



IN THE PINK

The Newsletter of the Edgewater Beach Apartments

March 2016

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Valued Shareholders:

I hope this note finds you all well. As we move into a new year, please know that our driving force of growth, change and transition is still alive and in focus.

In the next several months, take note of the following very important milestones:

Upper Garage Repairs – We are on schedule; the garage should be reopened the first weekend in March. We apologize for any inconvenience. As a “thank you” for your patience, Management will roll out a free car wash program for all Shareholders. Please stay tuned!

Special Shareholder Meeting – On March 23, please join us in the pool terrace for a special shareholder meeting: subject matter: By-laws. As you know, the Governance Committee, along with the EBAC Board of Directors have completed an extensive revision of the Corporation’s By-Laws with the objective of updating and better aligning the document with the current needs of the Shareholders, Corporation and the Board. The adoption of the amended By-Laws requires a majority (50%+1) vote of the outstanding shares held by Shareholders of the EBA Corporation. We respectfully request that all Shareholders participate in this very important process: a ballot and

voting information will be distributed on March 2.

Project Redesign – The Board of Directors is still committed to refreshing our residential hallways. We continue to have discussions with designers, carpet vendors, etc. to make the best-educated decisions. Thank you for your patience and support. This project is many years in making, however please rest assured that the Board of Directors understands that there’s a level of Shareholder commitment that we must adhere to.

Various (EBAC) Community Events – In the next several months, we are planning several social events, with a direct linkage to community enhancement. As previously stated, our community footprint is expanding as we partner with various organizations to highlight and showcase our wonderful building. The next schedule event is the EBAC Art Fair on March 4 and 5. Please join us!

I am excited about what’s in store for next year, and for the opportunity to work with all of you to make it happen. In the meantime, if there is anything I, or the Board can do for you, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Salvatore Bondi

FROM THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Dear EBAC Shareholder/Resident –

On December 16th Draper and Kramer assigned me as EBA interim property manager. It has been an exciting time that has flown by.....I have not had a chance to meet everyone, but it has been a joy to spend time with those who have stopped by the office to say hello and welcome me to the property.

I have been working with a wonderful office staff – Robin and Giorgio are the best! And I have been slowly but surely learning the names of the Door, Maintenance, Garage, Painting and Landscaping teams.

We will be shortly wrapping up the garage project – thank you all for your good humor and patience as there has been plenty of noise and dust.

We will be continuing on with a number of projects that we will be announcing over the course of the Spring, Summer and Fall.

Stop by to say “Hello”

Michael Liposcak



Shout-Outs !!

January 2016

A special thank you to former Board Member Dennis Anderson and his lovely wife Pat Anderson for their many years of commitment and service to the EBAC community. The Andersons have recently listed their apartment for sale. All the best; you’ll be greatly missed.

February 2016

To Karen Clausen for stepping in and up on Project Redesign. Karen has invested many hours researching, planning, and strategizing on design, colors and concept. Thank you for treating this project and our home with great respect. We’re glad you’re here (because we need you)!

AND

To EBACs “VEEP”, Judith Armbruster on all things governance, especially in regards to the redraft of our by-laws. For Judith, productivity was is not an accident, but rather a result of commitment to excellence, intelligent planning, and focused effort. Thank you.

Salvatore Bondi

NEW SHAREHOLDERS	
Gregorio Alvarado Schafler	806
Mark Richardson & Sallie Gaines	1602



EBA ARCADE ART SHOW MARCH 4 AND 5

You won't want to miss our own EBA Art Show! Our neighbors will be displaying their work in the current and former spaces of Anna Held Floral Studio and along the commercial arcade.

Come and enjoy this special opportunity to celebrate our neighbors!

Friday, March 4 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 5 from noon to 4 p.m.

