



# HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



## Rosary Cathedral - Boy Scout Troop 39

Almost 100 years ago the Boy Scouts of America Troop 39 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral started their charter and asked young boys if they would you like to be an expert camper who could always make himself comfortable out-of-doors, and a swimmer that fears no water?

Do you desire the knowledge to help the wounded quickly, and to make yourself cool and self-reliant in an emergency?

**Boy Scouts of America Troop 39** on to ask: Do you believe in loyalty, courage, and kindness, and would you like to form habits that will surely make you a success in life?

Thousands of young boys from Troop 39 have answered yes. They have laced up their hiking boots and set off on great adventures in the outdoors. They have served their families, their communities



plants, wildlife, and everything else that nature has to offer.

Scouting has changed a great deal since the Boy Scouts of America was founded a hundred years ago. Camping gear is



lighter, and easier to use. Troop members set out on high adventures their grandfathers could not have imagined. Scouts today use computers to plan their activities and Global Positioning System receivers to help find their way on their new adventure. The earliest Scouts could earn merit badges in Bee Farming, Blacksmithing, and Signaling. Scouts today can work on Cinematography, Nuclear Science, Oceanography, and plenty of other merit badges well-suited for the 21st century.



their abilities and have given them a foundation for success throughout their lives.

If you answered "Yes" then Scouting is for you. **Boys 10 1/2 to 17 years old can join troop 39 at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, in the School basement every Wednesday from 7:00PM to 9:00PM,** and soon you will be hiking in open country and camping under the stars. You will learn first aid, become stronger physically and mentally, and practice leading yourself and others. The places you explore will become familiar as you discover



Boy Scouts are a fun loving bunch of boys who get together to learn, try, and then teach others.

For more information contact:  
**Bob Bailey** (419) 654-2931 cell  
or **Kevin Schmenk** (419) 478-7080 home  
(567) 315-6187 cell phone



## Kudos to:

**Holly Branstner**  
for her powerful marriage of painting and sculpture in the exhibit titled "Black Noise", now showing at the CVA Gallery until 2/14/2016.

**Jason Finn / Jeni Belt**  
for their remarkable positive attitude, strength and patience during Jason's recovery from his accident. The OWE is pulling for you!!!

## NOT JUST AN OLD HOUSE

James Hamilton

Certainly our homes are old houses, but they are not "just old houses." They are "very special historic old houses." We love our homes for their historic beauty. That's why we bought them. They deserve special treatment. We have the responsibility to protect their historic character. And our responsibility is not just to the house and to ourselves, but to the future. And besides that, because we are a Historic District, we actually are required to preserve their historic character!

**First, do no harm!** That is our first responsibility. Each house has a unique design and is built of high quality materials. The first thing is not to do anything that damages the design or destroys the materials. We are surrounded by articles, shows, and ads about "home improvement products." But the principal thing about saving historic homes is to "not improve" them. The first step is to preserve the original and not try to "improve" on it, because that may change the historic design or damage historic materials.

**Repair, save, and restore.** Historic homes need maintenance and repair. With proper care, they will last indefinitely. Everything about an historic house can be repaired and preserved, or even restored like new. Maintenance and repair keep the historic character and save historic materials. You only have to know how, or learn how, or hire people who know how.

**We are only custodians.** We say that we "own" our homes, but each house has a community of interest far beyond ourselves. Its walls have memories of families before us, and they will remember us.

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## Letter from the President

by Courtney Macklin

It's February and love is in the air in the Old West End...love for our historic houses and awesome neighborhood - Cheesy. Anyway, Happy Valentine's Day.

At the last Association meeting, we heard from Mike Loomus from the Market on the Green on Madison Avenue. They are a complete grocery store, focusing on providing healthy meal options in an area that is considered to be a food desert. In addition to fresh fruit and veggies, meat, and other meal staples they do also carry snack food, so don't worry Doritos lovers. They run specials every two weeks, so check them out on Facebook.

The Education and Scholarship committee has a scholarship available for high school seniors living in the Old West End. With the cost of college always on the rise, here is an opportunity to take a little bit off of the final bill. The application is due in March, so be sure to apply. More information is available on our website [www.toledoodwestend.com](http://www.toledoodwestend.com).

The OWE is also pleased to announce the roll out of the **Neighborhood Beautification & Improvement Grant (NB&I)**. Guidelines and Applications can be found on the Old West End website, [www.toledoodwestend.com](http://www.toledoodwestend.com). The first application period ends **April 30th** so get busy! We are excited to receive the initial applications and put your thoughts and ideas into action.

It is never too early to start thinking about Festival. You know your house is beautiful and unique, so consider putting it on tour. If that's a bit too much right now, please plan to volunteer for two hours sometime that first weekend in June. It's only two hours out of 48+ hours of Festival fun. We can't do it without you!

