



Old West End Supper Club

By GERALYN BROCK

Now in its third month, The Old West End Supper Club is going strong. We just had our third monthly dinner party at the home of **Brent Archer and Ramona Olvera** on Sunday, March 24. It was a great time! Brent & Ramona eat a lot of seafood and that's what was featured. They made Tuna Tartare as an appetizer, Ceviche as a starter, a beautiful Arugula and Shaved Parmesan salad, and Ramona made a fabulous Harissa-seasoned salmon, with Brett's side dish of risotto, and roasted asparagus. A delicious Tiramisu was for dessert.

Our group is lively and fun, and lots of conversation and laughter could be heard from all over the house. Even Ziggy the Labradoodle had fun!

I would encourage all of you to join us. I joined because I love to cook and to entertain, and I love going to parties. This gives me a chance to not only meet people I haven't known yet, but to experience different cuisines and cultures. It has been a fun, educational and inspiring experience. The more the merrier. And don't fuss if you don't have matching china or enough room or don't know how to cook or don't feel "fancy" enough. Anything one offers in hospitality and friendship is appreciated and

Kudos to:

Tanasio Laudermill
for putting together a very successful OWENI Community Conversation meeting with neighbors and the Toledo Police Department on Mar. 19.

John Foley
for providing seed packets for sale, benefitting the ARJA. To purchase, and varieties being sold, contact John at: jfoley@buckeye-express.com



enjoyed. It is so nice to enjoy other interpretations of a dinner party. Do whatever you like... it will be loved and appreciated.

I just love seeing my squad at the monthly dinners. I can't wait until next month....Jeff Pettit is doing a 70s Fondue Party! I'm excited to sport my Mrs. Roper look in caftan and plastic jewelry!

If you are interested, please contact **Jennifer Hanson** at jalehanson@yahoo.com. We hope you will all join us for this amazing experience.

The View from the Sidewalk

by a walker

I read the WOVE column in the February issue and have a comment about the Bancroft - Scottwood crossing issue. We cross there often and found the three-way stop signs beneficial because of the usual speed of traffic there — although often drivers would barely stop, then cross Scottwood if there were pedestrians still close to the curb instead of waiting for them to cross Bancroft. If they remove the stop signs on Bancroft and think the speed-readers are contributing to pedestrian safety they are WRONG.

I witnessed an incident a while back that deserves mention. There were some people walking along Scottwood when a woman tripped on a bump in the sidewalk and landed on her face, causing blood to run down her face. It took her a little time to get up. Meantime a vehicle pulled into a driveway a little further away, and the woman driver opened her window, held out a handful of tissues for the woman, and offered them a ride to an ER or doctor or home. The people on the sidewalk took her up on her offer. Apparently the people didn't know each other, but for someone to stop and offer a stranger help is worth mentioning and praise!

I'm housebound now after surgery on my leg - no walking - but am really looking forward to mobility and spring greening up, early blooming plants and seeing what is happening in our neighborhood!

OWENI's Community Forum - March 19, 2019



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To Do List . . .

Libbey House Spring Lecture Series - Visit:

www.libbeyhouse.org

Wine Tastings (April)

TMA Glass Pavillion

419-255-8000 ext. 7448

O.W.E. & Area FUN

MEETING REMINDERS



O.W.E.N.I.

Tues. April 16, 6pm
Kent Branch Library

W.O.W.E.

Wed. April 3, 6:30pm
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O.W.E. Association

Tues. April 16, 7:30 pm
Haynes/Schmitt, 2528 Glenwood



Letter from the President

by Jeni Belt



Spring has finally arrived. We've changed our clocks and changed our wardrobes. Change is constant and inevitable in life, including the life of an organization. An organization's ability to evolve to address pressing issues and maintain relevance is vital to its long-term effectiveness.

