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2019 Dialogue profile reaches across space, time

By Tracy Poyser

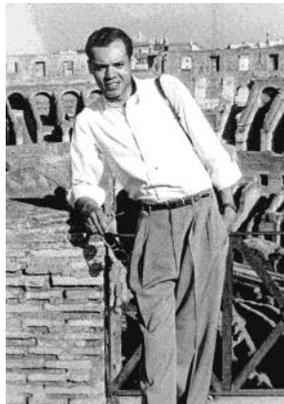
In these trying times, we often find solace in reconnecting with faraway family and friends, looking through our memory books or sorting those old photos from neglected boxes at the bottoms of our closets. But, how my June 2019 *Dialogue* profile led a Cranston, Rhode Island, man to his late uncle's Air Force friend is a heartwarming little miracle worth sharing with you.



Out of the blue in late August, I received an email from David Meyers sent via my photo website, hoping I could put him in touch with Malibu East resident André King, so he could find out more about his late uncle Aaron Fox's time in the Air Force during the Korean War, when Aaron and André were both stationed in Erding, Germany. And, said David, "My uncle received cards from Mr. King faithfully, with pen and ink drawings of his children. I have a pen and ink drawing by Mr. King, Rome 1955, now proudly framed in our home."

I forwarded David's email to André and Sally King and, to my delight, André called David right away, sharing fond recollections about Aaron, who was, by all accounts, a very special, gentle and kindhearted man.

André's 1950-1955 tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force had brought him to Erding Air Depot, about 28 miles northeast of Munich. "It was here that I met Sgt. Aaron M. Fox," André recollects, "red hair, freckles and a big smile. That (smile) could be said for most of the personnel at AACS (Airways and Air Communications Service), but Aaron proved special. He was in the Operations Group, and one of my first friendly faces since I had to present my papers to him upon arrival at Erding Air Depot. He was an easy guy to be friends with.



André King at the Colosseum in Rome, 1955

"Fortunately, we were in a situation where travel was made available to U.S. military personnel, and I got to know Aaron better during a 10-day trip through Italy which he joined when we asked him to replace one of the guys who had dropped out. For Aaron and me, that was the start of a friendship that would span over 50 years.

"For the most part, Aaron was always calm, patient and even. One of my men commented after a particularly bad situation, 'Doesn't he ever lose his temper?' My recall was, 'Not even over a bottle of wine' – as I experienced in Italy at our villa in Capri. We were having a party, and I simply told the steward what to order. Aaron didn't object but simply said, 'You might have asked,' and added tongue-in-cheek, 'You forgot the ice for the champagne.' I had, indeed, ordered wine but no ice – which

wasn't available on the island."

As his nephew David confirms, Aaron was rather shy and didn't form friendships easily, which made his friendship with André over time and distance even more special. Here's where David picks up the story via a couple of heartfelt emails:

"For many years, my Uncle Aaron would receive a holiday card, from a Mr. André King in Chicago, Illinois. These marvelous pen and ink sketches were of two beautiful children, and I watched them grow to teenage years. I had learned from a very young age never to bother my 'Unc' with too many questions. But, I did ask my mom (Wilma Fox, Aaron's sister), 'Who are these people?' Her only response was that 'this was a friend of your uncle's during his time in Germany during the Korean War.' So, I just let it be.

"But, as an omnipresent reminder of André King, my uncle had two exquisite, framed pen and ink drawings hanging in the homes he shared with his mother. I was intrigued and captivated by these works, and today I have one of them, 'Rome 1955,' signed by André King, in an honored place in our home. Sadly, the other work is missing.

"Why, at age 64, did I feel the urge to delve into the 'André King mystery'? I think I wanted to be reassured that (my uncle's) time in the service had brought him some enjoyment and fond memories throughout his life. Now it's like a door that's been opened, allowing me to discover more about the man my beloved uncle was.

"Unc never married and lived with his mom and later, for many happy years, with my mom and dad. He became ill in the late 1990s and was eventually diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and other complicating conditions. ... My uncle finally succumbed, peacefully, to Parkinson's disease on April 24, 2009.