The Preservation committee hosted a workshop on radiator and boiler maintenance, and is planning to host another window repair class. Keep an eye on the Facebook page for more information on that. The committee is also looking at ways to work more efficiently with the Land Bank and the code enforcement department so that we can try to save houses before they get so bad they need demolished.

The Association is also in the process of updating its bylaws. The ad hoc committee presented proposed revisions at our January meeting, with a second presentation scheduled for the February meeting. The proposed changes will be available to view on our website and I would encourage all active members (having attended one full meeting in the last 6 months) to attend in February. Of course before any changes can be made they have to be voted on by our active membership.

I know I have been saying it over and over, but it really is an exciting time to get involved in the OWEA. We've got these great things going on, and your input and help can make them even better. I hope to see new faces at our next meeting, Tuesday February 16 at 7:00 PM at the Libbey House (2008 Scottwood).



## OLD WEST END SECURITY

Please Join Old West End Security and many fabulous neighbors for 2016 SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER. February 7th the fun starts at 6PM at the Attic on Adams, 1701 Adams Street. \$20 per person (tickets at the door), includes food and fun with fabulous drink specials for those involved in the event. Point box money game and 50/50 raffle-we will also be introducing some new games this year for those not so football inclined but don't want to miss out on all the amazing activities!

Attending OWES fundraisers is a perfect way to support your neighborhood patrols even if you are not a current member. All monies go right back in to servicing the neighborhood and as always: more support = more patrols. So put your fun pants on, bring your appetite and grab your credit card or check book and come on down! This is also a great opportunity to meet our board members if you are interested, we certainly want to meet you!

### Five Fun Facts about OWES:

1. We meet once a month and hold open quarterly meetings for any interested neighbor.
2. We have an amazing website where you can sign up, pay bills, donate money, report suspicious activity, leave valuable feedback about what we are doing well and what we can do better.
3. We have a resident manager that supporters can call 24/7, but she also accepts calls from non supporters, because security of the neighborhood is our number one priority. **419-902-0892**.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016

**O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting**  
6 p.m. **The Libbey House**

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016

**O.W.E. Association Meeting**  
7 p.m. at **The Libbey House**  
2008 Scottwood. Ave.

## PRESERVATION REMINDERS

We were so glad to see so many new faces at January's preservation meeting! Thank you to Judy Stone and Skip Gaynor for hosting a boiler/ radiator class at their home, which was a major success. Special thanks also to Daniel and Kevin Voegeli from Voegeli Heating and Air Conditioning for their support at the boiler/ radiator class. Our next education series class will be held at 611 Stratford Place, covering window sash and cord repair on February 24th at 7:00pm.

Even though it is cold outside, our salvage efforts in the old west end will continue. Are you in need of architectural elements to restore your historic home? If so, we encourage all home owners to participate in salvage events. Check for neighborhood emails and our Facebook page for details on these sessions. We hope to see you at the next O.W.E. Preservation meeting February 8th, 7:00pm at Kent Branch Library. Please continue to keep watch for theft of metals and architectural materials, contact Toledo police non-emergency line (360-740-1105) or city of Toledo neighborhoods division (419-245-1400). For more information please contact Chad Coyle at [coylechad@yahoo.com](mailto:coylechad@yahoo.com).

### Old West End Historic District Commission Reminder

Neighbors, if you are planning any exterior alterations please contact Molly Maguire at the City of Toledo Plan Commission for a certificate of appropriateness. Molly can be contacted at 419-245-1200 or [Molly.Maguire@toledo.oh.gov](mailto:Molly.Maguire@toledo.oh.gov)

4. Our patrols run at different times of the day and night to better deter crime.
5. We offer FREE vacation checks to our supporters, so no need to worry about being away from the house for multiple days, we've got you covered.

We can be reached at [oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com](mailto:oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com), [oldwestendsecurity.com](http://oldwestendsecurity.com), 419-902-0982. Please always call the police first and then reach out to OWES. We are not a replacement for local law enforcement.

Can't wait to see you all out for the superbowl!





# The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers: Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore, & Tammy Michalak

WOWE celebrates the life of:

## Kay Ann Clawson

May 11, 1947-Nov. 22, 2015

This beautiful and gifted woman and friend left our world way too early. She was an active member of WOWE in the 1990's and served as our President from 1998 to 2000. Her energy and desire to continue to do her very best for WOWE and our neighborhood were evident in the initiatives she presented and implemented to our organization. Kay had vision and style and especially a wonderful up-beat personality. The 2015 Tours de Noel was dedicated in her honor for all that she had given not only to WOWE but to other organizations she became involved with. In April 2002 Kay was recognized with a Woman of Toledo Award. She also served as President for The Toledo Senior Centers, Inc. in 2000-2001. Kay was also an ambassador for the American Heart Assn. and also was involved in a volunteer capacity with many other Toledo area organizations. Kay was a gift to all who knew her. We are all so grateful to have known her and will continue to celebrate the gifted and amazing neighbor and friend she was.

