



FALL/WINTER 2004 NEWSLETTER

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EXCITING TIMES FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Your Board announced at Evening on Astor the association's new name, Gold Coast Neighbors, boundaries which now include our friends on Dearborn and the east side of Clark, and a new web site, www.goldcoastneighbors.org. Please see this newsletter's insert for what is on the site. There are great pictures, a neighborhood calendar, histories of our neighborhood and the old association NSALSDA, and more.

ZONING - Re Bank/LSD, there have been significant victories, the constitutional issues upheld by the Appellate Court and the vested rights issue again turned down by the Circuit Court. The former was appealed by D&K to the Illinois Supreme Court and on November 24 that was denied.

The Near North Preservation still needs significant donations to pay for these fights and build a warchest to discourage other hi-rise developers. Checks should be made payable to NNPC. Tom Begel, President, Suite 1000, 980 N. Michigan, Chicago, IL 60611.

At 54 E. Scott, several developers are considering the property. Your association would be against any projects which would require zoning increases.

At 1530 LSD, the Polish Consulate wants to build additions and a 4-story structure behind the landmarked main building. The Landmarks Commission approved it December 2nd.

GOUDY PARK PARKWAYS - Gold Coast Neighbors Association, working closely with Alderman Vi Daley and the City, is working on plans to landscape the parkways at Goudy Park. GCN Director Karen Herman is spearheading the effort, working with a landscape architect on designs. Look for these beautiful improvements in 2005. Please contact us if you would like to contribute a donation towards the effort.

JOY OF TOYS - The Annual Joy of Toys event sponsored by NDA took place on Saturday, December 4th at Mario's Gold Coast Ristorante. Always a big draw, many Gold Coast Neighbors attend to wrap Christmas gifts for under privileged kids. Thank you to NDA's Rick Daichtman for coordinating.

OUR TROOPS - Do you have a friend or family member serving overseas in Iraq or Afghanistan? Let us know their story and we will profile them in our next newsletter. During the season of giving, let's remember our troops! Four ways: The USO www.uso.org proudly serves the men and women who serve our country. Operation Gratitude SM www.operationgratitude.com provides civilians a way to express appreciation to the men and women of the U.S. military. The Homes for Our Troops www.homesforourtroops.org is committed to help those who have given to their country and have returned home with serious disabilities. Soldiers Angels www.soldiersangels.org, started by the mother of Corporal Brandon Varn, lets you adopt a soldier and send letters.

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OFFICERS ELECTED, ONE YEAR TERMS -

Abby D. Zanarini	President
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Jack Telander	Treasurer
Bill Staples	Secretary
Jim Kinoshita	Assistant Treasurer
Dianne Zaubi	Assistant Secretary
Jack Telander	Honorary Chair

EVENING ON ASTOR - "All New at 22!" We thank Tom Gariti for chairing a wildly successful 22nd annual Evening on Astor where we announced our association's name change to Gold Coast Neighbors and our new website! 900 attended.

The event raised \$15,000-another record!-to support the Association's educational and preservation activities. For our success, we also thank Fidelity Investments for partnering with us, our first-ever corporate sponsor. Michael Lerich Orchestra provided musical entertainment, food by Mario Stefanini of Mario's and beverages by Chris Ryan/Ronda Culver of Division Street Merchants.

Thank you to all our program book advertisers (listed on our website!) and to members and friends who contributed as angels, benefactors, good neighbors, and donated raffles. Your generosity keeps us going! Please see the back page of the insert for some great party photographs.

GCN'S FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATION AWARD WINNERS! The addresses were chosen by Directors Kammer and Leffel and neighbor Bromelmeier for exceptional neighborhood garlands and lights. Photos on website.

Burton	55, 61, 63, 67	Banks	25	Stone	1244
Goethe	9, 65	Scott	6-12, 24, 25-27		
Division	19	Elm	48, 75, 85		
Cedar	50, 66, 70, 71, 77, 79				
Bellevue	58, 100, Tavern on Rush				
Clark	Beekman Place				
Dearborn	1322, 1409, 1427-29, 1438, 1454, 1510, 1516				
State	Bella, 1240, 1247, 1255, 1320, 1338, 1340, 1364, 1426, 1431, 1435, 1439, 1501				
Stone	1244				
Astor	1201, 1224, 1349, 1355, 1400, 1404, 1406, 1421, 1425, 1431, 1500				
LSD	1000, 1200, 1250, 1254, 1500; All East LSD!				