"So, by scouring the internet, I found a 2019 profile by Tracy Poyser in an obscure condominium publication
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Malibu East events and meetings

Special meeting of unit owners

Tuesday, Nov. 10

7:00 p.m. - via Zoom conference

Board meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 17

7:00 p.m. - via Zoom conference

Book club

Sunday, Nov. 22

1:00 p.m. - Community Room

(face covering required)

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



Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

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.

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020

This Board meeting was held virtually via Zoom video conferencing for directors and via telephone conferencing for owners. Attendance: Twelve Board members, two management representatives, 15 residents. Presiding: First vice president Thomas Vaughan

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Laundry Room" and "Doormen's uniforms" were added to old/new business. "Unit door lockbox" was removed from items requiring Board action.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

1) Financial statement (as of Sept. 30)

Operating and reserve cash
\$827,757
Investment in units
\$1,468,189 (nine units)
Excess of operating revenue over expenses
\$452,737

2) Delinquencies (as of Oct. 20)

\$360,747, including \$237,344 from former residents

3) 2021 draft budget

Budget has been mailed to all owners and will be approved at the Nov. 17 Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were given.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

Items requiring Board action

1) 11B sale

Board voted to exercise its right of first refusal on unit sale at \$265,000, subject to owners' approval. A special meeting was set for Nov. 10.

2) 2020-21 Board calendar

Directors tentatively accepted a proposed schedule of dates for upcoming meetings.

3) Religious display requests

Board approved four different requests.

4) Carpet and door shields

Directors sent this issue to the Architecture & Aesthetics Committee for further discussion.

5) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved.

Old/new business

1) Committees

Directors were presented with a list of proposed committee assignments and

asked to notify the Board president if they wished to make any changes.

2) Coronavirus protocol

The property manager summarized the comments and concerns that she had heard from residents.

3) Scooters and parkway fences

Some directors expressed displeasure with rented scooters being tied to our new parkway fences, although city ordinances allow for this practice. Management is entitled to call the offending scooter company and ask it to remove the scooter. Any owner who objects to the scooters being left on the parkways can call or email the office of our alderman, Harry Osterman, and lodge a complaint.

4) 2020 holiday season

Because of COVID-19 concerns, the Social Committee has canceled the annual holiday party and the New Year's Eve party. The committee is hoping to have something for the residents in lieu of the holiday party.

5) Religious display vandalism

Board will consider installing a camera in the Community Room.

6) Receiving Room hours

Board voted to extend the hours of the Receiving Room, beginning Nov. 7, tentatively to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and to add Sunday hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

7) Directors' building tour

Management will arrange a time to take directors on a tour of our building.

8) Nonsmoking survey

Directors will review a draft of the proposed survey of owners and discuss it at the Nov. 17 meeting.

9) Elevator assessment report

Nothing new.

10) Air handler heating systems

A vendor is working on this issue.

11) Urban design & landscaping

Work continues in the atrium, with a new sidewalk and handicapped ramp having been installed and work underway on a new curtain entrance and revolving door. A railing will be added to the ramp.

12) Balcony/facade project

RBS has finished the project and demobilized its equipment.

13) Deck maintenance recommendations

Board authorized a power washing of the north deck.

14) Sliding door water testing

Engineers KGH have finished their testing and written a report. It will be distributed to owners as a guide for

protecting, maintaining and/or replacing their windows.

15) Balcony floor coverings

Subcommittee will prepare a report with recommendations for Nov. 17 meeting.

16) Reserve study

Nothing new.

17) Plaza renovation

Vendor has begun removing the carpet in the Plaza and will level the floor prior to installing a new carpet.

18) Plaza rentals

There have been inquiries, but nothing has been finalized.

19) Association-owned units

The Association owns nine units, all of which are being rented. One lease, ending Oct. 31, will not be renewed.

20) Manager spending limit, procurement protocol

Board and management are working on a new policy to clarify its procedures.

21) Laundry Room

Director Carl Stahlheber said he observed clothes being left in the washing and drying machines long after their cycles had ended, leading to a shortage of available machines for other residents during busy times. The Board urges residents to be more considerate when doing their laundry and remove their clothes promptly when the cycle ends.

22) Doormen's uniforms

Management will follow up with the vendor to expedite the delivery of new uniforms for the doormen.

