

SUMMER 2004 NEWSLETTER

This year's "Evening on Astor" is our 22nd annual block party and fundraiser. It's a great way to meet friends and neighbors. Please save the date date, September 8th, and spread the word.

Tom Gariti is our great Chairperson. We hope you will support your association by attending and contributing financially.

ALSO, WE WILL HAVE A MAJOR SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT !

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Abby Didrickson Zanarini

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OTHER DIRECTORS

Ed Baran

Margaret Boyle

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Tom Gariti

Karen Herman

Russell Iacono

Carol Johnson

Karen Kammer

Peggy Kasza

Bill Ketchum

Jim Kinoshita

Gay Leffel

Carl Madda

Susan Matyus

Mary Beth Meyer

Sally Novak

Maureen O'Brien

Rosie O'Neill

Pam Passis

Chris Ryan

Mary Clare Starshak

John Stassen

Mario Stefanini

Tom Thilman

Dianne Zaubi

"Evening on Astor"

Wednesday, September 8th (Rain Date 9-9)

5:30—8:30 PM

On Astor, Between Banks and Goethe

Music by Michael Lerich Orchestra

*Food by Mario's Ristorante and
Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks by Lodge Management
Announcer Leslie Hindman*

Free Admission, Free Children's Games

Dancing, Ice Cream, Fun, Clown Magic Shows

Food Coupon/Raffle Book \$20.00

A Surprise Announcement

NO PETS PLEASE

We would appreciate your financial participation. Entertainment and admission are free. Please become an "Angel", "Benefactor", or "Good Neighbor" by returning the coupon below with a check by August 9th. Your name will be listed in the evening's program brochure.

I would love to donate: _____

(Name to be printed in program)

Angel — \$200

Benefactor—\$100

Good Neighbor—\$50

Please make (Tax-deductible) check payable to:

NSA or The North State, Astor, Lake Shore Drive Association
Post Office Box 11579
Chicago, IL 60611

YOUR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE HEADS:

Annual Meeting	Rosie O'Neill
Beautification	Karen Herman
By-Laws	Mary Clare Starshak
Echoes	Sally Novak
Evening on Astor	Tom Gariti
History/Education	TBD
Membership/Newsletter	Bill Staples
Nominating	Susan Matyus
Outreach	Carol Johnson
Police and Streets	Mario Stefanini
Public Relations	Mary Myers
Zoning & Taxes	Mike Daley

CAPS (Chicago Alternative Police Strategy): Join Mario Stefanini (Mario's Gold Coast Ristorante) as he leads the CAPS meeting with the 1824 beat officers of the 18th District about concerns you have. The next CAPS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 P.M. at the Omni Ambassador East Hotel.

NEW DIRECTORS: In response to our request for people who have neighborhood interest and new ideas to become directors, we have elected nine new ones. We welcome:

Ed Baran One East Schiller	Pam Passis 100 East Bellevue	John Stassen 1310 North Astor
Margaret Boyle 1359 North Astor	Jim Kinoshita 1540 North LSD	Tom Thilman 1320 North State
Bill Ketchum 1411 North State	Carl Madda 1448 North LSD	Dianne Zaubi One East Scott

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the NSALS Association will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, October 18, at the Ambassador East Hotel. All members of the Association, as well as prospective members, are invited to attend. Mark calendars!

The meeting will feature a full review of the association's activities for the past year. Both Alderman Vi Daley and Burt Natarus will be invited to make remarks.

Also, we will have an update on the progress of The Near North Preservation Coalition's legal efforts to protect the area's zoning.

Susan Matyus, nominating committee chairman, will present the slate of directors for the coming year.

ECHOES RAISES OVER \$14,000: Chair Sally Novak reports more than 140 people attended Echoes, the annual spring benefit party held April 30th at Maxim's. Members and friends sipped champagne and fine wines, feasted on hors d'oeuvres, and enjoyed the music of Mark Burnell. They also bid generously on an array of silent auction items. Proceeds help fund NSALS's support of neighborhood, beautification and education efforts.