Our Association has determined to change the format of our monthly meetings in an effort to engage more neighbors. Committee reports will be distributed so meeting time can be used to take a deeper dive into the topic at hand. The changes in format also include a change in location. We will rotate locations between homes in the neighborhood and public spaces. I'm pleased to report that this change led to 4 neighbors attending their first meeting, one of whom had lived in the neighborhood for 40+ years. Meeting locations will be announced in the newsletter, on the website, via email, and social media and host homes will feature signage to help us find our way.

The change in meeting format is part of the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan developed by the OWEA. The Plan includes 3 areas of focus: **1) Increase Engagement of Neighbors as Active Participants; 2) Market the Neighborhood Internally and Externally,** and **3) Increase Preservation Efforts.** Each of these goals has several implementation steps designed to move us towards the goal. The Plan was introduced during our March meet-

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
 6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle's Home**
 2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, April 16, 2019
O.W.E. Association NEW LOCATION
 7:30 p.m. Sara Haynes & Dan Schmitt
 2528 Glenwood Ave.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

ing and Goal #1 discussed in depth. Next month's meeting will focus on Goal #3 and will be coupled with a presentation from Habitat for Humanity on their home repair program and potential partnership with OWEA to help our neighbors.

Our **Entrepreneurship Committee** has changed its name to better reflect its purpose. The **Old West End Business Networking Group** meets monthly and is working to help promote local businesses and link people to needed services. To that end, they are updating the business directory and developing a neighborhood directory.

The **Mardi Gras of the North (a/k/a FESTIVAL)** is just 2 months away and we are knee deep in planning this year's event. A picnic at Macelwane, sponsored by OWEA, will mark the end of this year's Festival, Sunday, June 2, from 5-8 p.m. We hope to engage neighbors who historically have not attended or participated in Festival. We need volunteers for this event, as well as house tours and beer garden. Register to volunteer at <http://www.toledoldwestend.com/volunteer-at-festival> to sign up.

Our next meeting takes place **April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Sara Haynes and Dan Schmitt's house, 2528 Glenwood.** Hope to see you there!



**Agnes Reynolds Jackson
Arboretum 2019**
Robinwood @ Delaware

Arboretum Work Day Saturday, April 20th 9am - noon

Food Provided!!!

The ARJA had it's yearly planning meeting last month and set the schedule for the work days, concerts and projects for the park in 2019.



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Our security company, I.D.E.R, continues to offer a great value to our neighborhood, including vacation checks and nighttime patrols.

A helpful security tip of the month: Check your smoke alarm batteries this spring! A CPSC study by C. Smith showed that 55% of smoke alarm failures in field were due to lack of power, so make yours are more than decorative elements by checking the batteries at least once a year.

Did you know we offer a discounted rates of \$15 per month to neighbors who rent? Pay for a year in advance and you get 1 month free! Join the 70+ households, businesses, and organizations that support our security efforts!

For information check our website:

www.oldwestendsecurity.com

It's easier than ever to show your support and help keep our neighborhood safe!

Resident Manager

(419) 902-0982



WENI
Old West End Neighborhood Initiatives
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Nearly 80 neighbors showed up for OWENI's community forum, "On Distrust Between Law Enforcement and the Community." We had a tactful, productive conversation, and walked away with some practical steps that can be taken to mitigate distrust on both sides of the conversation! Thanks to everyone involved in making this event a success, including our panelists, the Toledo Police Department, the Kent Branch Library, and all of our wonderful neighbors that joined the conversation. OWENI will be holding the second step in our strategic planning initiative on **April 16th**, beginning at 6pm at the **Kent Branch Library**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Preservation Committee

The next meeting is Monday, April 8 at 7 pm, Kent Branch Library. Contact Shawn Kellerbauer 419-340-4809 for further details.

Old West End Business Network Group

(Formerly known as the Entrepreneurship Committee)

The Old West End Business Networking Group will meet **April 17, 2019** at the home of **Judy Stone, at 2428 Scottwood**. Join us to solidify our marketing for the Autumn Market and review the results of our directory survey. We look forward to seeing you!