The open session ended at 9:18 p.m. and went into closed session. Any decisions reached by the Board in closed session will be ratified during open session at the Nov. 17 Board meeting.

2019-20 Board of Directors

Marcel Molins, President
Thomas Vaughan, 1st Vice President
Carl Stahlheber, 2nd Vice President
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Sandy Chaet, Director
Martina Molins, Director



What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

CORONAVIRUS: At the time I am writing this article, Malibu East Condominium has had thus far three known COVID-19 cases. We are informed left and right that the cases of COVID-19 are rocketing in the states. Our worst enemy is to become lax in implementing the personal protective equipment and the six-foot distancing, to forget their necessity and consequently to drop our guards. The holiday season is at our doors; please double up your awareness about the risks of infection and maximize your personal safety.

FAÇADE AND BALCONY PROJECT: The comprehensive façade and balcony project has been completed at the end of October. RBS has demobilized and hauled its equipment back to its shop. The Board of Directors is preparing a guideline for the usage of the balcony in an effort to extend the green membrane's life span.

Some of you may experience water leaks on your exterior walls. Remember that the project was one of repairs, not total replacement. As a result, the exterior façades are NOT waterproof, nor are the sliding door assemblies. If you experience water seepage in your unit, likely after a long and windy rain, please report to management the leaks along exterior walls and under sliding doors, including the locations and pictures, so as to document it for the next comprehensive repair project in 10 to 15 years from now.

As we discussed in prior articles, water infiltration may be the result of failures of façade components, including the original sliding door assemblies. Note that the water infiltration from an original sliding door assembly is likely to damage finishes and electrical wiring of the unit where it is installed, the concrete slab owned by the Association, and finishes and electrical wiring in the unit below.

Note that it was observed during the course of the 2017-2020 project that some of the water leaks were the result of defective original sliding door assemblies. As presented in former articles, the Board of Directors hired KGH Architects and Engineers to water test a group of original sliding doors in

different units. The test results of sliding door assemblies confirmed that the original sliding doors do not perform well, letting water seep through the assembly, which over time may cause damage to interior finishes and even the common elements. The report of KGH is now available and will be email-blasted to all owners at the beginning of November. Please be reminded that the costs associated with sliding door assemblies are the responsibility of the owner of the unit.

Along with the water test report, we will email-blast the Sliding Door Replacement Guideline prepared by KGH Architects and Engineers and approved by the Board. The Board has adopted the guideline as the policy of Malibu East for the replacement of the sliding doors. This guideline includes a description of the original sliding doors, product specifications and installation provisions for the new sliding doors, and a list of approved products. Management provides the policy upon request, along with a list of window contractors who may be interviewed and selected at the unit owners' discretion.

BALCONY AND CONSTRUCTION IN UNITS: This year alone, we have had three similar incidents related to construction materials being either stored, or cleaned, or prepped on balconies. Nearly \$7,000 of damage to balconies was paid by a unit owner found responsible for paint stains on the railings and membranes of over 10 balconies below theirs. The two other cases involved spillage of construction materials onto numerous balconies below the balcony subjects; in these cases, the affected balconies below the balcony subjects will be cleaned to get rid of the spills, and that cost will be billed to the responsible owners. All three cases were violations of the rules; balconies must not be used for storage purposes nor for construction work.

Further, we continue to get complaints of cigarette butts landing on balcony membranes and outdoor furniture and even on the 4th floor deck, causing damage. Needless to say that a simple gesture such as disposing of cigarette butts over a balcony

contributes to the growing resentment of our residents associated with the cigarette nuisance.

URBAN DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING: The last portion of Phase 1 of the project, consisting of the replacement of the main entrance glass work, replacement of the sidewalk and ADA ramp, and installation of new granite floor tiling on each side of the foyer, will be completed in early November. The walkway from the public sidewalk up to the garage was demolished and redone prior to the installation of the new entrance assembly. Contractor Helios, building staff and Social Committee chair Sandy Chaet have implemented traffic monitoring in the atrium in and out of the building and garage to maximize the safety of pedestrians and vehicles.

