

# 2626 Lakeview Newsletter



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## President's Corner

The two months that have passed since our last issue have been busy months, indeed, most prominently marked by the emergence of four events of special significance to the 2626 community. Some have already arrived, and others are still on the way, but all four events merit your attention.



*Gene Fisher*

**Event #1: The Lakeview Room** — On June 7th, I had the extreme pleasure of dedicating the Lakeview Room, the area that has been known for more than thirty years as our Hospitality Room.

That single event was followed by an even more gratifying highlight on June 28, when the Lakeview Room debuted in an Association-wide Grand Opening.

Although the modernization project has not been completed in every detail, it has taken sufficient shape to clearly stamp it as a winner. Every one of us will benefit from the effort which has advanced an important part of our building from the 1960's, to the 21st Century. Congratulations to Dan Denise and his dedicated band of Task Force volunteers, for their magnificent achievement!

**Event #2: The Swimming Pool** — The month of June began with back-to-back signs of progress. Just a few days prior to the dedication of the Lakeview Room, and after what had been an agonizing series of delays, the City finally issued the eagerly awaited construction permit that authorized the start of the needed repairs to our beautiful rooftop swimming pool. (A special note of thanks for this welcome development is due to our Alderman, Vi Daley, whose response to our request for her per-

sonal involvement was instrumental in "jumpstarting" the permit process.)

With the construction permit finally in hand, the contractor who will perform the repairs (and who had long since been retained for that purpose) immediately began accelerated mobilization of the crews and materials that will be needed to do the job. At this writing (at the very outset of the process), it appears that the swimming pool will be back in service sometime in August. Not as soon as we might have hoped for, but far better than we could have previously looked for!

**Event #3: Cable Television Service** — To some degree offsetting all of the good news, is a piece of uncertain news. In the final days of May, the company that supplies our cable television service (RCN) filed for bankruptcy. The company has publicly stated that its service will be unaffected while it works its way out of bankruptcy, but the process is one that we will closely monitor.

Further clouding the cable TV picture are recent reports that Chicago's four major professional sports team (Cubs, White Sox, Blackhawks and Bulls) have joined with RCN's direct rival (Comcast) to form a new cable TV venture (the Comcast Sports Net). Next year, according to these reports, all of the games (or more) that we presently receive as part of our basic cable agreement (on Channel 39) will only be available to viewers who have access to the new Comcast-controlled venture.

What this portends for our programming availability remains to be defined, although it is certainly not an encouraging omen to find that cable station CLTV's exclusive arrangement with Comcast has already resulted in RCN's inability to access the games that are telecast on CLTV. In any event we are aggressively pursuing RCN, in order to develop an understanding of how the new cable TV "ground

rules” will affect such issues as the availability, cost and technical methodology of sports programming

**Event #4: 2004-2005 Budget** — Already underway, is the process that will lead to the formation of our Association’s budget for the next fiscal year (which begins October 1st). The process is initiated by inputs from the members of our volunteer commissions, continues under the direction of the Finance Commission, and concludes with the determinations made by your elected Board of Directors.

In the Coyote Chronical’s last issue you read Finance Commission’s co-Chair Roz Pachter’s excellent review of our Association’s finances. As Roz so ably pointed out, we will face an unavoidable need to contend with some strong cost pressures. Nonetheless, of this you can be assured; your Directors will make a conscientious effort to balance a sincere concern for the current and future well being of our building, with an equally sincere concern for the well being of our members.

#### HVAC SEASONAL PROCEDURES

*Heat & AC Guidelines for: Engineer & Assistant.*

1. Lakefront at 65 degrees— ready AC for turn on.
2. Lakefront temp. above 65, turn AC on.
3. Less than 65, turn AC off.
4. Lakefront less than 50, turn on heat.
5. Daytime temp below 60, night time below 50 for two days of more—maintain heat.
6. Monitor temperature via Weather Channel.
7. Final decision includes common sense, readings and predictions.