Eric Okeson



The poster for the Edgewater Art Show features a pink background. At the top, the title "Edgewater ART SHOW" is written in a mix of cursive and sans-serif fonts. Below the title, it says "AND CARE FOR REAL BENEFIT". The main text reads: "COME MEET YOUR ARTIST NEIGHBORS & SEE THEIR WORKS ON DISPLAY ALONG THE COMMERCIAL ARCADE INSIDE THE HISTORICAL EDGEWATER BEACH APARTMENT BUILDING". It continues: "PRESENTING AN ORIGINAL COLLECTION OF WORK BY EBA RESIDENTS INSIDE THE FORMER FOUNTAIN CAFE" and "featuring a new exhibition of photography inside the ANNA HELD FLORAL STUDIO". The dates "MARCH 4 5 - 9PM" and "5 MARCH 12 - 4PM" are on either side of a central image of the Edgewater Beach Apartment Building. At the bottom, the address "5555-7 N SHERIDAN RD CHICAGO IL" is listed.



THE GREEN LINE

Use your NEON GREEN recycling tag! To assure that cleaning staff put your recyclables in the correct location, attach the tag to the recycling items placed next to the

trash bin in your back hallway. Stickers are always available in the management office.

EBA's next Pharmaceutical Disposal Days: Friday, April 22 (Earth Day) and Saturday, April 23. To collect the medications Recycling/Green Committee members will be in the Scarborough Room on Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., as well as Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Pills may be left in original containers (black out personal information), and liquid medications must remain in their original bottle.

EBA Recycling Committee

Hail and Farewell!

A truly fabulous couple reports they are leaving the EBA for warmer climes. Pat and Dennis Anderson have announced their intention to move to Hot Springs, Arkansas in the near future. Their energy and commitment to the EBA will be sorely missed. For the last seven years little has happened at the EBA that Pat and Dennis haven't had a hand in creating or energizing. They have been a fountain of creative energy in Social Committee events for over seven years, Pat in planning and developing activities and both providing much of the labor, as well as mountains of behind-the-scenes effort. It is no accident that we always seem to have enough beverages, cups, ice, food, and every other necessary item to make our parties grand. Pat has kept a close inventory of all these items, and she and Dennis have transported tons of items for these events. They have also been the driving force behind the creation of our annual sidewalk sale, from creating the idea to renting tables, making flyers, setting fees, and most recently, developing a cooperating agreement with the Edgewater Beach Neighborhood Association to broaden the scope and appeal of our event. Dennis has served two terms on the Board of Directors and has been our treasurer for several of those years. Pat and Dennis have

coordinated efforts to include the EBA as part of the Chicago Architectural Foundation's annual tours, an event that has attracted thousands of visitors to our building. They have also served as election judges in our ward for many years. Both Pat and Dennis are very involved in a variety of activities at St. Ita's Church. In addition, Pat can be found most mornings in the pool enjoying aerobics classes She works on the garden committee, and helps with the library committee. These are the kind of neighbors who make life better for everyone around them. Our loss will certainly be Hot Spring's gain. We thank you most heartily for all you have done, and send the very best wishes with you as you begin the latest chapter in your fascinating lives.

Dan Stanzel

THE RECYCLERY

Do you have a bike that's been moldering in the bike room for who knows how long? You can donate it to The Recyclery at 7626 N. Paulina, and know you've helped keep it from the landfill. The bikes are repaired and refurbished, and put up for sale each Saturday. They sell over 360 bikes per year! What's more, this organization helps bring varied socio-economic groups together and builds community leaders in Rogers Park. Tzipora Rhode, program manager, told me that in the summer you could often find a Northwestern prof working alongside a twelve year old from the community. "It's neat," she said, "that people come in to repair bikes and then volunteer."

The Recyclery is an educational bike shop started in an Evanston basement ten years ago. Five years ago they moved to a much larger facility in the Rogers Park area. The Recyclery Collaborative has a number of excellent programs. First, they operate an Open Shop where people can come and work on bikes and volunteer in a hands-on program. There's a \$10-an-hour fee, but youngsters can trade in their volunteer hours

for time in the shop. Second, donated bikes are repaired and refurbished and put up for sale every Saturday. Parts are salvaged from the bikes that are beyond repair and used in the open shop. A third program is the Free Cyclery by which bikes that have been repaired are given free to adults and youth in the area. The staff works closely with organizations in the community, with refugee agencies and youth groups. One course they teach is introduction to mechanics and bike safety. If a youth participates, he/she gets a bike, lock, and helmet. He can also cash in volunteer hours for other items. Youth programming is the fourth activity. The Recyclery works with a variety of organizations such as Howard Area Community Center, which is a few doors down from the Recyclery. Sometimes they work with kids off the street.

