

# Malibu East Dialogue

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## Jack Winans: A commitment to excellence

By Neil Warner

For 13-plus years, the Malibu East *Dialogue* was Jack Winans' baby. Sure, he received help – lots of it at times. Yet, he had the ambition and the managerial skills needed to motivate his staff to do more and aim higher. And he did it for 13-plus years!

After taking over as editor in late 1997, following a career as a deli manager at Dominick's, Jack spent countless hours studying the publishing industry and learning all he could about what constituted good journalism and what didn't. Although he had other interests, such as serving as a marshal for professional golf tournaments, teaching computer classes and volunteering at Misericordia, the *Dialogue* dominated Jack's time. He even converted one of the rooms in his unit to a home office with the latest computer equipment.

Jack's interest in producing a first-class newsletter wasn't confined to the editorial content. He searched out commercial printers who could produce the best-looking newsletter at the lowest price and he solicited advertisers inside and outside Malibu East to offset the printing costs. Although he had a budget with which to operate, he was determined to run the *Dialogue* without any cost to the owners and, in many years, he did.

The results became obvious – the *Dialogue* grew in size, scope, quality and recognition. Jack distributed issues to block clubs and nearby condo associations and his pride was justified.

Despite his success as editor, Jack always kept the interests of the association and its owners above any personal agenda. And you could count on one hand the number of board meetings he missed over those 13-plus

years, sitting alongside his wife, Elaine, who kept board meeting notes along with Jack. His absence was so noticeable that board president Marcel Molins mentioned it right away when Jack had to miss the February board meeting.

We won't be able to replace him. We'll just have to do our best to preserve what he has created.

*Following are the comments that MECA board president Marcel Molins made regarding longtime Dialogue editor Jack Winans at the beginning of the special owners meeting on March 22:*

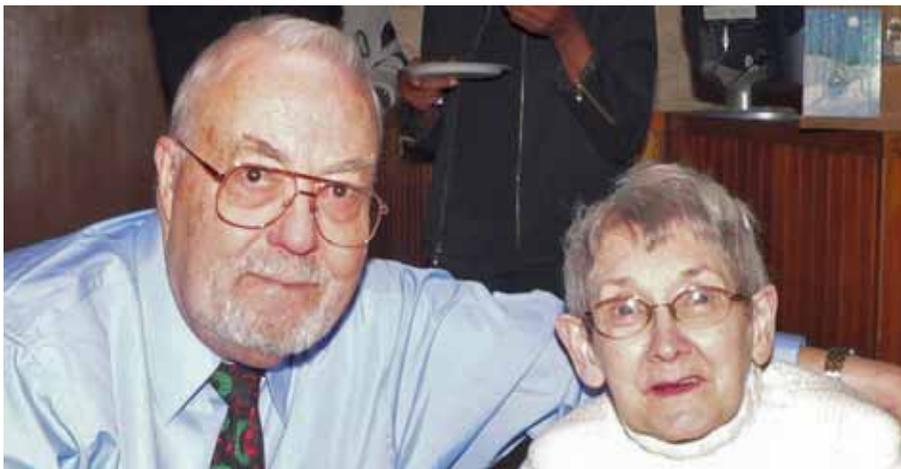
"We are very saddened. Jack Winans passed away last night.

"The world has lost a very good man. Our association and our community have lost a very caring man, a very good neighbor and a great asset. Behind his very serious and, at times, grim appearance, there was a man of great compassion and a great sense of fairness. He was a lover of humanity and a devoted husband and family man. He was always willing to help and do whatever he could for his friends, neighbors and the community at large. He was a devoted professional and willing to assist and teach others.

"He has left a hole that will not be easy to fill. We hope his example will endure and inspire us all to be better."

**Jack Winans 1932-2011**

**Elaine Winans 1931-2011**



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# MECA board meeting notes

by Neil Warner

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.

## Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Attendance: 9 board members, 2 management representatives and approx. 25 residents  
 Not present: Eleida Gomez, Kim O'Neal, Martina Molins  
 Presiding: President Molins



### SPECIAL OWNERS MEETING

The regular board meeting was preceded by a special meeting of owners to discuss the board's intention to exercise its right of first refusal on unit 12E, for which a contract has been signed at price of \$124,000. After discussion, the owners overwhelmingly approved the board's intention to exercise.

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

#### OPEN FORUM 1

##### Resident comments and questions:

- How many MECA units are being rented? **Currently 57 units, or 11.4% of the total units.**

#### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- Approval of minutes: July 27, 2010, special owners meeting

#### TREASURER'S REPORT - Neil Warner

- Financial statement**  
 Balance on hand, cash and reserves  
 \$2,960,510.61
- Delinquencies**  
 \$213,778.46

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Social - Sandy Chaet**  
 Taste of Rogers Edge will be held 5-9 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Tickets available from Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, \$25 in advance, \$35 the day of the event.
- Garage - Richard Strauss**  
**Standard Parking report - Alex Diakoumis, Mgr.**

<b>Claims</b>		<b>Engineer:</b>	NC
Approved:	3	Total:	422
Denied:	2	<b>Garage capacity</b>	
Pending:	1	Single:	144
Total:	6	Tandem:	72
<b>Waiting lists</b>		Valet stalls:	295
Single self-park:	5	Valet aisles:	20
Tandem self-park:	0	Motorcycles:	3
Second car:	0	Total:	534
<b>Monthly parkers</b>		(Under capacity)	112
Single:	124	<b>Changes</b>	
Tandem:	27	New monthlies:	2
Valet:	270	Cancellations:	3
Preferred:	1	Upgrades	0
Motorcycle:	0		

- Sports & Entertainment - Neil Warner**  
 Light fixtures that were approved at February meeting for

Billiard Room won't be available until May, so we'll buy different fixtures to go with lamp over pool table from former room. Now ready to proceed with electrical work, painting and installation of new carpeting.

- Finance & Insurance - Neil Warner**  
 Auditor is gathering information for 2010 audit.
- Communications - Neil Warner**  
 Replacing the *Dialogue* editor and determining future direction of newsletter are big concerns.
- Life Safety - Dean Lerner**  
 Management will bring quotes and recommendation of vendor for project in 30-60 days.

#### MANAGEMENT REPORT - Dean Lerner

##### Items requiring immediate board action

- Renewal of insurance master policy**  
 Board approved renewal of policy through Sudler master program at cost of \$194,872, well below budget and slightly less than cost of policy last year.
- Scavenger rebate**  
 Board authorized management to apply for city scavenger rebate in 2010 and subsequent years and ratified such actions that were filed in the past.

##### Items requiring future board action

- Building main drain clean-out program**  
 Management investigating best approach to solve problem.
- Garage fire system: dry system compressor replacement and plumbing repairs**  
 Approved at February board meeting.
- Billiard Room electrical proposals**  
 Approved at February board meeting. Work can be scheduled.
- Repairs to heating elements for laundry room, Captain's Walk and hallways.**  
 Management will solicit bids to fix heating problem.

##### Items not requiring board action

- Laundry Room contract expires 3/25/12**  
 Management is working with vendor and ComEd to increase electrical capacity in Laundry Room.
- Facade ordinance repairs**  
 No work being done at this time.
- Garage construction project**  
 On schedule.
- Unit sales & leases**  
 11K \$1,350 lease
- MECA-owned units**  
 Two one-bedroom units are being fixed up and will go on the market soon.

#### RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

- None.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

- None.**

The meeting ended at 9:45pm and went into closed session.



## What's happening around the building

by Janet E. Hope, MECA Manager

### Management report

**Assessments:** Assessments are due by the first of each month. A late charge will be assessed for any delinquent account on the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please send remittance to:

Malibu East Condo Assoc.  
% Sudler - 80  
8401 Innovation Way  
Chicago, IL 60682-8401

The management office will not accept assessment payments.

**Hello all!** I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and say hello to everyone. I would also like to give a sincere Thank you! to all of the kind people who have stopped by the management office to introduce themselves. Everyone has been so kind and welcoming. To ensure no projects or problems are lost during this transition period, if you have any work pending, or have any unanswered requests, please contact me directly to ensure I am aware of them.