The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore
& Tammy Michalak

BANCROFT STREET & THE STREET SIGNS

On March 7, District 4 Councilwoman, Yvonne Harper arranged a meeting with the Mayor and Paul Rasmusson, Dir. of Public Service to discuss the on-going issue of Bancroft. The Beautification Committee has been addressing several issues with regard to the reconstruction of Bancroft for 6 years and asked for Yvonne's help. For those of you who do not know or remember this, there were two traffic lights at Scottwood and at Parkwood. With Bancroft's reconstruction, the Engineering Dept., Transportation Dept., Landscape Architects and the newly formed Bancroft Beautification Committee met to discuss the issues of reconstruction, including trees and lighting, etc. In one of those meetings we were informed that the Traffic Lights were being removed. WHY? We were told that a traffic study of Bancroft had been done and the traffic now traveling Bancroft did not warrant a traffic light. Nor would there be another traffic light on Bancroft. The committee was not happy about this. We asked many questions and also asked to revisit this issue after the Bancroft reconstruction was completed. We were told then, that another traffic study would need to be done. Remember, Bancroft was closed at the I-475 Bridge for reconstruction and then Monroe St. was closed a little

later within months of the Bancroft reconstruction. It took a while to get this study done and several of the questions that we asked of the study were never addressed. One being that during the reconstruction there was an "on the spot" design change for the corners.... which for those of you who walk the neighborhood know.... the ADA ramps do not lead down to Bancroft but to the side street which also lengthened the width of Bancroft.

Also, we now have a "line of sight" problem on Scottwood at Bancroft because of the new parking area next to Ann Manor.

The Stop Signs were not a perfect solution but allowed for the slowing of traffic. Remember, there is no traffic light between Monroe St. and Collingwood ... which made for a very nice race track. Also, there are issues for pedestrians trying to cross Bancroft as well. These issues and others were brought up at the meeting with the Mayor and Mr. Rasmusson. Mr. Rasmusson said he would look into this situation to see how it could be remedied. Another meeting is being rescheduled as of the writing of this newsletter. Stay tuned....

And, by the way, when we first sat down with the city people to discuss Bancroft's reconstruction, we were also informed that a "roundabout" was slated for the I-475 Bancroft exit at Glenwood! This of course did not happen.



PEREGRINE FALCON'S SPRING ACTIVITY

Four Peregrine falcon eggs were recently spotted in a nest on the "falcon cam" in the Wood County Courthouse Clock Tower.

Go online to

www.bgsu.edu/falconcam.html

The eggs are expected to hatch in mid April.



COMMONS PARK

It's Spring!!! We had our first workday in the park and want to thank all who came out to help on a 22 degree morning. It got a little warmer later ... but not much. Thanks so much to

Paul Swartz & Brian Miller who removed all the Christmas Lights from the trees and also helped to prune a few rose bushes. Thank you Tammy Michalak, Carol Kutsche, Shirley Johnson, Toni Moore, Dave Neuendorff, Mike McMahan, Ken Shumacker, Dave Moore and our ever present Jim Logan.

The Commons is now ready for mulch and edging. We are getting the Commons ready for Festival and the neighborhood.

Next Commons Park Workdays:

Saturday, April 27th, 9:00a
and
Saturday, May 18th, 9:00a

On this Saturday we will be planting 30 flats of flowers. If you have time to help us...it would be most appreciated. Please call Toni Moore to say you are willing to help. 419-360-2151



WOWE and Westmoreland will partner a walking tour event of our two neighborhoods on two separate weekends this fall. Robyn Hage of Westmoreland (she has written a wonderful book about Westmoreland & Peter Navarre) asked to speak with WOWE about a collaboration regarding our historic neighborhoods. WOWE will fine tune our "Walk" and keep you posted. It was agreed that we would both publicize each other events.

UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS
6:30 POTLUCK 7:00 MEETING
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
All neighbors are welcome!

Please join us and learn how WOWE is making a difference for our neighborhood

April 3,	Geralyn Brock 3 Tremain
May 1st,	Linda Lieto 529 Virginia
June 5th,	Carol Kutsche 2483 Scottwood
July 3rd,	Tammy Michalak 2056 Scottwood

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