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~ DAYS GONE BY ~

Please 'save this date', **Wednesday, June 4, from 6:00-9:00PM**, for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the extensive private collection of rare antique automobiles owned by Gold Coast neighbor, Richard Driehaus.

The 1948 "Tucker Torpedo" featured on the invitation is the 8<sup>th</sup> car of only 51 produced and was an advanced automobile conceived by Preston Tucker and briefly manufactured in Chicago. Guests will also have the chance to view a 1927 Pierce Arrow, a 1966 Chevy Corvette 427 as well as cars from the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's, all under one roof in an art deco setting located at 700 S. Des Plaines Street in Chicago.

Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres provided by the generous donations of *Blue Plate Catering, Diamond Bank, Lodge Management Group and The House of Glunz*. **Price for the event is \$125.00**, and reservations will be held at the door. Street and valet parking will be available. You may reserve by major credit card at [www.goldcoastneighbors.org](http://www.goldcoastneighbors.org). Prepaid reservations must be received by May 21, 2008.



1948 Tucker Torpedo

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The Wooden Alley

At a meeting hosted by Gold Coast Neighbors regarding the 'Wooden Alley' behind the Cardinal's Mansion, a novel idea was delivered to many concerned about the future of the historic area located between Astor Street and State Parkway. The meeting was attended by GCN Board Members, area residents, an official from the Chicago Department of Transportation, Archdiocese of Chicago Construction and Facilities Manager Lynne Allen and Russell Lewis from the Chicago History Museum. "The past is always confronting the future," Mr. Lewis stated. "I applaud all the efforts to preserve this alley. The City of Chicago is the ultimate artifact and this wooden alley is a great artifact in our city."

While 43<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman Vi Daley is committed to funding \$160,000 for the East end of the alley restoration, more funding is trying to be allocated to save the West end in a full preservation effort. The idea of a "left-right" one-way alley was proposed to limit traffic on the future wooden alley way. This solution would offer a one way exit from the alley out to State Parkway and a one-way out the opposite side to Astor St. This proposal would in no way limit access for emergency vehicles or close off access to Chicago's Streets and Sanitation Department, which were major concerns for area residents. Being part of Chicago's Green Alley Program is an added bonus of this preservation effort, supported in full by GCN.



Sean Hunter and Friends

**'SADDLE OR CYCLE TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN'**

'Saddle Up' or 'Cycle Over' for the **Gold Coast Neighbors** and **Doggy Au Pair** fundraiser to "Keep Our Neighborhood Clean" at one of Chicago's finest indoor/outdoor venues, the **Saddle and Cycle Club** on **Thursday, May 8.**

Join our combined effort in this inaugural event on an expected beautiful evening at the **Saddle and Cycle Club**, 900 W. Foster Ave. (Foster and the lakefront), from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include wine, hors d'oeuvres and music. Reservations will be held at the door and parking is complimentary.

While "Keep Our Neighborhood Clean" is the buzz word for this inaugural event; **GCN** and **Doggy Au Pair** are committed to raise funds to purchase biodegradable, disposable doggy litter bags. **GCN** has been supplying doggy litter bags in nine green dispensers throughout the Gold Coast for the past three years. Several area dog owners, **Doggy Au Pair** and **GCN** are working together to organize this event to raise funds to purchase the doggy disposal bags. **GCN** estimates we have provided 100,000 bags per year and we heartily endorse this event to help defray the costs for funding the doggy bags project.

Our May 8th Event

Calendar of Events

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008** - "Keep our Neighborhood Clean" Doggy event at Saddle/Cycle Club

**Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008** - Driehaus Antique Car Museum event

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008** - 26<sup>th</sup> Annual "Evening on Astor" block party

**Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008** - GCN Annual Meeting

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008** - 'Joy of Toys' event at Mario's

Nancy Goldberg International Center ~ Maxim's

**G**old Coast residents and visitors alike should take time to visit the Nancy Goldberg International Center, which is owned by the City of Chicago and is more affectionately know by those "in the know" as Maxim's. Maxim's, located at 24 E. Goethe in the Astor Towers, is an international meeting and hospitality center in an elegantly appointed nouveau facility administered by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

This remarkable treasure throbbing in the heart of the Gold Coast is available for private events like weddings, receptions, meetings and parties. Gold Coast Neighbors know this impressive venue from attending the GCN Annual Meeting in October, scheduled this year on 10.20.2008. The Department of Cultural Affairs also sponsors programs open to the public focused on opera, cabaret, poetry, jazz and more contemporary presentations.

Maxim's very popular monthly program, Conversations With Extraordinary People, hosted by legendary Chicagoan Rick Kogan, can be enjoyed for the small ticket price of \$25.00. Mr. Kogan hosts intimate discussions with best-selling authors, TV and radio personalities and other instrumental Chicagoans. The "Play on Cabaret" program is a wonderful musical tribute to great Broadway stars and legends.

Opened in 1963, Maxim's was a replica — in both looks and cuisine — of the famous Parisian restaurant, which still operates as Maxim's de Paris. Like the original, Maxim's recreates the opulence of art nouveau. Every inch of the Paris original designed by Maurice Carrere has been duplicated; from the famed art nouveau scroll work and plush red banquettes to the glistening inlays of brass, stained glass and rich mahogany tones. A dramatic entrance down a spiral stairway opens to a marbled foyer.

For more information please contact Maxim's Events Manager Allen Nichols at [anichols@cityofchicago.org](mailto:anichols@cityofchicago.org), or Project Administrator Bradford E. Thacker at [Bradford.Thacker@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Bradford.Thacker@cityofchicago.org). Contact either Allen or Bradford to be put on the Maxim's email list, mailing list or visit the GCN website for a list of future events.



An Evening at Maxim's