#### 2626 Property Values

Floor	Tier	Sold	Rental
Low	04	203,000	
Low	03		2,300
Low	07		1,200
Low	10		800
Mid	05		1,250
Mid	11		1,150
Hi	07	220,000	
Hi	12		1,600
Hi	06		800
Hi	10		850
Hi	10		850
Hi	05		1,100
Hi	09		1,150
Hi	06		795
Hi	02		1,650



Ray Faucher

## MANAGEMENT CORNER

*The controversy over AC versus Heat has been a bone of contention at 2626 Since the very beginning!*

The problem began with the original construction of the building, when a “single pipe” system was installed to both heat and cool all units. We have one pipe to deliver hot or cold water to each unit and one return pipe to either the AC units or boilers, to chill or heat the water that will circulate throughout the building.

As you can see in the summary of the heating and cooling policy (at the bottom of the adjacent column) when the weather requires heating, the circulating water is heated to a degree determined by an exterior sensor. If the daytime temperature reaches 65 degrees or above, the AC unit may be turned on.

In order to switch from heat to AC, the water in the pipe line must cool to 80 degrees before the AC units can be turned on. It can take half a day or more to cool the water column depending on how hot the water is. Turning the AC units on before the water reaches the desired temperature will result in severe damage to the AC units. Therefore, residents need to be patient when AC is called for.

If the AC is on and the forecast predicts a drop in the temperature to 50 degrees, the switch over from chilled water to heat can be accomplished much faster than heat to AC.

A major factor compounding the problem is the “three wing” design of the building, and the orientation of each wing to the sun. As a result, it is common that during spring and fall, residents in the south portions of the building will be calling for AC. At the same moment residents in units with a northern exposure are just as fervently asking for heat.

Regrettably, since our building has one delivery system that serves all three wings, it is virtually impossible to satisfy everyone at the same time. Hopefully this information will help all residents understand that no matter how hard we try (and we really do try), it is difficult to sustain a temperature that keeps everyone happy!

## BOOK REVIEW

Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich  
*Reviewed by Sophie Ravin*

Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich is the record of a two-year project that “no contemporary writer has even attempted—to be that ‘nobody’ who barley subsists on her essential labors.” (Studs Terkel) Ehrenreich’s aim is to “see whether (she) could match income to expenses, as the truly poor attempt to do every day,” Her experiment lasts from 1998 to 2000. Her first job is as a waitress in Florida, at a place we’ll call Hearthiside. She works from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. for \$2.43 an hour plus tips. She rents an efficiency apartment at \$500 a month and discovers that with tips she is earning \$5.15 and hour and is thus \$100 short of her rent. As in all the jobs she has in various geographic regions, it is clear that she must obtain a second job in order to survive. This time she becomes a waitress at a high-volume restaurant. Working there is for her a “crash course in management.” The only thing to do is to treat each shift as a one-time-only emergency: “You’ve got fifty starving people out there, lying scattered on the battlefield, so get out there and feed them.” Soon her back is hurting, but she can’t afford to take a day off. Instead, she starts “tossing back drug-store-brand ibuprofens as if they were vitamin C.” She makes friends with co-workers by sneaking forbidden conversation and cigarettes. She is reprimanded for trying to teach English to the nineteen-year-old dishwasher. Soon, he is accused of theft and is fired. Barb, as she calls herself in her humbled capacity, fails to stand up for George. “Something loathsome and servile had infected me, along with the kitchen odors that I could still sniff on my bra when I finally undressed at night.”

In Maine she works as a dietary aide at a nursing home, and as a maid for a national maid service chain. At the nursing home she serves Alzheimer’s residents, taking “orders” and trying to think of it as a restaurant. But she can’t help thinking, “very few customers smell like they’re carrying a fresh dump in their undies.” She tries to learn the patients’ names, and a number of the patients recognize her. She cares about them. “The ugly part is cleaning up.” She has to scrape uneaten food off the dishes and soft food clumps from the carpet.

With such specifics, Ehrenreich tries to convey the nature of her existence.