PET INCIDENTS: We continue to experience unreported or excessive pet incidents indoors and outdoors within the common areas. It appears that most of those incidents occurred because the Pet Policy is simply either unread or disregarded or not passed on to new residents by the respective owners. We all understand that our furry friends may have accidents occasionally. If your pet has an isolated accident in the hallway, lobby, elevator, common areas or even outside in the atrium or by the Sheridan entrances, no big deal; simply contact the front desk staff and report the incident for cleaning at the time it occurs. It's much easier to clean right away and there is no charge for the cleaning service.

Per a recent email blast, the Pet Committee and the Board of Directors announced that the new dog runs are now open for use. The card reader currently installed in the new dog runs will be replaced by a new fob system, which had been the reason for the delay in opening. We gave residents the method to get into the dog runs until the permanent fob system is operational. The access will then be given to the pet owners who recently registered their loved ones. This pet registration sheet was attached to the email blast and copies were left at the front desk. Save time and register your loved ones even though she/he may have been recently registered, as past registration (before 9/24/2020) will not be used to give access to the new dog runs.

Per the Pet Committee and the

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Community Calendar

By Neil Warner

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BROADWAY ARMORY

The armory has reopened to the public, and limited park programming will begin in November.
5917 N. Broadway
312-742-7502
goo.gl/MSZSES

CHICAGO NORTHSIDE AARP COMMUNITY GROUP

Seniors group meets via Zoom at 12:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month (Nov. 3).
bit.ly/mecax1

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Beat 2433 CAPS meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
Engine 70 Firehouse
6060 N. Clark (use north entrance)

EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

Check out their book clubs and other events.
6000 N. Broadway
Mon. and Wed.: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tue. and Thu.: 2 p.m.-8 p.m.
Fri. and Sat.: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
(closed on Sundays)
312-742-1945

chipublib.org/locations/28

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Closed until further notice.
While the museum remains temporarily closed, they invite you on a virtual curator's tour of their current exhibits:

(Edgewater Beach Hotel)
bit.ly/ehsx1

(Chicago Conspiracy Trial)
bit.ly/ehsx2

(High Water and Hell)
bit.ly/ehsx6

5358 N. Ashland Ave.
773-506-4849

www.EdgewaterHistory.org

EDGEWATER SATELLITE SENIOR CENTER

Closed until further notice.
Broadway Armory Park
5917 N. Broadway
312-742-5323

EDGEWATER VILLAGE

Online programs via Zoom to engage and support older adults.
www.EVChicago.org

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. Nov. 4, Dec. 2 (more info: bit.ly/mecax5)

FARMERS MARKETS

Andersonville: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sun.

On Catalpa betw. Clark & Ashland (thru Nov. 22; preorders only)
AndersonvilleMarket.org

Evanston, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat.

At University Place & Oak Ave. (thru Nov. 7)
EvanstonFarmersMarkets.org

Note: Both markets are observing special precautions, including the wearing of face coverings, for the safety of vendors and customers.

WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER

Online programs for persons 60 and over.
1355 W. Foster Ave.
773-271-9001
whiteranewellness.org

THEATER/SHOWINGS

Most theaters remain closed until further notice.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Instrumental showcase

With genres spanning from classical to jazz, this virtual concert displays the talents of ensemble members and conductors who collaborated virtually during this challenging time.
Fri., Nov. 13

Online via Zoom. Tickets are pay-what-you-can.

"Spectral Heartbeats" dance concert

Simultaneously virtual and corporeal, Loyola dancers traverse a creative landscape uncharted in a digital domain.

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 21-22

Online via Zoom. Tickets are pay-what-you-can.
artsevents.luc.edu/events for tickets

Board seeks uses for hidden space

By Beth Robinson

The Malibu East boat dock has been refurbished, and now the question is, "What should we use it for?"

Built as a feature of the original development, the boat dock was never finished or outfitted, as the name suggests, for boarding boats. For more than 45 years this part of the building had been invisible to residents.

But over the past two years, the Board turned its focus to this hidden element. As part of a periodic inspection, a firm was hired to evaluate the condition of the seawall and discovered that it was separating from the building wall. After this major repair was completed, the boat dock was renovated to create a large lakeside space for gatherings or just relaxing. It is outdoors but partially sheltered by an overhang.

