



HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



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Maria Kekes
Key Bank
Branch Manager



Kudos to:

Adam Levine & the T.M.A.
for taking over Museum Place Apartments and committing to the stabilization of this vital neighborhood housing project.

Wayne North & David Bingham
Congratulations on their recent nuptials.

A huge Thank You to the **Arboretum Holiday Supporters**
Proceeds from this year's Cookie Walk were \$1301.88 and the Poinsettia Sale was \$498.50.

Kent Illenden
for designing the WOWE 2017 calendar. The calendar was a huge success.

Dave Neuendorff
for his continued dedication to the OWE

Old West End Historic District Commission

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

Not On My Bucket List

By Gregg Stambaugh

Raise your hand if you have a bucket list. Sir? You say you only have a bucket? Well...don't kick it before you can make out your list. Yes, sir. That is a joke, sir. I deal in humor.

I do not have a bucket list, good people. I figure it this way. I married the love of my life 43 years ago. We have two sweet daughters, two cool sons-in-law and five very entertaining grandchildren. My darling wife and I are retired, and life is good.

If I did have such a list, here are a few items that wouldn't have made the grade.

#1) Running with the bulls... Do I look like I've lost my mind?? Don't answer that! I'm sure alcohol was involved in this original plan.

Hey, Larry, how about we gather 1000

or so people of all ages in that narrow street leading to the bullfighting arena?

Sure, Jim, then we can turn loose a couple dozen frothing at the mouth bulls behind them.

I see... we can even give the people a head start.

It's what the people want, I'm sure. We can even make it an annual event.

#2) Ride the Vomiton... I've seen this ride. It is correctly named. I believe it was invented by Ralph Yark. This is a humongous rubber band ride where you are catapulted several hundred feet up. If you are laughing at me from the ground, you should be able to move very quickly. I will slingshot my lunch back at you on the way down. Several buckets may be needed with this adventure.

#3) Swim the English Channel...NO!! No swimming!! The closest I could come would be surfing the TV channel.

#4) Run a marathon ... Right!!! Congratulations to those who have, including our two daughters. Me...I could walk one, if you guaranteed food and lodging at the halfway point.

#5) Paddleboarding... see #3. What is the purpose here, anyway? Hope a wave doesn't show up? Not to mention sharks or orca whales.

#6) Start chewing tobacco...I could look for my own engraved spittoon

Well, my editor says that's enough. Thank God. I hate lists. Remember, good people, just because it's not on my bucket list doesn't mean it can't be on yours.



Letter from the President

by Courtney Macklin

It's nearly Valentine's Day and love is in the air in the Old West End. Whether for your significant other, pet, child, house, or neighbors, do something special with the ones you love this month!

I am pleased to announce that you can now donate to the Old West End Association through the website www.toledoldwestend.com. A "Support the Old West End" button is located near the bottom of the main page. Thank you to Jemma Hostetler and John Shaw for helping us add this feature!

At the Association's January meeting, we heard from **Adam Levine** of the **Toledo Museum of Art** addressing TMA's intent to acquire the Museum Place apartments with intent to stabilize and maintain the property. Museum Place consists of five buildings and is located at Monroe and Collingwood, an entry point to our neighborhood and across the street from the museum. Please keep an eye out for upcoming public meetings, as the museum is interested in the input of the community to help shape the future of these historic buildings.

Festival is only a few months away, and while I know you hear this every month from me, please volunteer to help out. It is a huge undertaking and the best way to show off our neighborhood. Festival lasts over 48 hours and all we ask for is two of them, and there are a ton of different volunteer options. It's a bunch of fun and you can sign up online at www.toledoldwestend.com.

The **Preservation Committee** held their last meeting at the downtown branch of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library. The library has an entire Local History department with free access to many resources and staff trained to help with learning more about your house and its owners. A visit to this great resource is definitely a must!

The **Neighborhood Beautification and Investment Fund's** next deadline for grant submissions is APRIL 30. If you have an idea for a project that would benefit the whole neighborhood, no matter how big or small, please don't keep it to yourself. Go online to www.toledoldwestend.com and submit it. This is the easiest grant application I've ever seen, so please apply today!

