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Libbey House Finds New Direction!

The Libbey House Foundation has a new and expanded board of directors with new direction, ideas and a new strategy, but with basically the same mission statement, to preserve this national historic structure.

We started with a blockbuster 2017 neighborhood festival sale, worked tirelessly on the yard and gardens, had another historic glass sale in the fall and a super extravaganza evening during the holidays. All this help to raise funds to have the entire house painted this spring, where it will bring this grand old mansion back to its original grandeur.

We have a big bridal fair planned the end of January to help promote the house as an events center and are in the process of establishing a Libbey Salon series lecture program. Starting in the next few weeks with keynote speakers on various historical subjects and conversations. Look for more information soon.

We have spent countless hours on our new strategic business plan for 2018-2019 to lay out our objectives for the next 2 years. We have some pretty extensive goals for this year to make us viable for the future.

We are also preparing for the Libbey Glass 200th Anniversary celebration scheduled the the first weekend in May. May 4th will be the symphony concert in the Toledo Museum of Art peristyle and

To Do List . . .

Have Lunch at Pumpnickel's

Get Coffee at Black Kite

Shop at B&B, Beads and Used Books

Visit O.W.E. Antiques

SHOP O.W.E.

Saturday, May 5th will be the family day for everyone, including Libbey House tours, activities at the museum, outlet store shopping sprees and special factory tours for invited guests. Libbey is only one of seven companies in the United States that is 200 years old and still manufacturing the same product it started with. This will be a great weekend for all Toledoans to celebrate.

The Libbey House is available to rent for all sorts of special events: weddings, receptions, bridal & baby showers and corporate events & conferences. Call 419-252-0722 for information.

Robert Zollweg
Board President

Tough Sledding

By Gregg Stambaugh

You have to start somewhere. That's what my dad always told me, good people. So, the six of us...three guys and three gals... headed out with it sticking partway out of my buddy's hatchback. We found the recommended slope, unloaded it and laughed.

"This is it? Who said to come here...?" both guys asked.

"My mom's friend" said my darling wife-to-be. Oh, yeah...we're talking 1973 here.

"She does have second graders," she chuckled.

"Come on, one run," I said and grabbed the toboggan and headed over to Bunny Hill.

Five minutes later, we were all back in the car in search of Mount Everest. We all agreed to find an uncrowded hill lacking

tiny tots and punk teenagers. Yes, we had punk teenagers in 1973. I had recently evolved from one.

My buddy pulled the car down a winding side road. He maneuvered it out of sight among a stand of pine trees. We all piled out and sauntered over to the top of the hill.

"Sweet." "Really nice."

"Maybe" I said. "What's that at the very end? A ditch?"

"It's just the Maumee River" my buddy replied.

"I'm sure the water's warm..."

"Ah, we won't be near it" he said unconvincedly.

I need to mention that this is dusk/ nighttime sledding. Uh-huh. I looked around and saw two street lights and somebody's mercury vapor off in the distance.

"Yo, guys, see this baby here" I patted

the solid trunk of a pine tree. "Those puppies down there are probably this big in real life."

"They're spread out...we'll just avoid them."

"OK, Evel Knevel, grab your duct tape and flashlight and lead the way."

The four of them piled on and we gave them a nice starting shove. WHOOSH!! They were flying!

"Crazy people" I muttered. Deb watched my eyes and knew I was hooked. I love speed. The four returned, exhilarated. Dave pulled me aside.

"Watch out for the trees, Gregg." He was serious.

"What trees?" I slapped him on the back.

"Who's comin' with us?" I yelled. Larry and Diane jumped on behind Deb, who was hanging on to me. Dave and Sue pushed. WHOOSH!! #2. What a rush! Now,

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Letter from the President

by Jeni Belt



Happy February, neighbors! We've had some hints of warm weather, which summons thoughts of spring, and of course, the Old West End's holiday season, also known as Festival! While some of us embrace the winter months, others flee, hibernate, or just get through them. Whatever your path, I hope you're finding some way to enjoy and be present in this time.