A number of residents took advantage of two scheduled boat dock tours at the end of September. Management asked the residents to submit their suggestions for how the space could be utilized, and the *Dialogue* staff gave some thought to this.

Though some people may dream about lowering their kayak into the water from the dock, it is too high up from the lake level to make this practical. But, once it is opened, the boat dock would be a pleasant place to pass some time. It could be set up for people to sit and enjoy food or have a drink with friends. High-top tables and chairs might make it easier to appreciate the view of the lake. The Malibu Market offers prepared food that might be carried out to the boat dock or delivered to hungry loungers.

Running along the side of the building, the dock is large enough to accommodate group activities. Yoga classes or other fitness activities could be held there. The space could be rented out for group events such as parties or receptions. Whether or not we are still practicing social distancing in the spring, having another attractive outdoor space will be welcome next year when the weather is warm again.

While none of these ideas has been approved yet, the Board is looking for more suggestions on how to use this newly recovered space when it opens. Ideas can be sent to mecagr@sudlerchicago.com.

For reliable local information on COVID-19, check
www.chicago.gov/coronavirus

To donate to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, go to
www.chicagosfoodbank.org

'Meet me at Granville and Nordine ...

... that's two blocks east of Berman'

By Ron Cohn

What's the story on those brown honorary street signs all around Chicago? Imagine the pandemonium if we used them as part of actual addresses and locations.



They started appearing in the late 1960s but were subjected to regulation by a City Council ordinance in 1984. That made qualification a lot more rigorous, with nominations having to pass scrutiny by an alderman and a supposedly picky council committee. Since then, however, more than 2,000 have been put up, and the pace was steadily climbing, with 70 approved in 2015 and 85 in 2016.

Want a sign of your own? Unfortunately, you're too late. Due in part to the proliferation, in February 2017, the bar to being honored was raised – or was it lowered? Bottom line, *you now have to be dead*, and the signs are now titled "Memorial" rather than "Honorary." But if you're planning ahead, have your most influential friend write a letter to 48th Ward Alderman Harry Osterman when the time comes (if he's still here when you no longer are). However, you'd better have some pretty convincing reasons for having earned your share of immortality, because if your nomination gets past the alderman, it goes to that special committee of the City Council that's now tougher than St. Peter in judging your achievements. In 2018, only 34 signs were approved, including one, which you'll hear about later, that was already in place and was changed from honorary to memorial.

Another negative cloud over your future immortality is that it will last a maximum of 10 years. The 2017 ordinance limits a sign's lifespan to five years, renewable for five more. It also limits the number of nominations to two per ward each year.

In a way, this is too bad, as it will discourage the consideration of offbeat nominations like the one for **The Double Bubble**, the historic neighborhood dive bar at 6036 N. Broadway. Thanks to fans like Alderman Osterman and the community involvement of the owners, "the Bubble," as it is called by most patrons, earned an honorary (not

memorial) Double Bubble Way sign at Broadway and Norwood in October 2019.

The Lickity Split probably won't have a chance now, as all the others in our sphere – from Sheridan to Broadway and Bryn Mawr to Devon – honor individuals who have made significant contributions to Edgewater, to Chicago or to society at large.

Two of these, sadly, will qualify for a change from honorary to memorial, as two neighborhood icons passed away recently.

State Senator Arthur Berman (signs on Broadway from Ardmore to Granville), who represented this area in Springfield for 33 years, died this year at 85. Widely recognized as the state's leading pro-education legislator, he was a Senn High School graduate and lived at neighboring Malibu for the past 30-plus years.

Ken Nordine (Kenmore, at Glenlake and Granville). Like Sen. Berman, a longtime neighbor living within a block of us, the world-famous radio actor and innovator died last year at 98. The future of his mansion at Kenmore and Glenlake stirred controversy after his death, when a preservation movement mobilized to save it from a developer's wrecking ball.

It remains to be seen if the honorary designation on their signs is changed to that of memorial – or whether the number and range of Berman signs are reduced to meet the new ordinance limitation on recognition to two signs on one block.

Gus and June Travlos (Bryn Mawr, at Broadway and Winthrop). This is the honorary sign mentioned earlier that was designated this year by the council to be changed to memorial. The couple, community leaders involved in the Bryn Mawr Historic District development and many other uplifting local initiatives, have both been deceased for some time, June since 2016 and Gus since 2005.