The new **Entrepreneurship Committee** would like to compile a directory of

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017
Association Meeting
7 p.m. at **The Libbey House**
2008 Scottwood Ave.
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

businesses and business owners living in the Old West End. If you own a business located in the Old West End, or are an OWE resident with a business elsewhere, please send your business's name and contact information to oweassociation@gmail.com.

I am so delighted that we had a few new faces at our last meeting, and hope to meet more neighbors. Please consider attending the February Old West End Association meeting, Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 PM at the Libbey House, 2008 Scottwood Avenue. Refreshments will be provided as always!



OLD WEST END SECURITY

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the OWES Super Bowl Party!

Get to Know the Signal 88 Officers

Officer Chuck has been with Signal 88 for the past 10 months and he serves as the Night Patrol Operations Manager. Chuck is a seasoned law enforcement officer, having worked at the municipal, state, and national level before retiring from the force. He has found a good role with Signal 88 and his new job allows him to keep busy and share his wisdom with other officers. He enjoys working with other Signal 88 officers, especially mentoring the younger officers. As a product of a small town upbringing, Chuck really enjoys the small town feel of the Old West End. In his short time with Signal 88 he recalls many neighbors in the OWE stopping him to get to know more about him and express their appreciation for his services. If you see Officer Chuck give him a friendly wave as he helps keep an eye out for all of us.

Officer Paul is a military veteran and after his deployment he completed a bachelor's degree at Providence Baptist



Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum 2017

Robinwood @ Delaware



If you are interested in underwriting the cost of a concert for 2017, please contact Kent Illenden 419-367-9155 or Dan Finkel 419-351-5808. A bands costs range from \$500-\$800 depending on the number of entertainers. Joint donations are also possible, or several neighbors combining their dollars to sponsor a band.

Preservation News

The January Preservation Meeting was held at the Downtown Library in the Local History department on the third floor. We were guided by Donna Christian, Director of the department, through the many resources available for research on our old homes and families in the neighborhood. This is turning out to be a popular meeting site for our committee and further opportunities will be made available for others to join.

We are also moving forward, with the Board and Staff of Collingwood Arts Center, on preservation of the iconic Tea House at 2445 Collingwood. Plans are to secure the property and weatherize for the present while inviting ideas and funds for future renovation and use.

Our meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at Kent Branch Library, unless otherwise modified. Please look for meeting notices sent via neighborhood email blast prior to each meeting.

College in Illinois. His wife is from the Toledo area, so he moved here to be closer to family. As the Day Operations Manager for Signal 88 for the past year he is a patrolman, manager, and also a spokesperson for the company interfacing with new and existing clients. As a security officer, one of his goals is to help bridge the relationship between the police and communities, which he believes is essential for positive community relationships. As he has spent more time in the Old West End, he has really gained an appreciation for the dedication of residents to the preservation of historic homes and buildings. If you see him on patrol he is always willing to stop and say hello and get to know our neighborhood better.



The Women of The Old West End

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

“THE BATTLE FOR LAKE ERIE”

WOWE LISTENS TO A CALL TO CLEAN UP THE LAKE

January’s WOWE meeting at Pumpernickel’s Deli was host to guest speaker Mike Ferner who is a former City Council member and now dynamic activist for **Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie. (ACLE)** He invited us to join the effort to fight for a clean lake. Mike believes that the power of democracy can save Lake Erie and he is rallying citizens to do this.

His presentation invited us to “follow the manure”. So we did. We learned that dissolved phosphorus is running into the lake from large farm operations and feeding the algae blooms in Lake Erie. Also, that the chlorine that is used to treat our water produces carcinogens.

We found out that the players in this battle are environmentalists, family farmers and industrial scale agriculture. This is a political fight about power and money.

We learned that the Chesapeake Bay area is successfully being restored because it was designated as impaired by the U.S. EPA. Lake Erie could have that kind of success but citizens will have to speak out or nothing will happen.

