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The Newsletter of the Edgewater Beach Apartments

September 2014

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our EBA Garden was a delight and truly alive on Sunday, August 10th, thanks to our terrific Social Committee co-chaired by Dan Stanzel and Pat Anderson. EBA's Summer Garden Party was an extravaganza of fine food, lively entertainment and great conversation enjoyed by close to 200 shareholders and their guests on a wonderful summer night.

The Social Committee organized a trip through the South Pacific by bringing in the The Barefoot Hawaiian musical and dance troupe to lead everyone on a musical journey from Hawaii to New Zealand and beyond. A superb al fresco Polynesian-themed dinner, catered by our good neighbor Zanzibar, followed. As a capstone to a memorable evening, EBAC shareholder Thom Pasculli, Co-Director of the wildly entertaining Walkabout Theater group, arranged for his energetic troupe to storm from the EBA terrace to take over the lawn. They performed their amazing "Beach Party at the End of the World" – a lively performance of 60's madcap dances and song, human pyramids, and a nostalgic beach party spectacular. What a great time in our EBA garden!

Please join me in expressing a HUGE Thank You to the EBA Social Committee members for all of their hard work to make the EBA

Summer Garden Party such a memorable night. Let's also not forget to thank our Garden Committee for their good work to provide and maintain such a beautiful garden that all EBA shareholders get to enjoy all summer and fall.

*Bill Johnson*

## FROM MANAGEMENT

My entire maintenance, security, garage and administrative team joins me in hoping everyone enjoyed a great Labor Day holiday weekend. Labor Day traditionally signals the end of summer, and in Chicago we can usually count on the start of fabulous autumn weather this month. Make the most of this beautiful time of year by continuing to enjoy the gardens. If using the grills, please be considerate of your neighbors by cleaning up and making sure each burner is fully turned off.

My staff also joins me in thanking everyone for their patience and cooperation during our recent plumbing shutdowns. As we advised in July, the valves installed during the building wide shutdown should permit us to isolate tiers on the horizontal and vertical runs whenever necessary to accommodate shareholder remodeling requests or repairs. We hope to minimize the number of residents impacted by these requests. Unfortunately, the frail condition of nearly

100 year-old pipes sometimes means that these projects take longer than projected. EBAC employees pulled together under stressful circumstances and worked 16 hours to see that everyone's water was restored before leaving work on July 28. It was a very long day for residents and for staff. Please bear in mind that future repairs will still necessitate turning off water in affected tiers from time to time and some tiers may be unexpectedly affected as the plumbing risers are not per plan. Thanks for understanding.

Please note that shareholders and their contractors are required to adhere to EBAC Rules governing work within apartments, including providing certificates of insurance, permits if required, and having plans reviewed and Board approval prior to work commencing. Whenever planning residential changes or repairs please request a copy of current EBAC policies.

Per your Proprietary Lease under almost all circumstances, the shareholder's' homeowners insurance policy provides reimbursement coverage for any damage within the shareholder's apartment and to other affected apartments. It is important to keep your homeowner's policy up to date for unexpected losses to interiors and contents. Please consult your insurance agent if you have concerns whether you are carrying sufficient and appropriate coverage.

We again urge everyone to keep your doors locked. This will halt shareholders trespassing in other units. Per Rules and Code, we need everyone's info form by Sept 12, 2014. Those not in compliance may be fined.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank shareholders who have promptly paid their portion of the EBAC mortgage balloon and interest charges. EBAC needs and expects full cooperation.

*Katharine Rousseve* dkCondo, Agent

Octoberfest in the Garden, September 21  
 Salute to Veterans in November  
 Annual Holiday Party December 7th

**NEW SHAREHOLDERS**

Barbara Smith	226
Stephen Jacoby	233
Judith Irle and Claire Whitaker	315
David Clark	412
Brian and Elizabeth Swanson	707
Pietro Fiermara Kim Biggs	805
Norma Felbinger	1005
Larry Lesperance and Thomas Nickel	1710
Richard Mallette	1907

*Rosemarie Craig*

**NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Another spectacular sidewalk sale was held on June 7th thanks to the efforts of Pat and Dennis Anderson. Pat and Dennis organized our event in coordination with the Edgewater neighborhood association and building



management. Daring Dennis hung banners along Bryn Mawr and precious Pat provided food and drink for all attendees. Thanks for all their efforts and thanks to all who participated. Not only a chance to clean out the closet and sell a few items but a

wonderful opportunity to socialize with fellow shareholders. Now I just have to find a place for that moose head I bought.

The Social Committed was gratified to see the many shareholders who gathered for the Fourth of July fireworks display. Thanks to staff and management for facilitating the event and special thanks to Pat Anderson for her delicious patriotic brownies, Kathy Anderson for donating wine and Sarah DeVane and Marci Stanzel for those tasty cupcakes. The refreshments were outstanding crowd congenial. Hard to ask for more. Thanks!

