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EVENING ON ASTOR – It was a beautiful night as a record 900 people turned out to enjoy “Still Fun at 21,” the 21st annual community festival. The event raised more than \$14,000 - *another record!* - to support the Association’s educational and preservation activities.

The Michael Lerich Orchestra provided lively dancing music for young and old alike, while others feasted on hot dogs, ice cream, chocolate chip cookies, biscotti desserts and quenched their thirst with wine, beer and soft drinks. Special thanks for food and beverages go to Mario Stefanini of Mario’s, Chris Ryan and Ronda Culver of Division Street Merchants and Sally Baker.

The evening’s program book also raised record profits - up 74 percent! -- thanks to the generosity of our advertisers and members and friends who contributed as angels, benefactors and good neighbors. We thank them for their very generous support!



NSALSDA president Abby D. Zanarini and EOA chairman Susan Matyus welcome the record crowd at Evening on Astor.

We also thank EOA chairman Susan Matyus, who is retiring from that post after three increasingly successful events. It was a great run.

LATIN SCHOOL – Responding to concerns raised by the NSALSDA, other neighborhood organizations and residents, and Alderman Burt Natarus, the Latin School has revised its plans to build a new middle school on the site of the shuttered Eleanor Club.

The new plan reduces the building from five stories to four, cutting the height from 64 feet to 53 feet. It also includes curb cuts to facilitate student drop-offs and minimal parking in front of the school.

Latin’s expansion plans would allow it to increase enrollment by about 10 percent, or approximately 100 students. The plan will be considered by the City Planning Committee on Dec. 11. The meeting will be held at City Hall and is open to the public.



Partygoers include (from left) Eric Sleeper, Stephen Brown, Arline Eberhardt, Alison Brown, Ann Marie Brown and Don Eberhardt.

ANNUAL MEETING – The NSALSDA annual meeting was held October 20 at the Ambassador East Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Abby D. Zanarini, who welcomed the Association members who were present. She also thanked Alderman Vi Daley and State Representative Sara Feiginholtz for their attendance.

Jess Forrest, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of directors, including Tom Garriti and Gay Leffel as new directors and Russ Iacono, Peggy Kasza, Susan Matyus, Mary Beth Meyer, Bill Staples and Jack Telander for another term as directors. He noted that Gay Leffel had previously served as a director. All were elected.

Carol Johnson introduced Pauline Seleca of the Society of Architectural History, which is headquartered in the Charnley Persky house. Johnson presented an NSA donation of \$1,000 to Seleca to provide landscaping for the property.

Tom Begel, president of the Near North Preservation Coalition, spoke about the NNPC and noted that the group was formed more than six years ago to protect our very special neighborhood. He said that since then, the neighborhood has been downzoned to preserve the current blend of apartments and single family homes. More than \$1.6 million has been raised and spent on the effort. NSALSDA has contributed \$80,000 to date. Additional contributions are needed.

Alderman Vi Daley, Tom Begel, Chris Ryan of Lodge Management and Division Street Merchants and Betty Zeni, a longtime NSALSDA board member who has relocated to Nashville, were given special recognition awards for their contributions to the Association and the neighborhood.

An informal reception and social hour followed adjournment of the meeting.

OFFICERS ELECTED –

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| Abby D. Zanarini | President |
| Mike Daley | First Vice President |
| Bill Staples | Vice President |
| Mary Myers | Secretary |
| Jack Telander | Treasurer |
| Bill Staples | Honorary Chairman |

ECHOES – Mark April 30 on your calendar for the 9th annual Echoes benefit, to be held in the beautiful and historic Maxims. The party will feature wine and champagne, music by Mark Burnell and a silent auction of carefully selected items. This elegant party raises money to support educational/preservation activities of the NSA and is the perfect way to start off the spring season. If you'd like to volunteer to help plan the event (it's a great way to meet neighbors and make new friends), call the NSA office and leave a message for Sally Novak, chairman.

FLASH – Through Alderman Daley's efforts, a new sidewalk was poured in front of the Polish Consulate at 1530 Lake Shore Drive. It had been in terrible condition, dangerous. T.Y. Alderman.

BY-LAW CHANGES – The Board of Directors at its November meeting approved a change in the Association's bylaws to create three new director positions for residents who rent homes in the neighborhood or who are commercial representatives and also to clarify that spouses are eligible to serve as directors and officers of the organization. Zanarini noted that the prohibition against renters, established when the organization was founded in 1957, is no longer appropriate.