Please check out their presentation, “**The 3rd Battle for Lake Erie**”, that Mike Ferner shared with WOWE. It is available on Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie’s website: www.advocatesforacleanlakeerie.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/advocatesforacleanlakeerie.

Some WOWE members decided to volunteer their time for the Advocates, some contributed to purchase yard signs to support the clean-up effort and some gave a contribution to the organization. We put our names on a list to receive their monthly newsletter and monthly emails. We found out that ACLE is on a mission to educate by speaking to any group “anywhere, any time!” ACLE’s next presentation will be on Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sylvania Senior Center on Sylvania Avenue. You are invited to attend. This is a serious effort for a serious cause!

SECURING A PLACE ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

There was much concern about preserving the integrity of this neighborhood, we all call home, back in the late 60’s and early 70’s. Many new people were moving in and getting involved in the many issues that this neighborhood faced. Some of those issues are still here today but were more profound back then as the central part of the city had been pretty much written off by the banks, governmental agencies etc. The suburbs were beginning to expand and the focus was on that. We were the inner city, not really worthy of any concern

A group of concerned neighbors, formed by Larry Stine, began to look into the possibility of securing a place on the National Register of Historic Places for the Old West End. Many letters were sent along with pictures of the homes and a history of those who had lived here. I think we all thought that with the history of “who” had built these homes, and when they had been built and thinking that we would be a “shoe in” for this designation. Think again. When the powers that be from the National Trust came to the OWE and met with Larry Stine and Committee, they toured the neighborhood and gathered additional information about the neighborhood;

ie when it was plotted and what were the ages of the homes and again who owned /built the homes. The National Trust people told the Committee that they would get back with them with their decision.

The neighborhood was a buzz about the possibility of being on the National Register which would enable us to preserve the neighborhood and stop the aluminum siding companies from doing business in this neighborhood (they were ruthless in the way they tore ornamental pieces off of these historic homes to put up the siding. In some instances owners had upper airing deck doors covered with the siding.

Along with that there was speculation by landlords who purchased these homes and were turning them into apartments. In some cases many apartments. Again many issues, and we still needed to ensure that a safe-guard for the OWE with a Historic designation. This of course took a couple of years to get going and when the decision was made, the National Trust only wanted to designate 25 of our homes here in the OWE as historic. While we were disappointed that the whole neighborhood was not considered we were grateful to have these 25 homes designated. It meant they were protected. However that did not deter Larry and his committee from continuing on to work even harder to see to it that a designation for the whole neighborhood would happen.

If you have walked through the neighborhood you have undoubtedly come across the small markers that are in front of those 25 homes; the John North Willys Home, The Lamson Home, the Dunn Blair Home, the Libbey House etc. That was the beginning. It took Larry and his committee, who I know worked on this every hour of every day for the next eight years to secure a place on the National Register for this entire neighborhood. Larry and his committee gave many years of their time to this endeavor and we all have them to thank and to be grateful for their dedication. The OWE could have had a very different outcome if it had not been for Larry Stine and these dedicated volunteers. As we all know nothing happens overnight but with diligence, perseverance, determination and a group of dedicated volunteersall things are possible. Larry Stine proved that. Larry wrote and designed a book on the OWE years later and it is still available for purchase at Pumpernickel’s Deli and the Libbey Glass Outlet at the Erie Street Market.

Next month ... **The Plaza Hotel**

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. 1, 2017** **Melody Brewer**
2553 Glenwood Ave.
- Mar. 1, 2017** **Leslie & Dave Neuendorff**
2228 Scottwood Ave.
- April 5, 2017** **Black Kite**
2499 Collingwood Ave.
- May 3, 2017** **Debbie Stambaugh**
2636 Parkwood Ave.
- June 7, 2017** **Toni Moore**
2369 Robinwood Ave.



The Common’s Christmas lights are a beacon for all who live and travel through the OWE. Thanks again

to Paul Davidge & Todd Ruehle for making us all smile when we see it. You efforts again and so appreciated.

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