The maid service charges clients \$25/person/hour, but the cleaning crew are paid \$6.65/hour. She eats lots of chopped meat, beans, cheese, and noodles when she has a kitchen to cook in, and fast food when she has not. Some of the workers have no money for lunch on an eight hour day and concede to Barb that they get dizzy sometimes. At that point, Barbara herself has to seek food from charitable agencies. Shunted from one to the other, she uses up the value of the food on phone calls and transportation. Her description of tasks is graphic. For example, she conveys what it is like to clean “shit” from someone else’s stained toilet. Or she shows what interactions with clients can be like. She is scrubbing the kitchen floor on hands and knees, with her bottom prominent, while the client stares at her fixedly. Might she offer Barb a drink of water (forbidden by agency rules)? No, she wants to remind Barb to scrub the entryway floor as well. Barb’s own accommodations at times are barely tenable: no screens, no fans, no lockable doors, no kitchenettes.

In Minnesota she becomes a salesperson for Wall-Mart for \$7.00/hour. She is subject to purse search, drug testing, pre-employment personality tests, rules against conversation with colleagues. “My guess is that the indignities imposed on so many low-wage workers ... are part of what keeps wages low. If you’re made to feel unworthy enough, you may come to think that what you’re paid is what you are actually worth.”

“When poor single mothers” had the option of going on welfare, we charged them with laziness. “But now, that government has largely withdrawn “handouts,” now that the overwhelming majority of the poor are out there toiling in Wal-Mart or Wendy’s — well, what are we to think of them?”

Guilt. You may be thinking warily....But guilt doesn’t go anywhere near far enough; the appropriate emotion is shame, shame at our own dependency, in this case on the underpaid labor of others. The “working poor,” as they are approvingly termed, are in fact the major philanthropists of our society. They neglect their children so that the children of others will be cared for; they live in substandard housing so that other homes will be shiny; they endure privation so that inflation will be low and stock prices high. To be a member of the working poor is to be an anonymous donor, a nameless benefactor, to every-one else.

## In The Neighborhood

By: *Harold A. Peponis*

What was once a small public cemetery on the northernmost boundary of Chicago is today one of the largest and most appealing parks in our city. Originally the area had been settled in 1824 as a small U.S. Army post but as the city grew the land was converted to use as a burial ground for victims of cholera and small pox. Because the graves were shallow and close to Lake Michigan the citizenry, recognizing the peril to public health, began clamoring for the land to be appropriated as a park.

In 1860 the city set aside 60 acres of land to be known as Lake Park. A “ten mile ditch” was dug to drain the low land and swamp to create lagoons within the new park area. Shortly after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in April of 1865 the area was renamed in honor of the fallen president.

The renowned nurseryman, Swain Nelson, was commissioned to formulate the first plan for the new park. With the sum of \$10,000 allocated by the city to implement improvements, the organization and inauguration of the new park began in earnest. Continued demands by the populace resulted in the removal of the remaining burial grounds with the bodies exhumed and relocated to other cemeteries and the boundaries extended on the south to North Avenue and on the north to Diversey Parkway.

The famed Lincoln Park Zoo was established in 1868 with a donation of Mute Swans. The recon-

struction of Chicago after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 gave rise to new buildings which represented 60% of Lincoln Park’s buildings. One of the largest zoos in the country, the Lincoln Park Zoo boasts a collection of some of the most spectacular creatures in the world and even includes a working ‘Farm in the Zoo.’ One of the oldest zoos in the nation it is the only major zoo which remains free to the public.

Constructed in stages between 1890 and 1895 the Lincoln Park Conservatory originally designed to cultivate the thousands of flowers needed for use in the city’s parks, is today a showcase of exotic plants, tropical palms and ancient ferns. A step inside transports the visitor to another place and time.

The 1950s comprised a period of further expansion whereby the park grew to 1,208 acres and noted artists, landscape designers and architects contributed to its development. Today Lincoln Park offers: 15 baseball areas; 6 basketball courts; 10 playgrounds; 2 softball fields; 35 tennis courts; 163 volleyball courts; a fitness center and a gymnasium. From June through August the Theatre on the Lake offers live stage performances.

