

FOCUS 77

A Prime Group Realty Trust newsletter for and about the tenants of 77 West Wacker Drive, Chicago

We're So Proud of Our Accomplishment, Let's Advertise It!

PERHAPS you have seen the ad shown here. You may have, up on a billboard, if you were speeding (or crawling) east on the Stevenson Expressway (I-55) near the Cicero Avenue exit.

In addition, this ad and another one, appeared in *The Chicago Tribune* and *Crain's Chicago Business* on July 24th. Or perhaps you strolled a few blocks into River North and saw the ad seen in the photo on the back of this newsletter, on Hubbard between Dearborn and State.

And who are the gleeful trio in the ads? Look

closely. They are PGRT's staff from the 77 West Wacker Management Office – (from left) General Manager Myrna Coronado, Assistant Property Manager Jayme McGriffin and Administrative Assistant Shannon Brumund. The photos were taken at (Continued on back page)



Do you recognize anything familiar in this advertisement, which can be seen on a billboards as you drive on the Stevenson Expressway toward the city?



Children of McGuireWoods attorneys and staff visited 77 West Wacker Drive and downtown Chicago on Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day in late April.

Get to Know Your Corporate Neighbors

This tenant has signed a lease at 77 West Wacker: ■ **Lake Pointe Partners, LLC** (Suite 3220) is a boutique consulting firm dedicated to providing profit enhancement, corporate renewal and turnaround consulting services to underperforming companies. Their staff comprises multidisciplinary business professionals with extensive backgrounds in operations, sales and marketing, engineering, finance, accounting and banking.

This tenant has renewed its lease at 77 West Wacker: ■ **The Chambers (48th Floor Corporation)** (Suite 4800) is a shared office suite of attorneys. Twenty firms occupy the space, ranging in size from one to ten lawyers and mainly in the commercial and business litigation sphere. Many of the attorneys are formerly from major firms and have chosen to practice in a smaller environment, along with younger lawyers who have chosen to work on their own.

We're So Proud of Our Accomplishment (continued)

(Continued from the front page) North Street Beach in June. What's most important isn't the ads but the program they tell people about. PGRT is part of a growing movement in the Chicago area to reduce air pollution by operating its buildings in the most environmentally friendly way possible.

As part of 77's participation in the Clean Air Counts program, Myrna Coronado explains, "We switched to low-VOC cleaning products and introduced high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) vacuums, which catch many fine particulates such as pollen, mold spores and dust. These efforts promote cleaner air and make clean-air strategies part of the day-to-day building management policy."

And the result? In just under a year, PGRT's green cleaning pilot program reduced the amount of volatile organic compounds by 12,965 pounds.

For information on the program, go to www.CleanAirCounts.org.



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A Treat to Start Your Summer Weekends

On Fridays at lunchtime throughout the summer, from the end of June through the end of August, Prime Group Realty Trust pulls out the popcorn cart and the lemonade pitchers and gives our tenants a treat to get a headstart on a good weekend. Here, Debbie Leszczynski of Greenberg Traurig, LLP (left) is all smiles with PGRT's Shannon Brumund and Jayme McGriffin.



The Chef Is In, With Longer Hours

THE KITCHEN at Stefani's Tuscany Café is now working with expanded hours. Since the spring, Tuscany is keeping the chef and his staff working until 7:30 p.m. (The kitchen used to close at 3 p.m.) Call the restaurants and order, then pick up an entree, as well as salads and desserts, as you leave 77 West Wacker for home. Once home, you can quickly heat your entree according to simple directions that finish the cooking for a fine, fresh dinner!

Meanwhile, in the Tuscany diningroom, table service, scaled down after mid-afternoon, does continue until 7:30, when the kitchen closes, with the bar usually closing for the evening around 8 p.m., as the clientele filters out.

Of course, Tuscany Café has catering as well. To contact them about their full line of catering, ask in the restaurant, or call 312.226.7611.



Serious at Work — A Laugh a Minute at Play

WHEN Jordan Margolis arrives at work, he enters a very serious world. Margolis is a personal injury attorney who, as he puts it, "has rented the delightfully colorful Suite 3200 since 1994 and practiced law for over a quarter century."

He explains, "The Margolis Firm is dedicated to enforcing plaintiffs' rights on behalf of accident and crime victims in serious personal injury matters such as wrongful death, medical mal-



practice, traumatic brain injury, products liability, auto/truck ac-

cidents, nursing home abuse or neglect, inadequate security, premises injuries, and workers' compensation."