NSALSDA made a \$100 donation to the 18th Officer District Appreciation event on Sept. 12. Officers and staff were fed full meals and snacks during a 24 period beginning at 5 a.m. Captain Terrence McCue was honored for exceptional service to the District.

REVENUE	YEAR ENDED 9/30	Budget					
		2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Dues		16,000	16,710	8,960	16,330	16,365	10,860
Interest		200	174	661	1,702	1,802	1,332
Contributions		5,000	4,695	3,140	5,032	4,062	2,580
Evening on Astor	- Profit Before Donations	3,000	2,490	(382)	99	(711)	(2,313)
	- Donations	12,000	11,310	7,850	9,145	9,022	8,525
Echoes	- Profit Before Donations	10,000	9,855	10,947	5,838	6,439	5,187
	- Donations	7,000	6,750	1,225	2,285	2,215	1,880
TOTAL REVENUE		53,200	51,984	32,410	40,431	39,194	28,051
EXPENSES							
Accounting & Bank Fees		1,600	1,438	1,208	950	900	875
Educational Meetings		1,400	1,282	1,683	1,724	1,312	1,102
Insurance		2,500	2,450	2,550	2,300	2,000	2,000
Educational Mailings		7,500	7,310	5,752	10,073	6,933	4,814
Donations (primarily Near North Preservation)		25,000	26,200	23,250	20,000	15,000	0
Beautification		11,000	0	1,995	0	2,245	0
Legal		2,000	1,280	2,552	0	0	3,173
TOTAL EXPENSES		51,000	39,960	38,990	35,047	28,390	11,964
FUND BALANCE—9/30		88,051	85,851	73,827	80,416	75,032	64,756

BUDGET – We publish our results and budget for all our membership. If you have an idea where money can be well used or money saved, please write or fax us. Critical to our Association is the success of our two fundraisers and new members. Please pass along this newsletter to a new neighbor who may not be a member.

MEMBERSHIP – If you do not know the expiration of your membership, please look at the address label on this newsletter. The expiration date is above your name. If you are not current, please use the form below and renew.

NEAR NORTH PRESERVATION COALITION – NNPC continues to need financial support from all of us to fight density, safety, zoning and beautification issues in our very special neighborhood. Please consider a tax deductible gift now to NNPC. Send your check to NNPC, Suite 1000, 980 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

CORNERS – Two out of three! The NW corner of State/Division will be Washington Mutual, the NE corner CVS pharmacy, while the SE corner is now in bankruptcy. Maybe in 2004

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED ✂

NSALDSA

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP Dues for the year ending December, 2004

Owner Condo, Co-op or Home	\$25.00
Renter/Tenant	\$15.00
Building Association	\$40.00
General Fund Contribution	\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Please send this form and check made payable to:

**NSALSDA OR THE NORTH STATE, ASTOR, LAKE SHORE DRIVE ASSOCIATION
BOX 11579, CHICAGO, IL 60611**

DUES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE; ASSOCIATION IS A 501 (C) (3)

NSALSDA MISSION – Your Association continues to be dedicated to preserving our unique, beautiful area. Issues revolve around the quality of life in our neighborhood and the balance between long-term, historical and esthetic beliefs about our area and short-term economic views. Neighborhood education and safety are key elements.

Association programs include a quarterly educational newsletter, dialogue with the Aldermen, with the 18th district police, and with Division Street merchants about concerns our neighbors have, monitoring residential and commercial zoning, and advice about real estate tax appeals. Beautification efforts

feature cleaning light poles, establishing flower holders on mail storage boxes, helping Goudy Park and the Wright-Sullivan Charnley House, and giving beautification awards for plantings to neighbors. Our work also includes monitoring of building banners and sandwich boards for ordinance violations, rodent control, historic preservation, and restricted parking sponsorship.

JOYS OF TOYS – NDA and Mario's continue to sponsor a needy children's gift and wrapping party, this year Saturday, December 6, 1-4 P.M. at Mario's. Bring a gift, meet a neighbor, and wrap.

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Boundary Lines: A Reminder: Alderman Daley's 43rd Ward includes the area bordered by the park side of North Avenue, then the east side of State to Division, then the north side of Division between State and Lake Shore Drive and Lake Shore Drive back up to North Avenue. Alderman Natarus's 42nd Ward represents the rest of our neighborhood area.

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