

Report to the Board 20230911 from the Social Commission

The Social Commission hosted the beginning of a celebration of our building's 50th anniversary with an opening event on Friday, September 8, 5:30-8:00 pm in the Low Tower Mailbox Lobby Lounge, including the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, the opening of a lobby exhibit, the start of access to our online Living History Project of video interviews of long-time residents, an announcement of the completion of the TowerTalk Archives, a reception and a few surprises. Special speaker for the evening was Michael Parrie, President of our Board of Directors.

About 180 neighbors tremendously enjoyed discovering many interesting things about our building and each other. The chocolate bar souvenirs with our 50th anniversary logo were a hit. Further information about how to access the Living History Project of videoed interviews, the Tower Talk Archive, a video of the featured speech and photos from the evening will be published soon. We are at work on digitizing the items in the Lobby Display and will make that available as well. Borrowed and fragile parts of the Lobby Exhibition will be on display again at our next event on October 8th. The remainder of the exhibit is on exhibit for a month.

Like everything else that is accomplished in life, it takes a lot of energy, communication, cooperation and dedication on the part of a lot of people. That is very true of last Friday's event. There are the heavy lifters and there are those that are not able to do as much but without whose help it wouldn't have happened. There are a lot of thanks to go around –

Tim Patricio and our Management Team for consultation, suggestions, publicity, advice, support and for corporate fundraising

Patrik Janic and our Maintenance Staff for consultation, suggestions, preparations for the plaque and lobby exhibition, for making the space for the party so beautiful and for corporate fundraising

For the Living History Project, the Interviewers, Videographer and Interviewees – Bob Shamo, Monique Fouant, Steve Weiss, Betty Terry-Lundy and Sherman Lundy, Robert Pierce, Phoebe Helm, Paul Goeringer, Bea Stieber, Jay Stieber and Lettuce Entertain You, Catherine Kestler and Dan Johnston, Louella Krueger Ward, Carlos Vargos, Vince DiFruscio and Neil Averick

For the Lobby Exhibit Exhibitors, Researchers and Curator – Betty Terry-Lundy, Joy Muench, Tim Patricio, Mike Magliane, Charlotte Lytle, Carlos Vargas, Paul Groeninger, Erik Butka and the Home Improvement Commission for their collaboration, advice, approval of the commemorative plaque

Dan Valentine and especially Bob Shamo

Michael Parrie for speaking

Rita Allison for creating the veil for the plaque

Catherine Kestler for photographing the party
Steve Weiss for making a video of the speeches
John Thorne for loan of his music stand to use as a podium
Chris Muscia and Greg Nigosian for early planning

We want to recognize and thank our corporate sponsors –

Chicago Flooring
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Kroeschel Engineering
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Astound Broadband
Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises
Anna Held for our floral display
Shruti Kumar and Habitat for its design work, especially our 50th anniversary logo

We want to thank our Volunteers for the reception–

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Marty Fiesler
Monique Fouant
Terry Gorman
Joe Guzzardo
Jim Jardine
Charlotte Lytle
Richard Rouse
Bob Shamo
Jean Shamo
Laela Skaer
Steve Weiss

The closing event will be on Sunday, October 8, in the afternoon, in the Party Room and will include our featured speaker, Tim Patricio, General Manager of Park Tower Condominium, who has intimately observed our building with an insider's view for almost a third of its life. There will also be a reception with a few surprises and special items.

Our next commission meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26th, at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Watch our bulletin boards and Tim's *Weekly News & Updates* for further information and please join our email list. Write to us at ptcasocial@rcn.com and tell us that you'd like to be put on the list. Or see me after tonight's meeting.

Sincerely submitted,
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