The winter season finds the OWEA knee-deep in planning: setting yearly goals, developing agendas for our various committees, and laying the groundwork for another Festival season. Our Steering Committee meets year round to organize and execute the myriad of tasks required to make our Festival happen. Our Festival Committee held its kick-off meeting in January to obtain progress reports from each committee and identify areas of need. Without the work of hundreds of volunteers, Festival wouldn't happen. Please consider volunteering—simply email us at oweassociation@gmail.com and we'll find the opportunity that suits your needs!

Our January meeting featured two representatives from the **Fair Housing Center**. The Fair Housing Center's mission is to eliminate discriminatory housing practices—for potential homeowners and renters. It works to ensure that realtors, landlords, lenders, and insurers do not engage in discriminatory practices. Their efforts in this regard help to ensure that we maintain a diverse neighborhood and that obstacles to financing (when based on discrimination) are removed. We are proud to have such a groundbreaking organization as a community partner.

The **Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement Committee** announced its latest grant awards: 1) funding for 2 benches at the TARTA bus stops, 2) funding for an historic bus stop at Delaware, 3) funding for beautification of the planters at Scottwood and Virginia, 4) seed funding for a renovation project at the Collingwood Arts Center. Since the inception of the Fund, almost \$35,000 in grant monies has been awarded for various neighborhood projects. These funds come directly from Festival proceeds, so your volunteer hours translate directly to dollars for the neighborhood! Our next

round of grants will be awarded in June. Applications are located on our website www.toledoooldwestend.com and the deadline for applying is April 30.

The **Preservation Committee** continues its efforts to identify troubled properties and prevent demolition by neglect. Its members have been actively seeking an end-user for the property located at 2220 Collingwood and offered through the Lucas County Land Bank. In addition, they continue to hold educational sessions for homeowners. Stay tuned for more details. Finally, they are exploring sustainable preservation concepts with an eye toward maintaining architectural and historical significance, as well as aesthetics, in a more cost-effective manner. We are very excited about this initiative.

The **Entrepreneurship Committee** is now in its second year and continues to refine its mission of supporting existing businesses and encouraging new business development in the Old West End. Information regarding this committee's meetings is posted in our Old West End Facebook Group.

Our next Association meeting takes place **February 20 at 7:30** in the Pride Room at the Collingwood Art Center (**note that our meetings will now begin at 7:30 so that we don't run a standing conflict with OWENI, which meets right beforehand**). Our Know Your Neighbor segment will feature **Judge Joe Howe**, newly elected to the Toledo Municipal Housing Court, who will explain the role of the Housing Court in enforcing violations and overseeing good stewardship of homes in our neighborhood. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
 6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle's Home**
 2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Association Meeting
 7:30 p.m. at the
Collingwood Arts Center, Pride Room
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

NEW TIME

OWE Entrepreneur Highlight

"Let us celebrate the golden house, that was built by a hundred black kites."

- from a Japanese folk song by Ikue Asazaki

In the song, the Golden House is the man's dream house. The black kites are the 100 neighbors who have helped him build the house. This is where our name originates.

Our vision for **Black Kite** has always been a place built by neighbors, for neighbors. On the corner of Delaware and Collingwood we are about to celebrate the 6th anniversary of our golden house! We proudly prepare and serve Flying Rhino coffee, roasted a mile away. Many of our employees live in the neighborhood and we bake all of our food in-house with love and as many local ingredients as possible. Community and neighbors are the foundation of our lives and our success.

We look forward to another amazing year of support by our community of **Black Kites!**



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Pizza Cat for donating awesome pizza! This fundraiser helps us raise money to cover administrative expenses, which enables us to use supporter money to fund patrols.