**Parking garage repairs 2011:** The project continues to progress well, with no major delays and will be completed in early June.

**Driveway reminder:** For your safety, please avoid walking in the driveway, (unless retrieving a vehicle in the 15-minute zone) until the completion of the garage project. Please use the sidewalk alongside the main entrance. Alternate entrances are the handicapped entrance or lower level Sheridan Road entrances.

**Hallway carpets:** As you may be aware, the building engineering staff works very hard to maintain the cleanliness of the hallways, especially the carpets, but need your assistance. Please promptly report all accident spills and pet "accidents," so they can be quickly addressed.

**Remodeling and construction reminder:** Please remember to always contact the management office before starting any type of remodeling or construction project, to familiarize yourself and your contractors with all of the MECA requirements.

If you have any contractor working in your unit, hallway floor protection is always required, but please remember to be courteous to your neighbors, and remove it at the end of every day.

**Email:** I encourage you to contact me via email with any comments, suggestions, request or complaints.  
MECAmgr@Sudler.net

### Social Committee news

By Sandy Chaet

The Easter egg hunt will be on Saturday, April 23, for children under 10 years of age. All children must be accompanied by an adult. We will meet in the Community Room on the fourth floor at 10am. The hunt will begin promptly at 10:15am in the Windjammer Room. Please have your child bring a basket or bag to hold the eggs. Refreshments will be served.

The Social Committee is also looking for residents who sing, or play a musical instrument, who would like to perform a

program. Or if you have traveled, have expertise on a subject such as gardening, cooking, or have an interesting hobby, and would like to give a presentation, the Social Committee would like to hear from you. If you would like to volunteer, leave your name, telephone number, and unit for the Social Committee at the doorman station or management office.

Flu shots from Respiratory Health Association will be on Wednesday, October 12. More details to follow.

Malibu East will be 40 years old this spring. Our first residents moved in April, 1971. We will have a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash on a Saturday night in June.

### Revamped Floor Rep Committee sets plans

By Kim O'Neal



The Floor Representatives Committee met Feb. 23, with 26 members signing in and getting to know each other. The meeting was kicked off by Sande Rohde, the former committee president.

Volunteers for officers were requested to fill the positions of two secretaries and two co-chairs. Four volunteers stepped up, including Rohde for co-chair, Carl Stahlheber for co-chair, Lori Zismer as secretary, and Renee Zelickson as secretary.

The group discussed how often to meet, and they took a vote and decided they will meet every other month. The next meeting will be held May 18, and regular meetings will occur on the third Thursday of every other month. If you volunteered to be a floor representative, or were selected as a floor representative, please come to the meetings; your ideas are needed.

The "purpose of the floor representatives" will be distributed again, as many said they did not receive it and wanted to understand what this group will be doing. The floor representatives team will be helping to make Malibu East a better place to live for all of us.

It was suggested that the floor representatives put together a contact list for themselves with email and phone, and they will also be setting up a phone tree for communication amongst the group, and in case of an emergency. This could prove useful at times such as when the large snowstorm knocked out power to several floors this past winter and many people did not know about the floors that were without power. This way we can all pitch in and help our neighbors when in need. The group selected a handful of individuals to lead the charge in putting this information together for everyone, and they will come up with the best ways to communicate and what to do in case of an emergency.

If you were not able to attend the meet-

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## Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian



### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

#### **BROADWAY ARMORY**

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

5917 N. Broadway  
312-742-7502  
tinyurl.com/27yyyn

#### **EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY**

##### **Saturday Book Club**

11am 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. month  
Regular Hours:  
Mon.-Thu. 9am-9pm  
Fri.-Sat. 9am-5pm  
1210 W. Elmdale  
312-744-0718  
tinyurl.com/5l55tl

#### **EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

##### **Andersonville Historic District Exhibit**

New Regular museum hours:  
Sat & Sun 1-4pm  
5358 N. Ashland Ave.  
773-506-4849  
edgewaterhistory.org

#### **WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER**

Adult day wellness programs for 60 and over.  
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1355 W. Foster Ave.  
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whitecranewellness.org

### THEATER / SHOWINGS

#### **LIFELINE THEATRE**

##### **"Watership Down"**

When their birthplace is destroyed, two brothers lead a misfit band on a quest for a new home.