Encompassing the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum and several restaurants, the park contains hidden treasures galore with dozens of sculptures and historic buildings. Lincoln Park is one of the largest and most interesting parks in Chicago.



## THE LAKEVIEW ROOM DEBUTS

*BY: Joan Fron, Activities Commission Chair*

June 7th and June 28th became memorable dates in 2626 Lakeview history, as our Association introduced the **Lakeview Room**, the 21st Century edition of the former Hospitality Room.

On June 7th, as construction neared completion, a group of the volunteers who had spent many hours turning the **Lakeview Room's** visionary concept into a reality, gathered to celebrate their achievement. A toast was made, the opening ribbon was cut, and the celebrants inspected the many distinctive features of the bright and attractive new facility that will benefit our Association for years to come.

Three weeks later (on June 28th), the doors were thrown wide open, for a Grand Opening that introduced our entire Association to the sparkling new gem that now shines atop the 2626 crown.

Shown here is a sampling of the scenes which took place on both of those happy occasions.



### **It's Official!**

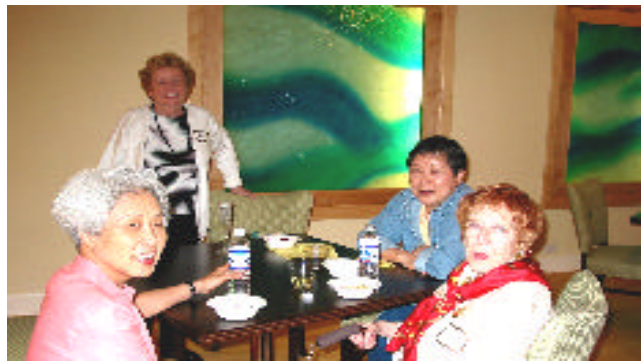
Activities Commission Chair Joan Fron (right) and Association President Gene Fisher team up to cut the ribbon that formally dedicated the Lakeview Room on June 7th.

More photos from the Lakeview Room's dedication ceremony



**Taskforce Chair Dan Denise**  
(at left) enjoys the results of his  
group's successful achievement  
in creating our building's  
striking new party room, now  
known as:  
*The Lakeview Room!*

**The Grand Opening!** On June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2626 residents flocked to the Lakeview Room, to put their stamp of approval on our building's newest star.



More scenes from the Lakeview Room's Grand Opening



## RESTAURANT REVIEW

By: *Ethel Walker*

### PEARL Supper Club & Lounge

2360 Clybourn  
773-348-2106

This is a fabulous new restaurant. The décor is high end supper club with red leather booths and exquisite crystal chandeliers.

The food is absolutely to die for. My friends and I split the potato soup, which had a cream base. God knows what the seasoning was and don't even think about the calories, but it was a treat for the palate.

Next we split the house salad, mixed baby greens, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, black olives, gorgonzola cheese with Italian vinaigrette. Sounds ordinary, it wasn't.

Next we split the risotto al funghi: risotto with mixed wild mushrooms with drizzled white truffle oil on top—\$16.95. All I can say about it is it was the best ever, and I've had a lot of risotto al funghi, 'cause it's my favorite.

For our entrees we split osso buco: veal shank served in your choice of either a creamy pancetta and porcini mushroom sauce or an emiliana-vegetable sauce. We had one of each, and honestly, I can't tell you which I liked better. They were both perfect! They were also pricy at \$24.95.

Dessert was a chocolate truffle, which had chocolate gelato with a hazelnut cream center, zabaglione topping and sprinkled cocoa powder. It was a perfect topper to a perfect meal.

If you're in the senior set, go early, when the place isn't crowded. You get incredible attention from the wait staff and the music is vintage Sinatra and Martin. About 10:00 PM. It gets crowded with the younger set, and the music is very contemporary.

Go for a special occasion, it's a special place. Enjoy!

Valet parking available.