Rabbi Herman and Lotte Schaalman (Thorndale at Sheridan) are another of the rare couples named in the pantheon of sign-honored Chicagoans. Herman was senior rabbi at Emanuel Congregation for 30 years, taking the pulpit in 1955, shortly after the dedication of the present building. Married for nearly 76 years, the distinguished spiritual, educational and cultural figures died within a month of each other, he at age 100 and she at

102.

St. Madeleine Sophie (Sheridan, at Rosemont and Granville). Bracketing Sacred Heart Academy and Hardy Prep, the two signs honor the 19th century French nun (St. Madeleine Sophie Barat) who founded the Society of the Sacred Heart and pay deference to the Catholic institution's powerful role as part of Loyola University's orbit.

Sisters of Charity, BVM (Sheridan, at Kenmore and Winthrop on the Loyola campus) is an unusual sign, honoring an entire Catholic religious order, as well as recognizing the importance of Loyola to the community and the city. The Sisters of Charity, founded in 1833, maintains relationships with schools and other facilities in the Chicago area and Dubuque, Iowa, as well as in Ghana and Ecuador.

Management report

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Board, please remember the new rules enacted to keep the dog runs as new-looking and clean as possible:

1. **NO SMOKING** in the new dog runs. *Cigarette ash and butts will destroy the artificial turf. The turf was expensive and must be maintained for as long as possible.*
2. **Pet owners and dog walkers MUST clean up after their pets (solid waste).** *The dog runs are equipped with a sprinkler system which will clean the area at approximately 2 a.m. each night during warm months. We do not want the experience to be spoiled for other users.*

2021 DRAFT BUDGET: The Board of Directors is planning to approve the 2021 proposed budget at the November meeting, 11/17/2020. You have the opportunity to submit your questions in writing via email to the manager (mecamgr@sud1erchicago.com) before the November meeting, by 5 p.m.; they will be addressed by directors at the November meeting. The draft of the budget was mailed and emailed to owners.

An updated Xfinity channel guide can be found at www.MalibuEast.org/tv

Will your unit be warm this winter?

By Neil Warner

The following is an update of an article that appeared in the November 2019 issue.

For those who have resisted the temptation to replace the windows in your condo, you may want to prepare for the inevitability of a Chicago winter on the lakefront – those cold winds blowing off the lake. Equally inevitable is the spike in electric bills that you are bound to see.

Much of the cold infiltrates our unit through the crevices around the sliding glass door, especially where it meets the stationary floor-to-ceiling window. If you still have the original windows in your unit, you may also have the original weather stripping, which is certain to have deteriorated considerably. Even if you have had your windows weather-stripped again during the interim, you aren't immune to drafts coming into your unit.

These drafts can make you feel uncomfortable all winter long – and even more uncomfortable when you see your electric bill.

Two solutions that don't require much effort from you – only money – are as follows:

- Replace your windows with new ones.
- Have a professional replace the weather stripping around your windows.

Obviously, the first solution is the most expensive, approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the three window openings in a typical two-bedroom unit, although you can opt to replace only one or two sets of windows. Yet, this is the solution that will clearly last the longest. Since the windows are limited

common elements, replacing them is the owner's decision, and is done at the owner's expense.

Kellermeyer Godfryt Hart, the architect/engineer for Malibu East's recently completed balcony/facade project, has compiled a Sliding Door Replacement Guideline, which the Board approved as its policy. This document includes product specifications, installation provisions and a list of approved products. Management will provide this policy document, upon request, along with a list of window contractors that the owner may interview.

Several years ago Softer Lite Window Co. installed one of its sliding glass door/window units in the Windjammer Room, on the northeast side just east of the carpeted area, which owners can view.

Hiring a professional to replace the weather stripping is a much less expensive option than buying new windows, and it should make a marked difference for a few years, at least. Check with management for the names of companies that have done this type of work at Malibu East. The cost is likely to be \$400 to \$500 for new weather-stripping, and a similar amount for new rollers. A new screen door will add another \$300 or so.