Apr. 29 - Jun. 19

##### **"Arnie the Donut"**

Embark upon a hilarious quest to redefine human/donut relations.

Thru May 15  
6912 N. Glenwood  
773-761-4477  
lifelinetheatre.com

#### **CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY**

##### **"The Copperhead"**

By Augustus Thomas  
This follows an Illinois man from the early days of the Civil War to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Apr. 8 thru May 15  
1020 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-293-3682  
citylit.org

#### **RAVEN THEATRE**

##### **"Radio Golf"**

By August Wilson  
Successful entrepreneur aspires to become Pittsburgh's first Black Mayor.

Thru Apr. 9  
6157 N. Clark  
773-338-2177  
raventheatre.com

### MECA EVENTS / MEETINGS

#### **Dialogue Committee meeting**

Wednesday, Apr. 20  
7:30pm - Community Room

#### **Thursday afternoon discussion group**

Thursday, Apr. 21  
2pm - Community Room  
(every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of month)

#### **MECA Board meeting**

Tuesday, Apr. 26  
7:30pm - Windjammer Room

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

### APRIL HOLIDAYS

#### **Sat 5**

**Qingming Festival (Chinese)**

#### **Wed 6**

**National Tartan Day (Scottish-American)**

**Organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

#### **Fri 8**

**Passover (Jewish)**

**Vesak - Buddha's Birth (Buddhist)**

#### **Sat 12**

**Ramanavami (Hindu)**

#### **Thu 14**

**Sinhala and Tamil New Year (Sri Lanka)**

**Vaisakhi (Sikh Festival)**

#### **Wed 16**

**Lazarus Saturday (Christian/Catholic)**

#### **Sun 17**

**Palm Sunday (Protestant, Roman Catholic)**

#### **Mon 18**

**Theravada New Year (Buddhist)**

**Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)**

**Lords Evening Meal (Jehovah's Witness)**

#### **Tue 19**

**Passover/Pesach (Jewish)**

#### **Thu 21**

**Maundy Thursday (Christian)**

**Ridvan (Baha'i Holy Day)**

#### **Fri 22**

**Good Friday (Protestant, Roman Catholic)**

#### **Sat 23**

**St. George's Day (English)**

#### **Sun 24**

**Easter (Orthodox) or Pascha**

**Easter (Protestant, Roman Catholic)**

#### **Sat 30**

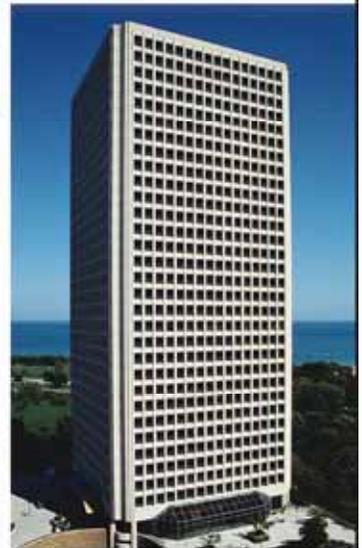
**Beltane (Celtic)**

**St James the Great Day (Eastern Orthodox)**



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## Small and mighty but getting bigger

Edgewater Branch Public Library on Elmdale at Broadway

By Myrna Manners



An article in a Sunday newspaper a few weeks ago brought exciting news to people in the neighborhood. Branch libraries were to get new computers and several laptops for lending out to patrons of their libraries. Even rumors of a new library to be built were forgotten in the excitement.

