dog run and loading dock area was recently cleaned up and ready for the long haul until spring arrives.

The exterior fascia and balcony repairs are continuing on the east side of the building on the A and B tiers. The crews have four stages working on the east side of the building and will be sandblasting on the northeast corner of the building beginning Monday, Oct. 2. Additionally, the crews are pouring concrete on the southeast corner and the east side of the A tier. The board of directors has negotiated an outstanding contract with Golf Construction to continue to work on the building through 2001 and possibly complete all the remaining exterior repairs and painting by

the end of 2001. The next phase of the exterior repairs will begin on Monday, Oct. 2 and will include the south side of tiers A, C, E, and G. New construction notices will be issued to all residents in the affected tiers, and we will provide additional information for the residents. The south side of the fourth floor deck will be closed to all residents until fur-

ther notice due to the exterior construction. The association is planning to re-open this area in late May 2001, weather permitting.

The Finance Committee has been working very hard on the 2001 proposed budget. The 2001 budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Windjammer Room. All unit owners are encouraged to attend.

MECA Treasurer's report for 1999

I would like to share with you the following information that is summarized from MECA's annual budget and the Dec. 31, 1999 financial statements audited by the association's independent accountants, Picker and Associates. The budget is developed in detail annually by your Board, summarized and shared with the owners, and then approved at an open Board meeting each fall.

The association ended the year with a \$410,629 operating surplus. Total building revenues from the normal operation of the building were \$2,864,000 compared to \$2,786,000 in 1998. This 2.8% increase in income was primarily due to the 3.0% increase in owner assessments. Total operating revenues exceeded the budgeted amounts by 1.1%, due principally to greater-than anticipated garage income.

Total operating expenses for the building were \$2,096,000 compared to \$2,040,000 in 1998. This 2.7% increase was primarily due to greater repair & maintenance, and general & administrative expenses combined with scheduled employee union wage increases offset

by savings in utility and garage expenses. Total expenses including the planned transfer to the Reserve Fund were less than budgeted by about \$379,000 or a 15.3% savings. The resulting net operating surplus of \$410,629 was transferred to the Reserve Fund.

The Reserve Fund balance at the beginning of 1999 was \$2,499,000. During 1999, \$904,000 was added to the Reserve Fund, consisting of scheduled transfers, interest income on investments, and the year-end operating surplus. After Reserve Fund expenditures of \$943,000 the Reserve Fund balance at year-end 1999 decreased only \$39,000 to \$2,460,000 while absorbing the significant capital expenditures.

Your association purchased the Captain's Walk commercial unit after year-end, in January 2000 for \$300,000. This purchase opportunity came through exercising our 'right of first refusal' and now allows us to make changes in this amenity and enables improvements to its interaction with the association. Presently, this unit is operating at a loss to the association; however your current Board unanimously believes that this investment will prove to be a beneficial investment in the end.

Our building is now in phase III of our ongoing exterior wall and balcony repair project, which represents a significant drain on our resources.

At year-end 1999, MECA displays a strong financial position with \$2,700,000 in operating and reserve funds held in insured accounts. This amount is held to cover anticipated capital expenditures for the continued maintenance of our building in addition to covering the accruals and payables of \$201,000 shown at year-end. Recent boards have taken a fiscally sound position to minimize the need for special assessments or major increases in monthly maintenance assessments. These actions have helped to maintain MECA as the premier Sheridan Road property.

Respectively submitted, Thomas C. Vaughan, Treasurer

SPECIAL NOTICE

... possibly complete all the remaining exterior repairs and painting by the end of 2001.

The end of 2001. The next phase of the exterior repairs will begin on Monday, Oct. 2 and will include the south side of tiers A, C, E, and G. New construction notices will be issued to all residents in the affected tiers, and we will provide additional information for the residents. The south side of the fourth floor deck will be closed to all residents until fur-

MECA amenity: Community Room

by Betty Mayian

I bet a lot of you are wondering, "What and where is the Community Room?" Well, that's the official name for the small meeting room right off the Windjammer Room on the southeast side of the fourth floor. It holds several bookshelves filled to overflowing with reading material — mainly novels, but some reference books and classics and even some foreign language books. Therefore, the room is really a library, right? It has games and game tables. So, it's a game room, right? Yes, but even more — it has comfortable chairs, tables, good lighting and a view of our pool area and Lake Michigan.



It is a wonderful room in which to hold meetings, discussion groups, and card parties. It is an adult gathering place of quiet and comfort for all those who would like to get away from the telephone and sit in peaceful meditation, immerse yourself in the latest novel, or ponder over your tax returns. Any of these things can be done at almost any time of the day or night.

Committee meetings are held there periodically for most of the organized committees that report to MECA's board of directors. I have participated in many of them for the Social Committee and for the Dialogue Committee.

But, what about you — how can you use this room? Join an existing committee, or find some friends and neighbors with similar interests who would like this type of atmosphere to get together on a regular basis.

I hope this article has inspired some of you to join your fellow residents at Malibu East who finds this room to be a great MECA amenity.

The room is open from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

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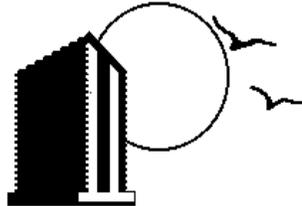


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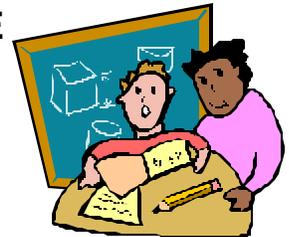
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