ANNUAL MEETING 2004 - Over 100 Gold Coast Neighbors gathered for the Association's annual meeting on Monday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ambassador East Hotel. The Gold Coast Neighbors Association, previously NSALSDA, met to recognize and affirm our name change, boundary change, addition of our website, and celebrate our 47 years in existence. Other business included the report by Treasurer Jack Telander, presentation of our website development by Cindy Bromelmeier and committee event reports by Director Sally Novak and Director Tom Gariti. Alderman Vi Daley (43rd Ward) and Alderman Burt Natarus (42nd Ward) and Reuben Hedlund of the Near North Preservation Coalition (NNPC) gave special presentations and encouraged lively discussion. Neighbors expressed their desire to protect their unique area by presenting the NNPC with a \$10,000 contribution, given in addition to the past \$100,000. Special Recognition Awards were presented to Bromelmeier, Gariti, Matyus and Novak with the President's Award being presented to Bill Staples. Also, thank you Rosie O'Neill for organizing this event. See insert.

GHOULY PARK - This year the Gold Coast Neighbors together with the Chicago Park District hosted "Trick or Treat at Ghoully Park". On Halloween night, Goudy Park was transformed into haunted Ghoully Park, with scary characters roaming the park with lots of candy for any children brave enough to step into the park that night. Over 400 attended. Thanks Tom Gariti for setting it up. See more photos at www.goldcoastneighbors.org.



2004-5 BUDGET - Your Board has approved the following budget. We share it because they are your funds. Key this year is a large prospect mailing, continued success of our 2 fundraisers, money for the improvement of the Goudy areas from the 2 streets to the sidewalks, professional management for our data management and financial functions, and continued Near North Preservation Coalition support. If you have questions, please call.

<u>REVENUE</u>	YEAR ENDED 9/30	Budget				
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Dues		\$16,000	\$12,605	\$16,710	\$8,960	\$16,330
Interest		200	186	174	661	1,702
Contributions		2,800	2,883	4,695	3,140	5,032
Evening on Astor-Profit Before Donations		5,000	4,227	2,490	(382)	99
-Donations		12,000	10,525	11,310	7,850	9,145
Echoes	-Profit Before Donations	12,500	11,681	9,855	10,947	5,838
	-Donations	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,120</u>	<u>6,750</u>	<u>1,225</u>	<u>2,285</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		\$51,000	\$44,227	\$51,984	\$32,401	\$40,431
<u>EXPENSES</u>						
Accounting & Bank Fees		\$8,200	\$1,468	\$1,438	\$1,208	\$950
Annual Meeting		2,000	1,769	1,282	1,683	1,724
Insurance		2,500	2,475	2,450	2,550	2,300
Educational Mailings		10,000	11,200	7,310	5,752	10,073
Donations		21,000	20,417	26,200	23,250	20,000
Beautification		21,000	382	0	1,995	0
Web		3,000	4,596	0	0	0
Legal		<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>1,280</u>	<u>2,552</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$68,700	\$44,317	\$39,960	\$38,990	\$35,047
FUND BALANCE - 9/30		\$68,061	\$85,761	\$85,851	\$73,827	\$80,416

WE NEED HELP – We are looking for a talented, interested person(s) to help us with (1) the advertising necessary for our renamed association, (2) the writing of 3 newsletters per year, and (3) bringing PR/Communication consistency to all we do. Please call Abby Zonarini, President, at 312-474-1940 if you would like more information or have ideas.

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.

CHICAGO ALTERNATIVE POLICING STRATEGY (CAPS) - On the 4th Tuesday of every other month beginning January 25, 2005, the 18th District Beat Officers for 1824 meet with interested neighborhood residents to discuss any issues the others may have. Topics include crime, aggressive street people, serious parking issues, motorcycle noise, safety tips, statistical reports, and the support your GCN Association gives.

Meetings are held at the Ambassador East Hotel, second floor, chaired for the 10th year by our Mario Stefanini. Please come and express views.

Dues for 12 months ending December 31, 2005

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

MEMBER CATEGORIES

Neighbor..... \$25.00
 Building Association..... \$40.00
 General Fund Contribution..... \$ _____

Please send this form and your TAX DEDUCTIBLE check payable to:

Gold Coast Neighbors or GCN P.O. BOX 11579 Chicago, IL 60611

GOLD COAST NEIGHBORS MISSION - Our mission is to protect and enhance the heritage of our historic area for the benefit of the neighbors, the City of Chicago at large and for all those who visit our lakefront and parkways. We accomplish this by educating neighbors about our history, providing information on current matters of importance, serving as a public voice, contributing to area beautification and sponsoring forums to exchange ideas. We are an all-volunteer organization and we do these things because we are passionate about our unique neighborhood.

43rd WARD ROUNDTABLE - Mayor Richard M. Daley was the guest of honor at Alderman Vi Daley's recent 43rd Ward roundtable. The Mayor attended the breakfast with community leaders in-

cluding, Abby Zonarini and Chris Ryan from GCN. Topics included safety and crime, zoning, schools, technology, taxes, parks, retail issues, beautification, infrastructure projects, the arts and historic preservation. Thank you to the Mayor for participating and to Alderman Daley for hosting.

CALENDAR

April 29th Echoes Reception
Sept. 7th Evening on Astor Party, rain date 9-8
Oct. 17th Annual Meeting, Ambassador East
Dec. 3rd NDA's Joy of Toys at Mario's

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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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