I spoke to the Edgewater branch librarian who said that there is no specific commitment of time for any new computers. She did say that they were expecting two new computers sponsored by the Americans With Disabilities Act specifically for use by handicapped persons. I later spoke to the Director of Marketing for the Chicago Public Libraries. She said that Edgewater was going to get four laptops for the use of patrons of the library. None were going to be lent out. She agreed that two computers were going to be installed for handicapped persons. The new computers are part of a federal grant. She said that given the amount of space in the present library, no more than those four could be accommodated. There was no time line given for them.

The best news of all is that the neighborhood is going to get a new library. The building next door to Edgewater library has been purchased and demolition will begin this summer. CPL is in the process of arranging for library service to continue during construction.

I wandered through the library and saw all kinds of computers in use – 12 for personal use by adults who reserve time on them. There are also two 15-minute express computers and three for finding resources in the catalog. There is even a person who teaches individuals who want to learn to use a computer.

The children's section has 11 computers for use by kids who do homework on them. Two are 15-minute express. All of these are overseen by a person who is there to help the children and see that the



computers are not abused.

The library is so much more than just using computers for personal use. Even though the number of actual books is not that of the downtown library, there is a good sampling of fiction and non-fiction. Books with large print are on the shelves too. If any wanted book is not on the shelves, it can be found in the catalog and can be accessed by any patron. All one has to do is tell the librarian about the wanted book and it can be ordered from other libraries and sent to Edgewater.

A section of books on tape has a good representation of fiction and a collection of TV CDs. There is a small collection of digital audio books for teens. The beginning reader collection takes up about one third of the space in Edgewater library. Books in Spanish for children have their own small section and the library boasts a section for science projects for kids.

Edgewater has sizeable reference sections for adults as well as children. In it can be found everything from encyclopedias with historical and scientific facts to How to Do anything, including cooking and auto repair manuals, if one has the urge to repair a motorcycle, truck or van. There is even a book on the Art of Warfare. Politics is not forgotten nor are biographies and teach yourself CDs. Examples: teach yourself German, Italian, Vietnamese, Serbian, Hindi, Polish and even English Grammar.

I almost left out the magazines. Way over 20 magazines are available. The ladies magazines, Elle, Essence, Cosmopolitan, Ladies Home Journal, Better Homes, Brides, Glamour, Bazaar and

Vogue get lots of readers as well as the news magazines, Time and Newsweek. Popular men's favorites on display are Men's Health, Money, Go, Hot Rod, Popular Mechanics and Motor Trend. Jet, Hot Rod, Handyman, Chicago, Disc, Curve, Bon Appetit and more get quite a few readers on comfortable chairs at tables in a couple of areas. Magazines are not lent out.

At this time of year, tax preparation forms are on display for anyone to take. Also, very recently the Edgewater Library was a voting site. The auditorium in the library is used for voting.

In March, storytelling for children begins again. There is also preschool story time in the teen reference section.

Another plus from this small but mighty library is the free passes to all the major museums, Art Institute, Planetarium, Field Museum, Aquarium, Museum of Modern Art, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago Children's Museum, Chicago History Museum, DuSable Museum of African American History, the National Museum of Mexican Art and the Peggy Notebaert Science Museum, plus Brookfield and Lincoln Park Zoos and the Chicago Botanic Gardens. Passes can be kept for one week. Your library card is kept hostage until the pass is returned.

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Tue & Thu	noon - 8pm
Fri & Sat	9am - 5pm
Sunday	(closed)

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## Care For Real and Tom Robb

By Kim O'Neal



Care for Real is a not-for-profit that has been helping people in the Edgewater community for 41 years. Care for Real was formed when Winthrop and Kenmore were called "Arson Alley," due to a number of fires in the late '60s to early '70s.

Groups of people built Care for Real – notably the Edgewater Clerical and Rabbinical Association, now called the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA), an interfaith association of religious leaders who discuss the community needs and develop strategies together to meet the challenges.

These faith communities, after 41 years, continue to be a primary support group to the Care for Real organization. Care for Real enjoys support from many of the religious communities including Muslim, Christian, Jewish and Buddhist. Some of the many organizations involved are Church of the Atonement, St. Ita's, St. Gertrude's, North Shore Baptist Church, St. Andrews Greek Orthodox Church, Ebenezer Lutheran, Unity Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran, Edgewater Baptist, Granville United Methodist, Epworth United Methodist and Emanuel Congregation. You can't go to ECRA to get a loan; it isn't that kind of organization. With a combined effort of many different religious leaders in Edgewater and Uptown, ECRA was instrumental in putting together Care for Real and keeping it going.