I was amazed to discover that there is a world-wide movement to recycle bicycles and encourage their use. In the Chicago area there are actually similar programs in Humboldt Park, Little Village, and Hyde Park. The Recyclery occasionally collaborates with these groups. You can help by donating money, by volunteering, and by donating your unused bicycles. For more information check out their excellent website: the-recyclery.org, or better yet, stop by to check out their sales or their classes.

Here at EBA a volunteer committee is working with the management to develop a plan to help clear the bike room of unclaimed bicycles, which could then be donated to The Recyclery. More information will be coming soon.

Paula Baron



REMEMBERING RAY AND ROSEMARIE CRAIG

Ray and Rosemarie taught me about love and what's really important in life. We had neighboring plots in the east garden.

They would often sit together on one of the benches, holding hands, and admiring the flowers and birds, always smiling at each other, each with twinkles in their eyes.

We usually chatted a bit, and Ray often made us laugh. Then they would go off on a walk down the garden path, talking softly in each other's ear.

After Ray died, I didn't see Rosemarie as often. But then in early summer, the peony bush they had planted in the back corner of their plot came into perfect bloom. And it was in the shade! Peonies like sun!

Rosemarie came into the garden shortly after I noticed the gorgeous flowers. I couldn't wait to show them to her. She smiled, the twinkle in her eye reappeared. We stood there in silence for a moment. I wondered if she thought what I thought, that Ray had somehow brought it into bloom for her.

She turned as we talked about how warm it was in the garden. She said something about wanting to go snow skiing, another passion she and Ray shared.

I hope now they are both walking through beautiful gardens, holding hands, sharing

their love, as they stroll towards snow covered mountains to schuss down a slope or two. Two wonderful people who helped fill our home with love, by sharing theirs.

Tim Jackson

Rosemarie was a kind and gentle soul whom I've had the privilege of knowing as her neighbor since 2001 when I moved into #1816A. Her recent passing and the passing of Ray, her husband, a year ago, have put a dent in my regular expectations of smiles and greetings in the hallways.

During the past decade and a half, I came to know Rosemarie as a perceptive and considerate lady, keenly aware of others' needs and yet always careful with what she would ask. Because I am of Chinese descent, (my family had left China before the Communists took over to move to Hong Kong), I'd aroused much curiosity in the Craigs. The first thing Ray told me about himself was that he had served in the Pacific during WWII. I might have reminded him of either pleasant or unpleasant experiences in the Far East. Every time he started making associations about me and his WWII experience, Rosemarie would make sure that he didn't dwell on his narratives long enough to cause distress on my part. Not that I saw any connections there. Because I'm a history buff, I was only too eager to learn more about his experiences.

Rosemarie and Ray were always full of enthusiasm about the lake front. Whenever they saw anything interesting, such as a gull resting on the ledge, a gull in distress, or any unusual phenomena on the lake, they'd call me on the phone and tell me to look out my windows. I was always pleasantly surprised and from these experiences got to learn more about what I saw around me here on the lake front than from any other sources.

There were a couple of times when I'd go over to have supper with them. Rosemarie or Ray would make something, and we'd share

hours of interesting conversation, mostly about their ski trips in the French and Swiss Alps and Rosemarie's notable feats, which won her trophies. I was also thrilled to see the art they had on display in their living room, work both of them did, showcasing their remarkable skills and talents. Rosemarie showed me her collection of stuffed bunnies that must have taken her decades to collect. Some of them must be antiques!

I've always wanted to know people from an older generation, especially those who had lived through WWII in Europe or in the Far East. I thank Rosemarie and Ray for their generosity in sharing some of their experiences.