When the snow flies, be sure to keep your walks and driveway shoveled. It not only lets the bad guys know that you are home, but is also safer for our neighbors who like to walk. Speaking of which, if you are a walker (or a driver), always be on the lookout for suspicious activity. If you see something, call the police, then OWE Security, or better yet, report it on the OWE Security website (<http://www.OldWestEndSecurity.com/report-crime/>). Keeping OWE Security in the loop on what YOU see, helps us let the patrols know what and where to extra attention during patrols.

As always: the more supporters, more patrols. Pay for a year in advance and you get 1 month free! For more information check our website: www.OldWestEndSecurity.com. You can now join, pay, or donate online!! It's easier than ever to show your support and help keep our neighborhood safe!

The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:

Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak



This month Women of the Old West End will honor the lives of two of our gifted Old West End Neighbors who have recently passed away. For this writer it was an honor to know these two very special individuals who graced us with their time, talent and much more.

ELLEN L. LANGE

APRIL 17, 1953 - JANUARY 9, 2018

The daughter of Melvin & Lucille (Pat) Langel. Ellen was born in Texas, OH and moved several times as her father's job took him and his young family to many cities. In later years the family settled back in Texas, OH. Ellen graduated from Anthony Wayne High School. In 1983 she attended the Elsa Cooper Court Reporting School in Southfield, MI. She joined Ann Marie Costain at Superior Court Reporting and the rest is history. She had a successful business and was very much respected by the attorney's she worked for.

A Memorial Service will be held in Ellen's honor in early summer at the Commons Park with a tree planted in her honor. The date and time will be published in this newsletter, on the OWE Facebook and on Sue Postal's e-mail site at a later date.

In the early morning hours of January 9th, Ellen passed away after a 3 year courageous & debilitating battle with cancer. She accepted that diagnosis with hope and the ability to always see the brighter side of all that it brought her way. She was remarkable in so many ways.

For this writer, I have know this beautiful, amazing, talented, fun-loving, musical, sometimes bawdy and irreverent woman for over 31 years. Even when you called her on some of the irreverent things she said, she would turn it around by saying YOU had interpreted it the wrong way. We all knew what she meant and just loved her for being Ellen. She had a heart of gold and would always be ready to help anyone who needed her at a moment's notice. She was a "giver"...never expecting anything in return. She will be forever missed by so many of us who loved her and who cherish the day we met her. She was an active

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

Feb. 7, 2018

Pumpnickel's

2489 Collingwood

This meeting will not be a Potluck. We will order our individuals dinners from the Deli menu.

Mar. 7, 2018

Melody Brewer

2553 Glenwood Ave.



member of Women of The Old West End beginning in 1977 when she moved into the Willy's house with her young daughter Rachael. She soon volunteered to chair entertainment for the Old West End Festival, and did so from that year until 1985 when WOWE turned the summer festival over to the OWEA. After that she helped WOWE begin Tours de Noel. She was ever-present for all that WOWE was involved in.

Several years ago she wanted to design and fashion many Costumes for Tours de Noel. She began by designing and making those magnificent and detailed Saint Nicholas and Mrs. Claus costumes that are worn every year for the Tree Lighting and the day of Tours. Along with those amazing costumes she also designed and made the Elf costumes. She then decided Tours needed a Sleigh. With the help and talent of Denny Juris (a neighbor), that Christmas Sleigh was designed and built, then decorated by Ellen. It has been a part of Tours de Noel for several years. The Tours picture attached is Ellen as Mrs. Claus, one is of her Senior picture and the other was taken on the staircase of the Willy's house in an outfit she designed and made. Her talents were many as she also sang, played the guitar and piano. She was gifted in so many ways. For many years and while living in the Willy's house, Ellen hosted the Annual OWE Christmas Party. There have never been any Christmas parties like it since and there will never be another person quite like Ellen.

BILL BEGIN

Feb. 11, 1938 - Dec. 25, 2017

This charming, smart and talented neighbor was born in Boston, Massachusetts to Raymond & Mildred Begin.

