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ECHOES 2004 - Join your friends and neighbors at the Ninth Annual Echoes Champagne Reception at Maxim's / The Nancy Goldberg International Center, 24 East Goethe. The party, "April in Paris," will run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 30 and will feature champagne, wines, hors d'oeuvres and music by pianist Mark Burnell. Many fine specialty items, donated by your

favorite boutiques, service providers and area restaurants, will be offered for bid in the silent auction. The ticket price is \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door. Chair Sally Novak says "Join us at Maxim's, a legendary place, for a really fun party". New and prospective members are especially welcome! For more information, please call Sally at 312-642-2887.

We Invite You To

"Echoes"

A Champagne Reception At

Maxim's

Friday, April 30, 2004

5:30 PM To 8:30 PM

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WEB - NSA is in the process of creating an internet site. We will report crime statistics and their locations in our area, post architectural tour date/time information, list our beautification addresses, post position statements on neighborhood issues, report on our fundraisers, etc. If you would like to help, please email us. If you have particular subjects you would like to see on our pages, please drop a note.

EMAIL ADDRESS - Rather than that long, long, long name, please use NSALSDA@aol.com. We will be sure to pass any emails on to our President or the appropriate committee chair.

NEW NAME SUGGESTION - Some members have inquired whether the Association could change its name to better reflect our total neighborhood and to just simplify it. Please email, write, or call with any new name suggestions. It may also just be we should continue with what we have, feature NSALSDA so as not to confuse people.

WE NEED HELP FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - If anyone can help us find and use a computerized mailing list for our area, it would be of great help. We have almost 1,000 family memberships now, and our goal is to dramatically increase that list.

LATIN SCHOOL - We believe a reasonable compromise was reached between Latin and its neighbors. The school is an important part of our neighborhood and it was good to be able to work together on the traffic and the new building height issues.

HALLOWEEN PARTY - Several parks in the City "dress up" and have entertainment for neighborhood children at Halloween. Would you like to see us do that with Goudy Park? Can you help plan it? Please write or call!

CAPS - Our 18th District police continues to meet with interested neighbors every 2 months to discuss any problem a neighbor wishes to bring up. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of March, May, July, September and November. They are at the Ambassador East, second floor, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M., chaired by Mario Stefanini. Please attend if you have concerns.

NSALSDA BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS - We like to recognize neighbors who have helped make our neighborhood the prettiest in Chicago. Chairperson Karen Kammer and Abby D. Zonarini have selected the following addresses:

State:	1247, 1340, 1411, 1435, 1445
Astor:	1224, 1310, 1312, 1431
E. Banks:	25
E. Division:	43, 45, 47
E. Elm:	33, 53
E. Scott:	32
E. Schiller:	38, 40, 42
W. Burton:	3
E. LSD:	179, 189
N. LSD:	1350, 1360, 1400, 1420

They also recognized Hugo's Frog Bar/Gibsons, The Corner Bakery, and Biggs.

EDUCATION AND HISTORY COMMITTEE - There is a tremendous amount of heritage in our neighborhood. Your Board would like to investigate, through the Chicago Historical Society and the Architectural Society, interesting facts to feature in our newsletters, for special events such as Echoes, and possibly use the material as part of a "new neighbor" package.

We would write about the history of how our streets were named, feature the important structures in our area, pass along interesting stories about our founding neighbors (not current, we leave that to others), and what city services support us, e.g. Streets and Sanitation, Park District (for Goudy), our 1824 Police Beat, and the firemen based at Larrabee/Division. Would you like to volunteer to help? Please call or write.

COMMUNICATIONS / PR - Your Board believes we must show all our neighbors, not just members, who we are and to feature the neighborhood's heritage. It would be wonderful if you could assist Chairman, Mary Myers. Please call her at 474-1940.

OUTREACH - As you may know, we make a special financial effort to support activities and people key to our neighborhood. If you have any ideas where we could be helpful, please email or write us.

TAX RELIEF BILL - Currently in Springfield there is a bill before the Illinois Senate, Senate Bill 1498, the Neighborhood Preservation Homeowner Exemption. This bill ensures that the taxable value of a home cannot increase by more than 7% per year, giving homeowners the ability to anticipate and plan for their property tax bills. Mayor Richard M. Daley supports this bill, originally proposed by Cook County Assessor James Houlihan. It passed out of the Illinois General Assembly, where our State Representative Sara Feigenholtz voted for it. Your Association urges you to contact Senator Emil Jones and Governor Rod Blagojevich to express your support for capping property tax assessments.

The Honorable Emil Jones, President of the Senate
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Governor Rod Blagojevich
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EVENING ON ASTOR - Tom Gariti, Chair and Susan Matyus, ad and raffle director, solicit your ideas on how to make the September 8th event even better. Call!

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.

NEW DIRECTORS - We are looking for new directors who are really interested in our neighborhood and its activities. There are 6 evening meetings per year which are no more than 90 minutes each. Please call our Nominating Committee Chairperson, Susan Matyus, 312-474-1940, if you would like to discuss being considered.

NNPC - The Near North Preservation Coalition, Tom Begel, President, is in the midst of a key \$600,000 fundraising drive to help protect our neighborhood from overdevelopment. We hope you share the interest in, if not passion for, our very special neighborhood. Monies are needed from brownstones, renters, condo/coop boards and owners. NNPC needs your financial support. Checks should be made payable to NNPC and sent to 980 North Michigan, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611.

SAD NEWS - Our long time friend and past director David Landman died in February after a 12 year fight with Parkinson's disease. In addition to wise counsel on all aspects of the Association's efforts, David had long served as final editor of this newsletter, ensuring that the articles and information were clear and logical.

His loves were his family, the art of writing, our neighborhood, and WFMT. As we move into 2004, we will all miss David's keen wit, his kindness, and his humanity. The Directors and Membership extend our condolences to his wife Hedy.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED

NSALSDA	
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	Dues for the year ending April, 2005
Owner Condo, Co-op or Home	\$25.00
Renter/Tenant	\$15.00
Building Association	\$40.00
General Fund Contribution	\$ _____
Name _____	
Address _____	
<u>Please send this form and check made payable to:</u>	
NSALSDA	
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.

April 30th Echoes Reception at Maxim's
Sept. 8th Evening on Astor Party, rain date 9-9
Oct. 20th Annual Meeting, Ambassador East

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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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