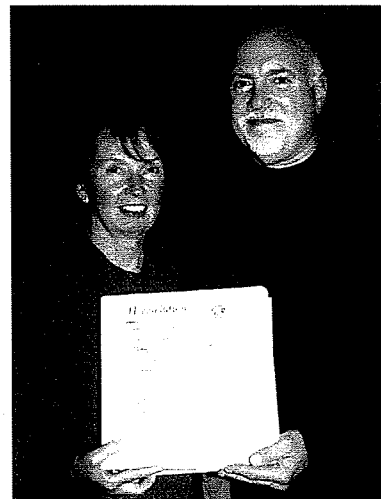


Sally Novak (left), chairman of the 9th annual Echoes Benefit, and Andree Shields.



The planning committee for the Echoes Benefit.

AWARD: At Echoes Alderman Vi Daley presented a great City Council of Chicago proclamation to Mario Stefanini. We want to share that with our membership via the insert in this newsletter.



Alderman Vi Daley presents the Chicago City Council resolution to Mario Stefanini.

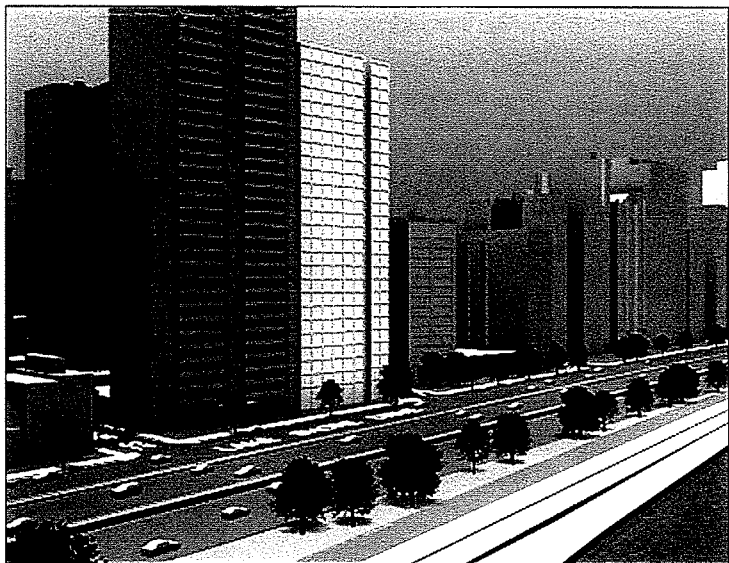
WEB PAGE: We will be announcing in late August / early September the address and the content of our new web page. Our goal will be to better educate our members about the history of our Gold Coast area as well as the 47 year history of the Association. The site also will have a calendar of neighborhood events, discuss community issues, have neighborhood photos, etc. We hope you will like it.

NEAR NORTH PRESERVATION COALITION: On June 23, 310 people gathered at The Chicago Historical Society to hear Aldermen Daley and Natarus discuss the new Zoning Ordinance. It is complicated and we will later this year have a special section about it in the newsletter and on our new Web page.

Burt Natarus also gave an update on the SE Corner of State/Division. In essence the courts should give a clear title by the end of July to a new owner who will finish the building. He has contingent leases now from a major bank and a health spa.

The Near North Preservation Coalition (NNPC) gave an update of the issues re a possible Draper and Kramer 300 foot hi-rise at Banks/LSD. The City has offered a compromise which is still too big for many in the neighborhood. Absent D&K agreeing with the neighbors, the Court fights will continue. Please be generous with your financial support to NNPC, 980 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1000, Chgo, IL 60610.

City Proposal	
North Bldg.	- 175' High; 17 Stories
South Bldg.	- 102' High; 9 Stories
3 Townhouses	- 40' High; 3 Stories
	44 Units
	66 Cars
	6.08 FAR
Draper and Kramer Proposal	
Tower	- 303' High; 26 Stories
	100 Units
	180 Cars
	14.80 FAR



Draper and Kramer Proposal

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 and ***IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED ..*** ✂

NSALSDA	
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	Dues for the year ending August, 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 three educational newsletters yearly, dialogue with the Aldermen, with the 18th district police, and with Division Street merchants about concerns our neighbors have, and monitoring residential and commercial zoning. 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.

We also have a Outreach Committee to help others and a newly formed History/Education Committee to educate neighbors about our area and The Association.

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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