FROM WOWE TO:

## JASON FINN & JENI BELT

WOWE is sending positive thoughts, much love, and good wishes for Jason Finn who was seriously injured on vacation recently. Jason & Jeni, we know your strength and positive attitude! We are praying for you both.

## CHILDREN'S DAY 2016

Special thanks to Kate Mitchell for her many years of planning and execution of the beloved Children's Day. As all parents out there can relate, Kate will need to pass the torch this year so she can balance family and her career. WOWE is

asking for volunteer/s to Chair and/or Co-Chair this year's event which is held in late September or the first week in October. There is still plenty of time for planning, and we are sure Kate and other members of the committee will happily mentor the new chair/co-chairs.

Please contact **Toni Moore:**  
**tmoore\_etfc@hotmail.com**  
**419-360-2151**

We are hoping you will step up to Volunteer. Your reward will be all those excited and happy faces on the children at the event!! We need your help ... Will You??

## MISSION INITIATIVES 2016 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year WOWE allocates at least 70% of the net revenue from the prior year's Tours de Noel to financially support initiatives that coincide with our Mission. In past years, WOWE has been able to support positive initiatives in the OWE including a MVHH Brush With Kindness Painting Project, The Boys and Girls Clubs of Toledo, The Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, Commons Park improvements, supplies for students at local schools, and many more. We are currently in the process of finalizing our financials from the 2015 Tours and getting ready to set the budget for 2016. If you are aware of an upcoming project that fits with our mission, please complete and submit a Grant Application for consideration no later than February 29. Applications can be obtained at the WOWE website or by emailing [tsm1021@gmail.com](mailto:tsm1021@gmail.com)

## Girl Scout Cookie All Stars!

Come support local Girl Scouts in reaching their goal! The girls are having a hands-on astronomy camp and selling cookies. They truly are All Stars! Help their passion for STEM and business soar!

**Cookie Booth Dates**  
**March 12-19**  
**10am - 2 pm**  
**Price per package: \$4**

**2244 Collingwood Blvd.**  
**Toledo, OH**

## Clip and Save!



## 2016 Commons Park Workday Schedule

*Saturday Mornings (9AM to Noon)*  
*Breakfast to all who volunteer!*

**March 12, (weather permitting)**

**April 9,  
May 14,**

**May 28, (mass planting of annuals)**

**June 11,  
July 9,**

**August 13,  
September 10,  
October 8**

*Again we say Thank You to:*

## Paul Davidge & Todd Ruehle Britney & Kevin Wilson

for the beauty and your efforts for the Commons Park Lights & Decorations. It is still so wonderful to see the Commons lit up to enjoy after the holidays. Friends that I know, who do not live in the OWE, have sent delightful comments about how beautifully it is decorated. They were also surprised that volunteers did it!

Thanks to all four of you. The Commons is still gorgeous and your efforts are truly appreciated.

**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. 3rd** **Toni Moore**  
2369 Robinwood Ave.  
**Mar. 2** **Pumpnickel's**  
2489 Collingwood  
**April 6** **TBD**

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**LUNCH**  
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 10:30 - 3:00pm



**BREAKFAST**  
 Wednesday-Saturday  
 7:30am - 11:00am

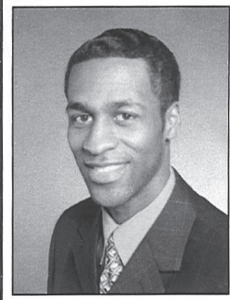
### 1 Year Anniversary JIGGS DINNER

Saturday, March 12 • Noon - 8pm

Call for reservations, Seatings are:

Noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 • \$10 per person

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 (1 Block, 2800 -3000)  
 To volunteer contact Kent 419-367-9155

### NOT JUST AN OLD HOUSE: *(Continued)*

It is going to be a home for families after us. Future families want to enjoy our historic home just as we do, and as families before us have. These families are counting on us to take care of "their" historic home.

**We live in a community.** We all share an interest in each other's houses. The value and beauty of one house depends on how well it is maintained and its historic character is preserved. But it also depends on how well the entire community maintains and preserves its historic character. No house is an island. One house on a block that has lost its historic character diminishes the entire block. You know examples! One reason we appreciate our houses is that they are in a beautiful neighborhood.

**Save a special place.** Preserving our historic homes for the next hundred years is a worthy cause to embrace. Go hug your house!

*James Hamilton is a resident of the Boston Edison Historic District and is a Detroit Historic District Commissioner.*

Mon. - Sat.  
 9am - 10pm



Sunday  
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**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL** the last Sunday of each month from 4 - 5 pm at Collingwood Presbyterian Church, 2108 Collingwood Blvd. Entrance off Floyd Street, Handicapped Accessible. Information call Lynn LaPlante 419-244-4921

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