Every year Care for Real has an interfaith Thanksgiving worship service. An example of one of these events is you'll have Muslim boy scouts bringing up food to the Christian alter while Jewish young ladies sing in Hebrew.

Care for Real continues with one of the only clothing closets that is available for those in need in the community. About 250 bags of clothing come in each week from all over, mostly from the Edgewater community or nearby like Rogers Park or Uptown, including a van full nearly every week from the Breakers. Care for Real had to move the clothing closet to the Epworth United Methodist Church because the demand on the food became so great,

they couldn't maintain both the clothes and food in their current location. Food went from 200-300 people/month seven years ago, when Tom Robb came on duty, to 500 people/month 4-5 years ago, to an average of 3,000 people per month in the past 12 months.

Care for Real is not a government program, but it is associated with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and picks up food daily from Dominick's, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, True Nature Foods, Flourish Bakery, Swedish Bakery and a wide variety of many more businesses and food suppliers that call when they have excess food. Care for Real is pleased that every day they are able to distribute fresh fruits, bread and staples of grains, canned vegetables and frozen meats. Of all the food Care for Real receives, twice per month they receive 10,000 pounds of food from the Chicago Food Depository, 7000-8000 pounds from the United States Department of Agriculture and the remaining 40,000 pounds from trips to all the other donation places like Dominick's, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's and other grocers, bakeries and local restaurants.

Care for Real is preparing for a move to the Breakers. The Breakers has been extremely generous with their space and has been very helpful in the past as well, including seeing to Care for Real's future. This move means Care for Real will be facing their largest financial struggle to date, due to the build-out they will need in the new space. Care for Real is not subsidized by the government. Financial donations all come from individuals and a few foundations. The Care for Real building is being sold and they are moving into the Curves space in the front of the Breakers; the build-out is where they are going to need the most help.

The Edgewater community has made

Care for Real possible. This is the definition of grass roots – supported by the community members and leaders. For example, Ruth's List, a group of about 80 young mothers and families who have been raising money for Care for Real. They produced a cookbook, have parties and raise money other ways as well. "Pack the Care" is another "Grass Roots Effort" – a couple of guys with a couple of vans who take donations on the street to give to Care for Real.

Other organizations and buildings make a consistent effort year-round to keep food available to the community. Schools such as Swift, Sacred Heart, Peirce, North Side Catholic Academy, Hayt and Rogers Park Montessori, among others, donate by having clothes drives, food drives, etc. 250 turkeys were donated last year from all of the groups mentioned and more. Advocate Health Care gave many turkeys over the years and one church gave 80 turkeys.

Care for Real is staffed by 70 active volunteers who provide services to a large demographic of people with many different ethnicities, including refugees and immigrants from Burma, Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo, many countries from Africa, Russia, the former Soviet Union, South America, and Central America. In any one day someone can hear Russian, Albanian, Swahili, Arabic, Poshtun and many other languages. Care for Real works closely with refugee agencies. They do something special for people who come from warm countries, by holding a class in the fall for the Pan African Association and then providing warm clothing for the families from countries where it has never been cold.

For 40 years, this community has made Care for Real possible.

### 'Town Crier' announcements by Rodica Ilc



We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

If you have information concerning talented or famous MECA residents, please contact the *Dialogue*.

# M. Henrietta

## Restaurant review

By Betty Mayian



History lesson #1: Standees was a mainstay for the neighborhood; open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 a year.

Lesson #2: M. Henry, on Clark Street, is a constantly popular café, especially on the weekends, where people line up around the corner. Lesson #3: If you are that popular, add another restaurant and see what happens. Watch out Granville, M. Henrietta has come to take over the spot that Standees once held!

