The Board of 1500 and the Hospitality Committee invite you to attend 1500’s annual Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in The 1500 Room. Scandia Catering will again provide delicious hot and cold hors d’oeuvres and wine, cocktails, and soft drinks will be served. You are encouraged to let Naina (256-4900) know by Dec. 12 if you plan to attend and also if you have to cancel your reservation.

This party has long been a 1500 favorite because it gives all of us an opportunity to greet the season with friends and neighbors in the building. We will look forward to seeing you all on December 17th!

Recycling Revisited

As promised, here are the recycling centers for electronic and related items:

The following items can be taken to the Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Ave.

- Batteries
- Calculators
- Cameras
- Cell phones
- GPS devices
- Modems
- Printer cartridges
- Any item with electronic capability

Hours are as follows:
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Wed: 7:30 am-2:00 pm

Starting January 1, 2012, Illinois landfills will no longer accept items such as computers, TVs, DVD players, printers, computer peripherals such as keyboards, mice, etc. Veolia will no longer pick up such items.

These larger electronic items can be taken to:

The Winnetka Refuse Center, 1390 Willow Rd. Winnetka

Hours are as follows:

Tues.: 10:00 am - 12noon,
Thurs.: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Discarded holiday lights and extension cords will be accepted by the Wilmette Public Works, 711 Laramie Ave.

Holiday greens, trees and wreaths are discarded with regular building refuse.

Board Report

The building suffered a short blackout on November 11. At this point we do not know the cause of the blackout, but we do know that the blackout was at least Village wide, lasted about 15 minutes and that nothing bad happened in or to our building as a result.

The façade study has begun. Work on the study can only be conducted when it is not windy, and it is safe to be on the scaffolding. A report is not expected until early next year.

Renovation of the KL elevator is almost complete and is ahead of schedule. Target date for completion is mid December. The next elevator to be renovated is the GH elevator.

Risers (plumbing pipes) to the kitchen areas in the AB tier have been replaced to the 7th floor.

Martin Birnbaum

December Calendar

- Film Club 12/7 7:30 pm
- Opera Club 12/14 7:30 pm
- Holiday Party 12/17 5:00 pm
- New Year’s Event 12/31 5:00 pm
- Knitting Thursdays 3-5
- Yoga Mondays 9-10, Fridays 8-9

There is no Board Meeting or Cocktail Party scheduled for December. The next Board Meeting will be January 17.
Two Pluses for the Plaza

For Joe Moss, owner of the Plaza del Lago, Santa Claus arrived in November. He brought the news that both CVS Pharmacy and the Wilmette/Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce will be moving into the Plaza. The Chamber opens its doors in the Arcade – down the hall from the beauty salon and the Dental offices – Dec. 1, and CVS hopes to be in open for business by next October.

The pharmacy will move into the building formerly occupied by Crate & Barrel; it will fill the first floor of that space – 12,700 sq. ft. It is not known at this time what will be done with the second floor.

The good news came to Moss when the Wilmette Village Board approved a zoning variation to allow CVS to have a drive-through for dropping off and picking up prescriptions. As mentioned in a previous issue of Focus, the window will be located where the mailbox and library drop-box are now situated. This entrance to the Plaza will be one-way in.

The Wilmette-Kenilworth Chamber, long a tenant of the Baker Building on Wilmette Avenue, said the move to the Plaza’s Arcade was necessitated by its growth. Spokesmen added that the new quarters feature a large, bright conference room, several private offices, and very suitable reception area. The Chamber plans to provide additional services to members and to host larger community events.

Local Programs of Interest

Wilmette Library
One event that may interest homeowners is the Technology Fair scheduled for Dec. 3 from 11 to 3:30. Library staff and Best Buy representatives will demonstrate Kindles, iPads and eReaders for those interested. For a complete calendar please see www.wilmettelibrary.info/calendar.

Northwestern Univ. Contin. Education
The winter schedule (Jan 3-March 8) for continuing education at NU Norris Center includes:
- Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am “Arab Spring Revolutions”
- Tuesday 12:45-2:45 pm Beethoven
- Thursday 9:30-11:30 am Dickens’s Bleak House
- Thursday 12:45-2:45 pm Shakespeare
For more information go to nualumnae.org

Opera and Film Clubs
December’s film will be The Fabulous Baker Boys (1989) starring Jeff Bridges, Michelle Pfeiffer and Beau Bridges. Milt Engel will host. Please note that the date will be December 7, the first Wednesday. It is the story of Jack and Frank Baker, who have been playing lounges as a piano duo for many years but decide they now need a female vocalist to keep the act going. They are lucky to come across Susie Diamond, who can really put a song over, and the act takes off. But when the relation between Susie and Jack - younger, less committed, but more talented than Frank - briefly becomes more than professional, tensions surface between all three. The Opera Club will meet on the second Wednesday this month, Dec. 14 at 7:30 to view the first act of the Royal Opera presentation of Die Fledermaus. This features a tribute to Joan Sutherland on her retirement and includes performances by Luciano Pavarotti and Marilyn Horne.

Important information
Recently there was a situation in the building where someone became disabled, and, unfortunately, the problem was not discovered until considerable time had passed. It is hoped that everyone has some neighbor, friend or family member with whom he has or can set up a “buddy” system, so that a problem can be addressed quickly.

If your “buddy” does not live in the building, he can call the front desk at 847-256-0075. The doorman on duty can go to, but not enter, your apartment. If he cannot get a response, he will call the buddy who will make the decision to call 911. It is also important to inform office and “buddy” when you are out of town, even for a short period.

New Year’s Eve Party
Last year several homeowners attended the New Year’s Dinner at Gio’s Restaurant in Evanston, then attended the Light Opera presentation at Cahn Auditorium followed by midnight celebration in The 1500 Room. A similar evening is planned for this year. Event details will follow shortly.

Who Knew?
Which of the following was not invented in Wilmette?
- a. White-out correction fluid
- b. Christmas tree bubble lights
- c. Girl Scout cookies
Answer below

Reminder
It is the policy of the building that individuals not distribute holiday gratuities to the staff and service providers. These gratuities are provided by the Board.

Who Knew answer is “a”. Bubble lights were invented by resident Carl Otis in the 1950’s. Girl Scout Cookies were 1st made at Wilson’s Bakery in the 1930’s.

Thank you
The family of Barbara and Leonard Worsek, 9 CD, wish to thank all who allowed the use of their outdoor parking space on Sunday, November 20 for the family and friends who gathered in memory of her brother. Your kindness was very much appreciated.