*Dan Stanzel*

## FROM THE GARDEN

The EBA garden committee has met frequently and done much to enhance everyone's enjoyment of the garden. A major project was getting some appropriate trash containers and labeling them, which was done just in time for the many picnickers using the garden on July 4th

The herb garden was replanted and shareholders have been enjoying harvesting some chives, basil, thyme, etc., for their use. The "herb tasting" event at August 26<sup>th</sup>'s Tuesday cocktail hour in the gazebo was a great success.

The gardeners have weeded a few of the unclaimed gardens and have replanted some flowers from those areas in other areas of the garden. An invasive plant that was strangling the lovely grasses in the garden strip between the cement patio and the main garden, has been removed by the gardeners, allowing the grasses to once again wave in the breeze and to attract butterflies.

Smoking is permitted now in two areas of the garden, one in the southwest corner near the bocce court (cigar smoking is allowed only in this area), and the other is located just outside the upper garage door and to the

right of the rose garden, where a small patio with a table and chairs has been created. These are the only areas of the garden where smoking is allowed. Smoking is no longer permitted on the terrace.

Being on the Garden Committee has given us a renewed appreciation for the magnificent expanse of nature that is our personal garden. We also take this opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work of our gardeners, Milton and Rafael, and the pride they take in maintaining our beautiful space.

*Judith Armbruster*

## WHERE ARE THE RECYCLING BINS?

While teaching geography to undergraduates I had to be careful not to use terms like "left" or "right" when locating features or cities, which, of course depend on which way one is facing. In the following list, or "map", I am using the points of the compass... north, south east and west. Should you be directionally challenged (like the writer), here are some guidelines.

- The security staff desk in the basement is on the north side of our building.
- The garage entrance from Sheridan Road is on the southwest corner.
- The garden is to the south.

Basement: West side of main hall between the soda vending machine and service elevator #1, there is a large white bin for plastic, paper, and glass.

Same location, (west side of basement hallway), there are separate black bins for

- fluorescent light bulbs,
- compact fluorescent light bulbs,
- empty toothpaste tubes and other dental products such as dental floss containers,
- empty plastic containers from shampoos, lotions and creams.

**Please note: these bins are emptied by Recycling Committee members, as opposed to the contractor who handles the remainder of the bins. Your careful and appropriate use of the bins per the clear signage is much appreciated.**

As of July this year, there are a dozen new bins located in pairs (one for waste; one for recycling glass, plastic, and paper). These pairs are located as follows –

- a) upper garage (near entrance to building)
- b) lower garage (near entrance to building)
- c) outside east entrance to building (access to garden from swimming pool corridor)
- d) gazebo
- e) patio (i.e., north of gazebo and east of lawn furnished with picnic tables)
- f) lawn (southwest corner)

Scarborough Room: 2 new bins

Basement security desk has box for batteries.

Lobby: Package room on the east (under doorman), has box for old cell phones.

Currently there are no bins for recycling pressurized spray cans.

*Michael Jackson*

### **MEET DON LARRY**

Whether you see Don Larry at the basement security desk or upstairs at the front security desk he's always smiling. Perhaps that's because he really likes EBA and his job. Don has worked here since 2005 and in his words he "is grateful for the opportunity to be here and takes his job seriously." He really appreciates the sociable and friendly atmosphere among the residents and staff alike.



Though Don was born and raised in Chicago, his father was from Indonesia and came here after serving in the US army. Since his dad died when he was ten, he has only sketchy information and memories of him. He did know though that his father spoke seven languages. He also has his army jacket and a certificate from Ronald Reagan saying he served in the US army. Since his dad never liked to take pictures he just has a few snap-shots.

At Lakeview High School Don played basketball and participated in a variety of other activities. While he was still in high school he started working at the local YMCA where he assisted coaching Little League baseball games. He says he felt really good knowing that he made a difference for the kids.

After working at the YMCA for a few years he got a job as a painter apprentice and also worked on weekends at a storage facility. After seven years there he was laid off. Though things were bad, he still felt he wanted to "give back" so he passed out lots of candy on Halloween to the neighborhood kids. Good deeds sometimes are rewarded. One week after Halloween Don was hired at EBA.

Working at EBA has been good for Don. Because workers at EBA have insurance Don was able to have surgery on his knee that he had torn in a pickup basketball game. An even more important plus—Don met his wife Graciela here. They were married in

2011 and many of his co-workers and some residents attended the wedding. They now have a one year baby boy named Christopher.

When he worked at his previous job Don says he was painfully shy, but he feels he has opened up a lot here because he sees the residents and talks with them. He has also made friends with many of his co-workers.