## Jack Brazier Annual Picnic

The activities commission is pleased to announce that the date of our Annual Picnic is **July 25, 2004, from 3 pm. to 7 pm.** All residents are invited to gather in the park directly across from our building to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, a terrific picnic feast and a friendly game of volleyball. Non-resident guests are welcome too (for the small charge of \$5.00 per person).

Our picnic has been a long-standing tradition at 2626, completely planned and managed by volunteers for the enjoyment of all. We would like to make this a day to remember for residents of all ages and interests. You can help make this happen by sharing with us your ideas for games and activities, by volunteering to manage a game and/or by volunteering to be a member of the volunteer team.

Working on the premise that many hands make work light, we ask you to consider helping out by doing one specific task, i.e. registering attendees, cooking burgers and hot dogs (veggie burgers will also be available), helping with food service or tidying up after a good time has been had by all.

We organize people on a rotating schedule and accommodate your desires to work with a friend or spouse. If you wish to become an active participant, please leave your suggestions and volunteer information in the Management Office.

The residents of 2626 Lakeview are young and old, energetic, vibrant, interesting, sociable, active, diverse and just plain fun-loving.

You are one of us, so:

“Come on down!”

## Motions Passed by the Board

### Motions passed—March, 2004

#### Resolved that the Board:

1. The Board accept the contract from the Herman Bogot Company for a two year chiller maintenance contract at a yearly cost of \$7,552.
2. The Board agree to replace voting by proxy with voting by ballot.
3. The Board renew the expiring insurance policies through Sudler's master policy program, beginning April 1, 2004 and not to exceed \$119,000 plus the cost of D&O.
4. The Board replace the Securities & Amenities and Engineering Commissions with a single commission, the Facilities Commission.
5. In recognition of the building staff's special efforts in responding to the unusual demands that resulted from this morning's fire, the Board authorized Sudler to expend a total of \$2,300 to designated members of the building staff, as tangible evidence of the Association's appreciation.
6. The Board authorize Sudler to offer a \$125 settlement on a claim in dispute, or go to trial.

### Motions passed — April, 2004

#### Resolved that the Board:

1. The Board honor the claim for \$793.00 since the damage was caused by an attendant.
2. The Board deny the claim for \$1,817.32 since there was no witness and no attendant caused the damage.
3. The Board honor the claim for \$191.55 since the original damage was caused by an attendant.

**All of these motions require a great degree of research before a decision is finally made. We suggest you attend a meeting for a better understanding of the workings of the Board.**



Next Meeting: July 27th  
 Meetings are held on the  
 4th Tuesday of each month  
 (except December) in the  
 "Lakeview Room," on the  
 Mezzanine Level.

### New Residents April & May:

404-Mindy Singer;  
 703-Eileen, Richard & Kathleen Dempsey;  
 1007-John Fitzgerald; 1010- Susan Morrison;  
 2110--Stephen Leahu; 2605- Andrew Schwartz;  
 2811-Beth Pagano; 2907- Jodi Wilkinson;  
 2912-Lillian Gelb; 3106-Melissa Boehm;  
 3410-Katie Maran; 3610-Ashley Fry;  
 3705-Mark Ball & Elizabeth Medeiros;  
 3709-Katharina Panjaitan; 3806-Tara Merchant;  
 3902- Anthony Michael & Colin Bend

## WHO MAKES 2626 WORK?



Join the Navy or the Merchant Seamen and see the world! That is what Omar Edwards, our congenial midnight-to-eight am Door-man, had on his mind when he graduated from high school in the midst of the Viet Nam War. He promptly joined the Navy and headed for the South Pacific. His ship transported troops and heavy equipment to and from DaNang harbor. From a shipboard view, Viet Nam was a beautiful, warm and sunny with lush green vegetation, and fireworks (mortars) lighted the sky every night. He did three tours of duty in Viet Nam.