I've tried several different methods of winterizing my unit during the many years I have lived at Malibu East, some more successful than others.

Here are some products that will help to keep out the cold:

- Duct tape.
- Weather-seal tape.
- Easily removable caulk.
- Mortite Caulking Cord.
- Rubber self-stick tape.

To avoid the problem of the residue that duct tape leaves behind, Do It Best Corp. and Frost King both make a clear

plastic indoor/outdoor weather-seal tape that can be applied in temperatures as low as minus-10 degrees. This is the product I have used recently, because it is easy to apply and remove, and doesn't leave a residue. I use it indoors and outdoors. It usually comes in two-inch-wide rolls, at lengths up to 100 feet.

One product that I used for several years and found to be effective is Seal 'n Peel Removable Weatherstrip Caulk. This is a clear caulk that is manufactured by DAP, and you can buy a tube for approximately \$10. (Make sure the tube says "Seal 'n Peel"; otherwise, you will have a difficult time removing regular caulk when spring arrives.) If you apply it inside your unit, be sure to ventilate that room during application and drying because the caulk emits chemical fumes that could prove hazardous to your health.

One negative to the Seal 'n Peel caulk is that, after applying it for several years, I found it increasingly difficult to remove, likely because of residue that remained from previous applications.

For detailed instructions on how to use this product, as well as the other products mentioned above, read the article "Do you need to winterize your unit?" on page 5 of the November 2016 issue of the *Dialogue*, found online at www.MalibuEast.org/winterize.

You may want to leave one window unsealed so that you have easy access to your balcony during the winter.

Whichever option you choose, you will feel more comfortable this winter, especially after looking at your electric bill.

**Wear a mask
whenever you
leave your unit**

5128 W. Irving Park Rd.
Chicago, Illinois 60641
Business: (773) 283-4600
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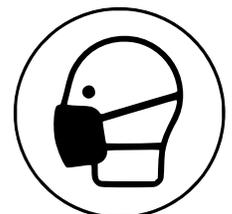
Percy L. Smith

 REALTOR



**I'm glad you
feel fine...**

but you can still make others sick.



**Let's all stay safe:
wear a face covering in public
and practice social distancing**

Kings' profile reaches far (Continued from page 1)

about André King, his wife Sally and their life in Chicago. That prompted me to at least try and contact Ms. Poyser via her photo website, and expecting nothing much to come from it.



David Meyers and uncle Aaron Fox

"Just a few days later I received a response from Tracy, telling me that she had reached out to André and Sally and expected me to hear from them. I didn't have my hopes up, but just prior to our daughter's October wedding I received a phone call from a Chicago exchange with no caller ID. I almost didn't answer it, but I'm sure glad I did. It was André King! At first, I was short of words, so shocked and surprised to hear André's voice. But, the ensuing hour was a moving, emotional, satisfying meandering of memories about my

beloved Uncle Aaron M. Fox, staff sergeant, USAF, Germany, 1951-1955.

"André was gracious and happy to reminisce with me about Unc. No doubt, the best story was about that junket to Capri, Italy, where they had very enjoyable times – or may I say escapades? André spoke of my uncle in such warm tones, telling me Aaron was a nice, quiet and unassuming guy, always offering help and assistance. ...

"As André knew, my uncle was a very private man, content with being with his family and his closest friend, but did not expand his inner circle any greater than that. I was saddened to learn that, although he made an annual trip to Chicago for business for many years, he never connected with André and his family. André knew of an impending trip and invited Aaron to visit, but my Unc, in his own quiet, respectful demeanor, thanked André but politely declined. I believe it was because Unc was uncomfortable in new social situations. ...

"I'm so glad André King talked my shy Unc to come to Italy for that long-ago adventure. It was only a small period of time in his life, but I cannot thank André enough for being such a good, devoted friend. It still means much to me today and, were he alive, to

my uncle as well – and so we consider Mr. King to be a mensch!

"That's why I wanted to reach out to my Unc's Air Force compadre. I needed to know that Unc Aaron's life had moments that he enjoyed, treasured and, from time to time, made him smile when reflecting on those long-past days. And now, this 'virtual' journey of discovery has brought me peace and comfort, and I'm so very grateful to André King for making this possible."