I asked Don how he knows the residents by their names. After all there are at least 400 residents. He told me he learns names as people pick up packages and also by seeing people on camera. Don loves driving cross-country so his next vacation will either be all the way to the west coast or to the east coast to visit friends and relatives.

*Paula Baron*

#### A NEIGHBOR TO KNOW



The phrase “Where is Sylvia” is the title of a novel, and it also occurs in a song. And Shakespeare asked, “Who is Sylvia?” We at the EBA have the answers. Sylvia is right here in apartment 617 – that is Sylvia Lynch, age 92. During her almost 20 years here, however, the answer to where she is might also have been that she’s at the Sheridan Road bus stop, driving a neighbor to a doctor’s appointment or reading to a blind neighbor, ushering at a local theater with the volunteer group The Saints, or on a river cruise through the fjords in Norway.

Married in 1947, Sylvia and Bill Lynch raised one son and four daughters. When the several flights of stairs in their Ridge Avenue residence in Evanston became too much for

them, they decided it was time to live in an elevator building. They moved to the EBA in 1996 at the suggestion of the sister of then shareholder, Ed Marciniak, who knew her brother loved the building.

Also in 1947, with the support of Cardinal Stritch, Bill founded the Catholic Guild for the Blind, which is now named Second Sense. He directed that organization until his retirement at age 72. Sylvia has volunteered there over the years but less frequently in recent years due to health issues. However, on the day of our interview she, with her walker, was planning to take the bus down to the office near Michigan and Wacker to put in four hours.

Sylvia and Bill loved to travel and Sylvia counts a visit to an Ashram in India in 1987 as one of their more special trips. An Indian guru gave a series of inspirational talks in Chicago that Bill and Sylvia attended. When the guru mentioned that she would be hosting a two-week retreat in English at her Ashram in India, Sylvia turned to Bill and said, “We’re going.” That experience has had a lasting effect on Sylvia, a very spiritual woman, who continues to meditate daily. After Bill’s death in 2003 Sylvia began travelling yearly with one or other of her daughters. River cruises were her favorites and they took trips in the Balkans and throughout Europe. They also went to Macchu Pichu where the high altitude almost did Sylvia in. For now Sylvia said that’s the end of travel outside the country, “but there are many places in the US I haven’t seen.” This past winter she spent three months in Naples, Florida with one of her daughters and was pleased to have missed one of the worst Chicago winters.

In addition to volunteering at Second Sense she also donates time to the Interfaith Worker Justice organization. She loves to read and belongs to two book clubs. Sylvia continues to use the EBA swimming pool and is a regular at the swimmer-group’s Wednesday evening cocktail hour. She also loves cooking and entertaining her friends in

her apartment. She treasures the spirit of community and the opportunities to get together with neighbors that characterize life at the EBA. And when asked the secret of living to the age of 92, she has a simple piece of advice: keep breathing.

*Mary Alice Parsons*

### LOOKING FOR CHEAP EATS

If you love Middle Eastern food, check out **Taste of Lebanon** at 1509 W. Foster Ave. For only \$1.79 you can get a large bowl of some of the best lentil soup around. Or check out their falafel wraps, lamb wraps, fattoush salads, etc. And directly across the street is **Middle East Bakery and Grocery** at 1512 W. Foster. My favorite there is the spinach cheese pie, but do try their other pies, falafel, hummus, etc. Their excellent pita bread is always freshly baked. You can also find a wide variety of spices at reasonable prices. Just wander the aisles and you're bound to find interesting and tasty foods. Sometime in the fall the **Middle East Bakery** will be expanding to include a sit down diner offering wraps, salads, soups and desserts. I can't wait!

*Paula Baron*

### RECOGNIZE ANYONE??



Just a few of the many EBA residents who contribute to EBA by serving on committees.

*Thank you!*

### CONNECTIONS

Did any of us graduate from the same high school? Gail Gil loves to discover this kind of connection. If you think this idea is fun and interesting, please leave the following information in BOX 109 – Your name, name of your high school and the city in which it is located – U.S. or international. A tally will follow.

*Gail Gil*

### NEWS FROM CARE FOR REAL

**DID YOU KNOW...**in June 2014 Care for Real set a record by registering 2,901 heads of households and feeding more than 5,500 people.

**SAVE THE DATE! EDGEWALK TO END HUNGER – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014.**

**Registration at 8:00am. Walk kicks off at 9:00am.** September is Hunger Action Month. *Join your family, neighbors and friends as we walk together to prevent hunger in our community.* \$25 per person. Sponsorships available at \$100, \$250 and \$500. Pre-registration, pledge forms and cool merchandise available at [www.careforreal.org](http://www.careforreal.org) or call Lyle or Shawn at [773.769.6182](tel:773.769.6182) to sign up today!

*Eleanor Odden*

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