Bill's early career began with 20 years in the Navy and part of that time he was stationed on two Nuclear Submarine's, the Fast Attack and then

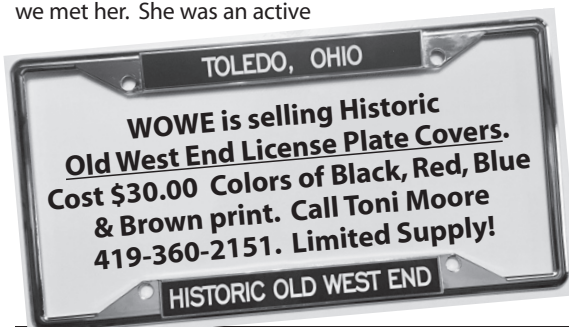


the Polaris Missile Submarine. He was honorably discharged from the Navy and went to work for Pennsylvania Power and Light. From there Wilco Long Island lighting and then Toledo Edison. His position at all three companies was to teach the public on the safety of Nuclear Power. At that time people thought that nuclear power was a bomb so it was Bill's job and expertise to teach the public that it was an import part of energy for our world, that nuclear energy was a more efficient way to make power and that it was safe. This must have been a daunting task! Bill and his wife Ginny moved to Toledo in 1984 and settled in a home on Robinwood Ave. Bill then went on to College graduating from the University of Toledo with a BA in Communications. While living in the OWE both he and his wife became involved in the neighborhood organizations and shared their time and talent with both WOWE and the OWEA. Bill along with Phil Klunk helped to resurrect the former Security Program that had not been available to the neighborhood for a few years. The new security program began in 1997 with Ginny Begin and a police officer (our block watch at that time) as the surveillance of the neighborhood for different times of the day and night. Today because of the efforts of Bill, Phil, Ginny & Cheri, security is still in place for the OWE. Bill and Ginny where also instrumental in the development and care of the "new" Commons Park. WOWE will always be grateful to Bill for lending his wheel barrow several times and helping to schlep and spread all the mulch onto the flower beds.

Bill also found time to Chair and secure homes for Tours de Noel. Who could turn him down with that wonderful smile and charm. He too was a gift to all of us who knew him and I know many of us will miss that charm and his wonderful Boston accent.

Bill was a talented and an extraordinary man who willingly shared his time. He also had a true gift of storytelling.

Bill passed away peacefully at Hospice of Northwest Ohio on this past Christmas evening. He is survived by wife, Ginny; sister, Barbara; children, Linda (Paul), and Tim (Becky); grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bill's honored wishes are to be buried at sea and a memorial service will be scheduled in the spring. Please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society.



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good people, you need to know that you don't really steer a toboggan so much as you guide it.

"Tree coming up"...yelled Larry.

"No sweat"...I yelled back. We all screamed. I could almost taste the bark as we whizzed past.

"ONE MORE---Look out..." Larry's voice sounded far away. Larry and Diane had abandoned ship!! The big sled swerved. I looked up and felt like Wile E. Coyote losing to the Roadrunner again.

"Hold real tight, babe---don't let go!!"

"KRACK!!" No more WHOOSH. Pine tree, meet Mr. Toboggan. A black bear fell out of the tree and two squirrels scolded us while they dodged toboggan shrapnel. OK...I lied about the bear.

"Babe?? You OK?" Deb reassured me she was as I watched my left ankle swell to cantaloupe size.

"You two all right?" The other four had caught up. My left foot was now curled like the front of the toboggan.

"Yeah, Sorry about your big sled. It looks like kindling."

Larry laughed. "So we'll burn it for heat while we're waiting for the rescue dogs."

The guys helped me up the hill. On the way to the ER, Dave said "I gotta tell you now. When I first saw you slam into the tree, I laughed so hard my gut hurt."

The other funny thing about the whole incident was I couldn't even warn my Dad that the ER staff had to cut off his 1930's rubber boot from my left foot. I would have used my cell phone, but it had not been invented.

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