

Edgewater Beach Hotel



For generations of Chicagoans, nothing equaled the glamour of the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Chicago's famed hotel on the shores of Lake Michigan featured a private beach, outdoor dance floor, fine dining, golf, tennis, lavish floor shows and some of the nation's best big band music. Hollywood celebrities and sports stars stayed there, as did everyday people enjoying weddings, proms and vacations. Historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the history of the famous resort on the lake, from its construction in 1916 through its demise in 1967.