Thanks to David and André for bringing this heartwarming story (with photos) to life for us, at a difficult time during this all-encompassing pandemic, when finding ways to connect with each other can be a true comfort. I hope you appreciate how our modest Malibu East *Dialogue* reached from the present into the past, from Rhode Island to Chicago, and even back to Capri, Italy.

Footnote from André King: In memory of Sgt. Lawrence, Sgt. Roberts, Capt. Llyons, Lt. Bailey, Pvt. Bickel, Sgt. Torer, Airman Kirpicka and the officers and men of the 1884th USAF Wing.

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Restaurant review**A nice place to Gather**

By Helen Lambin

Gather is located at 4539 N. Lincoln Ave. in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood. I went there Oct. 1 with friends Kathy and Steve. We wanted to be sure we could find outdoor seating. And we wanted a good restaurant. We found both. An additional safety note: As we entered, our temperature was taken by some kind of very non-intrusive device held near one's face. The staff were very polite about it, and we were glad they did it. (We were polite, too.)



Gather's outdoor area is behind the restaurant. A solid wooden fence surrounds the covered dining area, but the fence leaves space for substantial air flow on three sides. Although it was a rather chilly evening – in the high 50s – heaters made it quite comfortable. And the lighting was quite pleasant on a dark evening.

For openers we ordered the grilled crispy brussels sprouts and corn fritters. Both came with flavorful additions and seasonings. We all shared them – carefully – and we all liked them. Choosing among appetizers from the Gather + Share section was a difficult choice, since there were some interesting and distinctive options, one of which I had for my entrée.

For entrées, Kathy had the braised pork shoulder and Steve had the pan-roasted salmon. Both were very satisfied with their choices. Me, too. I rarely eat meat these days; I say I am a semi-pescatarian. But it means that I do eat fish along with an otherwise mainly vegetarian diet. However, this time I chose a meat selection from the Gather + Share section: steak tartare, with wagyu, egg emulsion, cucumber and caper, served with homemade brioche. It was delicious. (Yes, the steak was raw.)

For dessert we had chocolate cake with ice cream, divided among three of us – very carefully. Again, share carefully. They had a full bar selection, with a choice of wines, beer and cocktails.

The service was excellent, with the waitstaff popping up, frequently and masked, to see if everything was OK and whether we wanted anything else. Customers are also asked to wear face masks except when actually eating or drinking.

What will happen in the winter I don't

know, especially when winter is really wintery. But on a cool autumn night, in the 50s, it was quite comfortable. On top of all this, come check time, my dining partners informed me I was their "guest." I liked gathering at Gather.

Book club

The Malibu East book club will discuss "The Horse Whisperer" by British author Nicholas Evans when it meets at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 in the Community Room. Newcomers are welcome. A face covering is required for all attendees.

Amazon.com's synopsis of the book: "His name is Tom Booker. His voice can calm wild horses, his touch can heal broken spirits. And Annie Graves has traveled across a continent to the Booker ranch in Montana, desperate to heal her injured daughter, the girl's savage horse, and her own wounded heart. She comes for hope. She comes for her child. And beneath the wide Montana sky, she comes to him for what no one else can give her: a reason to believe."

The book is available at the Chicago Public Library and most booksellers.

After the discussion, the attendees will select the next book to be discussed.

The Social Committee sponsors the book club meetings.

Q & A with Linda Linda Linda**How can I dispose of laptop?**

By Linda Eng

Question 1: I have a new laptop and need to dispose of my old one. Where do I put it in the building?

Linda: We have a cardboard box marked "Electronics" located on the lower level near the loading dock. All electronics deposited in that box will be disposed of responsibly. If you dispose of a computer, we strongly recommend that you erase everything on your hard drive so that your personal information won't fall into the wrong hands. There is also a box for used batteries next to the Receiving Room door.

Question 2: Where can I find a notary public?

Linda: The Broadway Granville Currency Exchange at 6165 N. Broadway has a notary from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on most days, but phone 773-561-3136 to make sure the notary is available. This notary does not handle property notarizations. Malibu East doesn't currently have a notary in the building.

If you have a question about our building, please pass it on to Linda at Questions@MalibuEast.org. Hope to hear from you soon.

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