At twenty-one, Omar returned to Chicago and applied to become a Merchant Seaman. His first year was on an Exxon oil tanker traversing the Great Lakes, but he really wanted deep sea duty. In short order, he was off across the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, Spain, Greece, Israel, Egypt, and on to India. In Bombay he heard of a small, then independent Portuguese state on the western coast of India, called Goa. It was a beautiful place! He met his Swiss wife-to-be, opted off the ship, and spent the next ten years in Goa, periodically setting sail to replenish cash. They moved to Switzerland for the birth of their two children, eventually relocating to Chicago to put the children in school. Omar worked as Manager for the Department of Transportation and Parking of Loyola University until his retirement in 2003. Not being one to sit idle, Omar came to work for 2626. We are delighted to have him with us.

Omar cherishes time with his children. He very much enjoys meeting people, traveling, playing the trumpet, listening to jazz, and is an avid fan of the Chicago Bears. When his daughter graduates college, Omar plans to move to Ft Lauderdale and purchase a sailboat.

# Buying, Selling, and Personal

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## 2626 Move-Out Sale:

- \* White Kitchen Table with leaf and 6 white chairs—\$100 or best offer
- \* Tall Lamp—\$10 or best offer
- \* Black TV cart—\$20 or best offer
- \* Couch with flower pattern—best offer
- \* Coffee Table and end table in light wood—best offer
- \* Black TV cabinet with glass door—\$50
- \* Brown TV cabinet with glass door—\$50

Prices are very negotiable. Please call Susie @ 773-525.1459 for further details.

**Seeking Studio to Rent**  
During condo remodeling.

Please call 312-953-4353

## FOR SALE (BEST OFFER)

- \* Cubs (4) tickets in new Sec. DUG B 16 row C! 8/24 vs. Brewers.
- \* HALO cans for track lighting (8 cans with bulbs + extra bulbs)
- \* Computer desk & chair
- \* 48" round glass table top

Call 312-953-4353

## Cubs Tickets for Sale

Upper deck 6th row overlooking 3rd base:  
Sun 8/1 TBD vs Phillies 2/\$72  
Tues 8/10 @7:05 vs Padres 2/\$56  
Wed 8/11 @7:05 vs Padres 2/56  
773-525-6609

## Condo for Sale

2 BR/2BA "01 tier on lower floor with updated white kitchen and baths, custom window treatments, ceramic tile and neutral carpeting offered @\$282,000.

Darlene Leoni: 312-981-2314  
[Darlene.leoni@bairdwarner.com](mailto:Darlene.leoni@bairdwarner.com)



## FOR SALE

1 bedroom, 1 bath, high floor, lake and park views, updated kitchen and bath.

Call Jodi: 312-925-8724

## Interested in a Nanny Share?

We have a wonderful nanny and are interested in finding a family to nanny-share now that our youngest is going to school. If you are interested in a nanny-share arrangements, please contact Kelly ar 312-988-6407 (day) or 773-281-0473 (evenings).

## Apartment available for Rent

One bedroom (09) available for rent August 1st. Great view of the lake and park. Top condition, parking available. If interested, contact Kelly at 312-988-6407 (day) or 773-281-0473 (evenings).



This newsletter has been named in honor of the coyote that was discovered and captured in our garage in 1992. When someone asks why our newsletter is so named, tell them it's in honor of the lone coyote who used our garage that cold January.

## 2626 Labor Charges

Labor charges shall be billed to unit owners at \$5.00 for the first half-hour of a service call at your request.

Any additional time will be charged at \$20.00 per hour, billed in half-hour increments, with the following exceptions to be at the expense of the Association which can be serviced by staff:

- leaking faucets
- convector unit filter replacement
- routine exterminating service
- flush valve repair

Anything not included in the above list has a minimum \$5.00 half-hour charge.

As in the past, you will continue to be billed for all material used.

A \$5.00 lock-out charge applies when staff are requested to provide access to your unit.

\$30 escort fee – see Management office for detailed explanation.



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## Important 2626 numbers:

Office .....	281-6800
Office FAX.....	281-1295
Doorman.....	<b>281-6055</b>
Work Orders .....	281-6055
Valet Shop .....	871-4715
Garage.....	549-9734
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St. Joseph Hospital Emergency...	388-7300
Alderman's Office .....	327-9111
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## Management Office Hours

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 9:00AM -5:00PM

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