When Margolis leaves work, he enters a very different world — a world of humor and laughter. Ten years ago, he founded JRC Purim Parody Productions, writing, producing and acting in full-length musical comedies for his congregation, the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation of Evanston. The productions bring to-

Attorney JORDAN MARGOLIS (center, seated) with his team — (from left) ORALIA VILLAGRANO, RAY LANG, MARISELA MARRUFO, TODD CARCELLI, CRISTINA ARRELANO, and CHARLES CANDIANO.

gether adults and kids in lavishly costumed extravaganzas with such titles as "Camelplotz," "Les Mishugenables," "Bally Chai" and "Little Schnapps for Schnorrers."

His half-dozen "Purim Shpiels" have, over the years, grown so grand in scale that they no longer fit his congregation's space and are now performed at larger Evanston venues. In addition, his scripts are available to other synagogues in exchange for a modest donation.

About 5 years ago, Margolis and his musical director, Jack Cooley, took their first comical steps beyond these "Shpiels." The re-

sult, completed in 2001, is "Shoes, an Original Comical Musical," set in a hospital elevator. The seven characters include a surgeon, a clown, a homeless man, a rich widow who owns a cookie factory, a bike messenger, a lawyer and her father, who happens to be a wheel-chair-bound personal injury attorney.

Big things have been happen-



Jordan Margolis (in black) in "Camelplotz"

the structure from three acts to two, reduced costume and scene changes, increased dramatic tension, strengthened character arcing, and modified the comic elements."

If that is not enough, in 2005, Jordan Margolis completed *The Misad-*

ventures of Excuseman, his first humorous novel, centered on a superhero of his creation. He is currently working on its publication.

To learn more about the many facets of Jordan Margolis, go to his website, which is appropriately called www.jordanmargolis.com.



Margolis and actors at the "Shoes" workshop.

ing for "Shoes" in recent months. A workshop was held in May at the Theatre Building Chicago, at Belmont and Racine. Among those attending was the owner of The Acorn Theatre in Three Oaks, Michigan, which is now likely to stage the play this fall. "I used the workshop to fine tune the play, based on audience feedback and my perceptions," said Margolis. "As a result, I changed



Newly Attired!

Earlier this year, Prime Group Realty Trust gave its building staffs a wardrobe update. The Engineers (including Steve Stahulick, at right) each got new light blue shirts emblazoned with "77 West Wacker," along with navy blue trousers. The Day Cleaning staff got similarly outfitted, but with bright white monogrammed shirts (as Edder Nava models). Finally, our Security Officers (shown here are Jackie Phillips, Chuck Goyer and Joel Gonzalez) was attired in new, smartly designed navy blue suits, accessorized by three different patterns of ties to fit the season and occasion, in styles for men and women.



Chicago's New Non-Smoking Ordinance

On January 16th of this year, a new city law, the "Chicago Clean Air Ordinance of 2005," adopted in December, went into effect. This law prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places and places of employment within the City of Chicago.

The one deferral in the law is that it won't go into effect for bars, taverns and restaurant bar areas until July 1, 2008. In restaurant bars, smoking is only permitted during this interim period within 15 feet of the bar.

In addition, smoking within

15 feet of any entrance to a place covered by the ordinance is also prohibited.

The Situation at 77

The ordinance changes little within the office suites of 77 West Wacker Drive. Smoking was already forbidden in all of the office suites and public spaces inside the building.

The building's restaurant — Tuscany Café — has a no-smoking policy in its restaurant, except for the 15-foot rule at the bar.

Stricter Enforcement

What has changed is that enforcement and fines are now stricter. A smoking fine can be as high as \$100. Plus, owners,

managers, operators and employees of any establishment governed by this ordinance must inform violators of the law. Failing to do so puts one in violation of the ordinance, with

penalties, after several infractions, reaching \$2,500, and a suspension of an operating permit or license.

More Power to Non-Smokers

Attention has mostly been paid to the requirements of the new law. Vehement non-smokers will be pleased to know the ordinance also grants them a power. It states: "Any citizen who desires to register a complaint under [the ordinance] may initiate enforcement with the Chicago Department of Public Health." Further, the law protects people exercising that right from retaliation.

What Is "Smoking"?

The term "smoking" is defined in the new ordinance as: "inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, weed, hookah or other lighted tobacco product in any manner or in any form."