The menu for breakfast, lunch and brunch on Sunday is the same as the M. Henry Restaurant on Clark Street. It is tried and true and well loved by all who stand in line on the weekends to get into this popular location. So now we can have our "Blisscake" and eat it too. You really have to see their menu to understand why they have this following of devotees. Check it at:

[www.mhenrietta.com/menu.php](http://www.mhenrietta.com/menu.php)

In the meantime, our review will have to do!

We tried so hard to get a larger group together to go to dinner. It's a testament to our busy schedules that we had to settle for three of us in order to get this review done for the April *Dialogue*. So, Tracy Poyser joined Ara and me for one of the most enjoyable meals we have had in quite a while. Tracy wanted a cauliflower cream soup to go along with her perfectly cooked rainbow trout main course. Ara ordered the same soup with his pork tenderloin. I chose a large cappuccino (only a little more \$ than the small one) as my appetizer.

My main course was from their daily special, a flounder that was well worth passing up the salmon that I had eyed on the regular menu. It came on a bed of rice with a side of vegetables, seasoned with a mellow lemon butter sauce. Tracy and I asked for more lemon wedges to increase the flavor. What a treat! I was able to take a fork or two of Ara's truffle mashed potatoes – really above the flavor of any mashed I have had in quite a while. We

debated having a dessert and compromised on splitting a beautiful piece of chocolate cake with raspberry coulis. A treat for the taste buds and good to split the extra calories between the three of us.

Let me tell you a little about the wonderful, unique breakfast/brunch dishes at M. Henrietta: (1) Try going there during the week to avoid the more crowded weekends. (2) Go with a friend and have one of you get a savory dish and the other a sweet one – then split each. It is really too much to have their blackberry bliss cake and have to eat it all by yourself. You get two fluffy hotcakes layered with warm blackberries, vanilla mascarpone cream and topped with a brown sugar and oat crust. When I tell you it is satisfying, that is only half of it. Have it with their coffee – from Metropolis, of course. The savory part of the split could be their "Fannie's Killer Fried Egg Sandwich" which has toasted sour boule layered with two over-medium organic eggs, applewood bacon, sliced plum tomatoes, gorgonzola and fresh thyme, and is served with house potatoes.

Now think about walking up to Granville this spring and having a nice lunch before strolling around to see the all the great art from Edgewater Artists in Motion displayed in the various windows. Two great lunch choices are the lemon crab and shrimp cake Benedict and the "out of this world breakfast bread pudding." The Benedict has two toasted brioche rounds topped with sautéed garlic spinach, crème fraiche, two crab and shrimp cakes, poached eggs and a lemon hollandaise. It's served with a parmesan crisp and lime dressed greens salad. Now, listen to the bread pudding description – a bowl of our creamy vanilla and egg cus-



tard brioche bread pudding, topped with warm peaches and blackberries. A meal on its own or a great starter to share!

This is not a place to go for a just a piece of toast, although you could have one of their beverages and any one of their side dishes or something from their very nice pastry selection.

Thank you, M. Henry, for expanding your establishment and coming to the east side of Edgewater. Your M. Henrietta sister is a great addition to our neighborhood. We welcome you and will come again.

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## Armory meeting

**Focuses on Edgewater safety and crime prevention**

*By Tracy Poyser*



For those of us looking at our local newscasts or venturing out around 5:30pm on Saturday, February 26, what was happening out there seemed more like an episode of Fox's fictional "Chicago Code" than a typical winter night in Edgewater – murder and mayhem, police chases and gun battles on the street. Quoting from the "Edgewater Community Buzz," the tragic evening began around 5:30pm when a gang investigations unit of the Chicago Police Department observed subjects running from a building on the 5800 block of North Winthrop.

Police found three victims in the building, two of whom had died. Those fleeing the building jumped into a pickup truck and were chased by CPD. The suspects rammed a police car and shot at others. One officer was shot at the intersection of Thorndale and Broadway. Eventually, the pickup crashed at Devon and Greenview and police returned fire, fatally shooting one of the suspects. Two others were arrested at the scene. It has been reported that the officer shot – a 39-year old male and a 12-year veteran of the force, is expected to be OK. The Chicago Tribune reported that the suspects were a part of a "crew" that did business with a large drug cartel and may have been involved in 13 other drug-related murders around the city. The man shot by police, Arturo Ibarra, was the ringleader of the group.