May God bless Rosemarie's kind and gentle soul as she lays in eternal rest, and may God bless both Rosemarie and Ray as they are finally united in death.

Sophie Hsia

ELSTON ELSTON

She just turned 90, and what a full life she's had. And, like the "energizer bunny" she just keeps on going. First and foremost, Elston is an artist and a teacher. But that hardly covers her life. She's made jewelry and painted murals. She was an international

ballroom dancer, motorcyclist, horseback rider, pilot, snowmobiler. And I've probably missed a few. She always considered herself something of a daredevil—there's not much she's not willing to try.

The first thing that caught my eye when I entered her apartment was a huge alcove wall covered from floor to ceiling with pictures of, as Elston describes them, "everybody who has touched my life." The vast majority are former students with whom she keeps in contact through the more than three hundred Christmas cards she sends out each year, with her original animal drawings.

Elston started teaching in Chicago public schools in 1949. When she married, she left and went to New York, but returned three years later, after her former principal contacted her. Elston taught at Waller High School, Austin High School, Hyde Park High School. She spent her final thirty years of teaching at Senn High School, where she served as chairwoman of the art department for many years. If you're ever at Senn, you can see the lovely floral mural she painted in after-school hours as a gift to the 1989 graduating class. Elston sponsored numerous clubs and extra-curricular activities. She took students camping, taught them motorcycling, horseback riding, jewelry making, etc. When I asked her how students financed these activities, she told me she had "deep pockets." She also had her own art studio/ academy, where she taught classes for adults and youngsters.

I was curious about her unique name. Elston said that was her secret, a convoluted fiction. I'm going to make a guess that she adopted this name when she married J.D. Elston, but she'll never tell.

Elston moved to EBA in 1993 after she retired from teaching. Until recently you might have glimpsed her in the garage with her huge Cadillac. A few years ago, another driver backed into her in a parking lot, so now she drives a little "smart car." When I

asked what she likes about EBA, Elston said “everything.” She told me that there used to be floor reps who kept tabs on everything on the floor. Readers of ITP might remember that the night security guards now serve that function, checking to see that all lights are on, and everything is in order.

In addition to that wall of pictures, her apartment holds many other pictures of Elston’s ballerina daughter and her granddaughter, Naomi Lake, a linguist. Certainly a full life—what’s next for Elston?

Paula Baron

A DIFFERENT CAFÉ

Inspiration Kitchen – Uptown is open at 4715 North Sheridan Road. Open daily from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., this small creative café changes its menu each quarter. Its offerings are varied, well prepared, and priced reasonably.

Be adventurous and start off with a serving of crispy Brussel sprouts – delicious! There are a variety of special salads and greens.

Or you might opt for pancakes or French toast (popular on weekends), chicken biscuits, or a tasty vegetable hash. Other choices are Bayou Crawfish, omelets, and Louisiana crawfish roe.

What sets Inspiration Kitchen apart is that it is one of three cafés in the city providing employment, training, housing, and support services to those in need. One of their programs is a thirteen-week cooking program, which could lead to food service employment.

Inspiration Corporation’s headquarters are at 4554 N. Broadway, suite 207. Their slogan is: DINE WELL....SUPPORT CHARITY.

Bill Harmon



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...?



Residents who lived at EBA from 1984-87 recall a friendly doorman, **Eugene Wright**. Wright states that when he was hired for \$5 per hour, his instructions were, “Be friendly, talk to people, and smile all the time. I met a lot of lovely people at EBA.

“I helped set up for parties and picnics in the garden. I’d place pitchers of water on the tables in the poolside Terrace Room before board meetings. There was an organ on the second floor which residents could play.”

Management approved Wright’s taking side jobs painting residents’ apartments on his day off. Trained as an artist, he made jewelry, which was carried by Lollies, a store in the arcade. He left to work elsewhere for higher pay.

Today Wright lives at Peter Mulvey Place, sponsored by Presbyterian Homes, in Chicago’s New Town neighborhood. Ever friendly, he organizes movie nights and cooks buffet dinners for fellow residents, plus he leads a balance class.

Larry Lesperance

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