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#### **NEW TENANTS**

### Brad Simon and Katrine Altma Simon



336 CPW is pleased to welcome Brad Simon and Katrine Altman Simon who moved into Apt #4-B. Brad is the Founding Partner of Simon & Partners LLP, a twelve attorney New York based law firm with additional offices in Washington D.C., Paris, and most recently London. Prior to founding Simon & Partners in 1998, he was a federal prosecutor for twelve years, first as a Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington D.C. and subsequently as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

Katrine is a French attorney and a member of the Paris Bar. She divides her time between Paris and New York and the couple maintains an apartment in Neuilly Sur Seine. They previously lived on E. 61st St. but are very excited about being in this neighborhood. Their son Simon, 12, is an avid tennis player and has been playing at the Central Park Tennis Courts since he was 6.

#### AROUND THE BUILDING...

Congratulations to **David Bither (8B)** and all his Nonesuch artists and colleagues who were presented with Grammy Awards at the 55th Annual Grammy Awards, held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on February 10: The Black Keys, Dan Auerbach, Dr. John, Pat Metheny, and Björk. Together, these artists earned a total of seven awards. The Black Keys' latest album, El Camino, brought the band three Grammy awards: the album was named Best Rock Album; its lead single, "Lonely Boy," earned the awards for Best Rock Performance and Best Rock Song.



SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Shareholders Meeting** 

Thursday, May 2, at 7 PM

Alexander Robertson School at 95th St. & CPW

**336 APARTMENTS FOR SALE** 



#### PRESIDENT'S POTPOURRI

Dear 336 CPW Friends and Neighbors,

We are into March and sailing toward early spring - we hope. Once again, the building has withstood a major storm - the mini-blizzard of February 8-9 - and there does not appear to be any leakage or other breach of the outer skin. The house would appear to be in a good and healthy state - I say with a healthy respect for the unknown, unforeseen and unknowable.

Our oil-to-gas fuel conversion project is proceeding on pace. Con Edison is pretty much done with the work under Central Park West for our building and is now ready to install the distribution access from the main line to the northeast corner of the building. Combustion Engineering – our plumbing contractor with the mandate to do the internal piping and other construction in the basement – has laid out a 16-week schedule to complete the internal work and implement the changeover. If the gods are smiling on us, that would mean we would be burning gas by sometime in June.

We have had a very preliminary look at the financial result for 2012 and the financial condition of the co-op at year-end. They both appear to be quite good. Of course, we won't know the complete picture until the accountants have constructed the income statement and layered in the accrual basis entries dictated by GAAP, but right now it appears we managed to stay pretty much on budget for the year. That is good. As for our financial condition, the criterion we attend to most carefully is cash on hand. That number exceeded \$500,000 at 2012 year-end, which is roughly where it was at 2011

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#### STAFF PROFILE

## **Edwin Torres**

Edwin Torres started working at 336 CPW in 2009. He grew up one of three boys in the small town of Kearny, New Jersey, where he's been longtime friends with Martin Ochoa (if that name's familiar, it ought to be: Martin is the son of 336 Superintendent Sergio Ochoa and his wife, Claudia). His family is still in Kearny--and so is Max, Edwin's beloved Siberian Husky whom he sees on his days off. Edwin loves to work out at the gym and enjoys biking. He's excited about the prospect of someday traveling around Europe — by bike! His true passion, though, is music. He aspires to be a singer/songwriter, and he plays guitar (he loves acoustical guitar) and writes songs in all his spare time. He's made some demos, which he's posted on Facebook, and he's soon to be recording a few of his songs in a studio for an EP, which he hopes will open some doors for him in the music business.



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year-end. This is especially satisfying when one considers the capital investment and heavy building repairs we have had to make in the past couple of years. And, equally satisfying, if you make a physical inspection of the building, I think you will see it is in excellent repair and that we do not have any major planned maintenance projects facing us.

We have a new account representative working with us from Orsid. His name is John Devall. He has now attended two board meetings and is becoming better and better acquainted with Sergio, Orlando, the staff and the board. I hope that some of you have already had the chance to meet him. His email address and telephone number now appear on the list of official phone numbers in this Newsletter. I think we have an excellent, collaborative and well-integrated team caring for the building, the residents and their interests. That means the Board, the managing agent and its team, including John Devall in particular, Sergio, Orlando and the building staff. I think you will find the Board shares that opinion, and I hope that the residents will grow into that view if they don't already hold it.

With great apprehension and trepidation, I feel compelled to mention the proposed Columbia Grammar & Prep School middle school construction project. As you read this, there will have been a second meeting of a committee of Community Board #7 on the subject, and that Board will be moving toward a projected decision on April 3. Although there has been some discussion of the matter in our building, it is my sense that there is more concern, organization and activity at 333 CPW, 327 CPW and in some of the row houses on 93rd and 92nd Street. Our Board, however, will continue to monitor the situation and maintain an open communication line with the interested neighbors and with the School.

The laundry room upgrade is proceeding according to plan. The old vendor and the new vendor are coordinating with Orsid to organize the transition, which will likely take place either at the beginning of March or the beginning of April. There will probably be a shut-down of the laundry room for about a week when that transition is ready to be implemented. And please remember not to overfill your payment cards as you will not be able to transfer the value remaining on an old card to the new card.

Please mark your calendars for the 336 CPW annual meeting of shareholders which is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, at 7 PM. As we have done in the past, we will be making every effort to achieve a 90 plus percent shareholder attendance at the meeting, so please try to set that evening aside for the meeting.

On that business note, let me wish you best regards and a Happy Spring.

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## 336 CPW Holiday Party Pics

Thursday, December 20, at 6 PM