Not surprisingly, it was a packed house at the Broadway Armory for a special safety meeting in March, as over 100 concerned residents came out to hear from the Alderman's office and the Chicago Police Department after Saturday evening's incidents. The crowd was standing room only just after 7pm, with people crowded in the back, along the walls, in the hallways and sitting on the floor, including at least a dozen MECA residents. Four news network crews were covering the event.

Nick Roti, head of the CPD organized crime division, recapped the disturbing events, while Alderman Mary Ann Smith, police Commander Lucy Moy and State

Representative (and Alderman-elect) Harry Osterman discussed ways to improve the neighborhood and answer questions from neighbors. Roti, who has been on the force for 25 years, said the three suspects were some of the most violent individuals he has dealt with in his career. The Chicago Tribune later confirmed that the two surviving suspects, who were subsequently charged with multiple crimes, were also linked to three other drug-related mass murder killings from last year.

While some people were adamant that they would not sleep until there were police officers on every street and corner in our Ward (extremely unlikely with Chicago's budget mess), there were productive discussions about how the community and the police can fight crime together. Most discussed by community leaders and the police was court advocacy. The CPD stated some impressive facts about how many raids, investigations and arrests are made. However, once locked up, what happens to the criminals is up to the justice system, which sometimes releases criminals after just six months. Court advocacy is one way to get longer sentences for convicted felons.

Other topics discussed included having landlords screen tenants more thoroughly and putting on notice those landlords who don't, positive loitering events, attending CAPS and block club meetings, walking dogs without being afraid, and taking back our streets by venturing out in groups and enjoying all that Edgewater has to offer. It should be noted that the building where everything began was not identified as a "trouble building," and neighbors described it as one of the better-kept family buildings.

The Alderman also referred participants to her office's blog, ActionEdgewater.com. 48<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman-elect Harry Osterman added impassioned comments that crime prevention and curbing drug and gang violence would be his top priority as soon as he takes office. Multiple people thanked and applauded the Chicago Police Department (deservedly) for their heroic efforts on Feb. 26, and chief Roti said they would give Thorndale "a harder look" after many people complained about loitering and open air drug deals.

So, if you want to get more involved in learning how to work proactively with our police force and beat cops especially now that spring is here, consider attending Beat 2433 meetings held monthly at 7pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Elmdale library. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 26.

Note: This article was adapted from a posting in the excellent Edgewater Community Blog, check it out!  
<http://edgewatercb.blogspot.com>

## Want to try yoga?

The Monday night yoga class invites new members to join when it begins a new class April 4. The class will be held each Monday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Windjammer Room through May 23 – a total of eight sessions. Beginners are welcome.

If you would like to join the class, come to the April 3 session. Otherwise, the class will close, reopening to new members June 6.

The cost of the class will be determined at the first session, depending on the number of participants, but should be no more than \$80 for the eight sessions. Bring your checkbook and a yoga mat.

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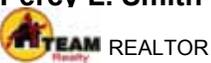
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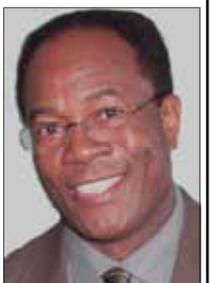
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### Floor Representatives (Continued from page 3)

ing, please submit your phone number and email address to the management office, and the committee will add you to the contact and emergency circulation list so that you will receive all future communications.

The floor representatives talked about wanting to know what is going on around the building and being able to have an open forum for discussion between meetings, and to share ideas. MalibuEast.org was suggested, and the group is going to look into this as a forum for open dialogue for individuals who prefer electronic media.

Other suggestions for future discussions that came up are a wine-tasting event, a Weight Watchers group within Malibu East, a book club, and working more with the Social Committee. I look forward to what this group will bring to Malibu East.

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