



2017 *Tours de Noel*



Happy New Year!

Kudos to:

The Women of the Old West End

for coordinating this year's Tours de Noel. Once again an amazing event, put on by wonderful neighbors, and bringing in thousands of people to see our homes and to kick off the Holiday Season!

The 2018 Association Board

Judge Arlene Singer swore in (left to right) Jeni Belt, *President*; John Kraft, *Vice President*; Susan Postal, *Trustee*; Ann Guyton, *Secretary*; John Shaw, *Treasurer*; Deb Kienzle, *Trustee*.

Courtney Macklin and Micheline Brewer

The Outgoing Association Board Members. THANK YOU!





Letter from the President

by Jeni Belt



Greetings, neighbors! I'm delighted to once again serve as President of the Old West End Association. Seems like a lifetime ago that I was writing this column to report on OWEA and neighborhood happenings, and I guess in many respects, it was. The holidays provide ample opportunity for reflections—of the comfort and joy of the company of family and friends, the nostalgia of the past, the grief of loss, and the promise of hope that each new year brings.

As I reflect on our Association and what it means to me, the overarching sentiment is gratitude—I'm grateful to be part of such a special community. Our homes are beautiful windows to the past, and our neighbors are catalysts for an even better future, in which: our homes continue to be lovingly maintained, or perhaps restored for the first time; our Association membership reflects the entire population of the Old West End; we have a vibrant and thriving commercial area; our neighbors all treat each other with respect and dignity, embracing and celebrating our differences; and we come together often as a community to celebrate all of these attributes that make our community so special.

The Old West End Association continues to work towards all of these goals. Our **Preservation Committee** identifies troubled properties to determine what we can do to help. Our **Executive Committee** is working to promote inclusion and remind neighbors that the Old West End encompasses an area much larger than the historic district and our mission extends to our entire neighborhood. We have created an ad hoc committee to develop strategies for use of social media that reflects our collective neighborhood values. Our **Festival and Arboretum** Committees work year round to plan the special events that for so many of us define the Old West End. Our **Education** Committee provides scholarship opportunities to empower young residents of the neighborhood and the schools in our area. Our **Neighborhood and Beautification Fund** Committee awards grants to projects that improve our area—bricks and mortar-type improvements, as well as social programs in pursuit of all of these goals. Our **En-**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle's Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Association Meeting
7:00 p.m. at the
Collingwood Arts Center, Pride Room
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Entrepreneurship Committee supports existing businesses in the neighborhood and works to encourage new business ventures as well.

Much of the work identified above was done as a direct result of the very capable leadership of our outgoing President, **Courtney Macklin**. Courtney resurrected our Preservation Committee after years of inactivity before she served as Vice President, then President of OWEA. Our Entrepreneurship Committee was created under Courtney's leadership, as was our NB&I Fund. She willingly agreed to serve for a third year after her term was satisfied and helped us through a necessary transition period. *"Thank you, Courtney, for your tireless efforts (and tremendous results) on behalf of the Association."*

While our Association has much to be proud of, there's still a lot of work to be done. Our new Trustees, **Chris Hanley, Tanasio Loudermill, and Scott Ramsey** are well-suited to keep us mov-



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ing forward. Thank you all for agreeing to serve—I'm very excited about what's in store for us.

Our next meeting takes place **January 16** at the Collingwood Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. Our Know Your Neighbor segment will feature the Fair Housing Center and what it does for our community. Hope to see you there!



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Security soundings for January are brimming with good news, and anticipation for the deary month of January! We have contracted with a brand NEW security company, **SECURITAS**. They are a new business for our city, but well known and established in Cleveland. We are so impressed and we think you will be too. Bonus: our rates will stay the same, with **BETTER** monitoring and visibility. Look for a letter to subscribers with more details. **AND** it's time for the annual **SUPERBOWL PARTY** at the **ATTIC BAR**. A great time, fun, food, games with friends at the Attic on Adams. Don't like football? Play Euchre, other games, drawings, drinks, did I say fun - **SUPERBOWL SUNDAY AT THE ATTIC on Feb. 4th**, join us at 6pm. **Fun for all.**

The Women of The Old West End



WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak



Again and with much fanfare we will all enjoy the talent of **Todd Reuhle and Paul Davidge** for bringing the beauty of Christmas to the Commons Park. The Holiday Sprit will be with us for many weeks as we and others enjoy the light show of the Park.

Our hearts are singing **Paul & Todd**. Thanks You!!!

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

Jan. 10, 2017 **Debbie Stambaugh**
2636 Parkwood Ave.

The Jan. meeting is one week later than our usual day.

Feb. 7, 2017 **Melody Brewer**
2553 Glenwood Ave.

2017 Tours de Noel

Again, and with much gratitude we say a heartfelt **Thank You** to **Homeowners, House Captains, Sponsors, History Museum & OWE Antiques, Church's, Cookie Bakers (both for the Tree Lighting & Cookie Walk,**

What an amazing **Golf Cart Parade** to kick off the Tree lighting and Tours..... Chaired by **Christine Parks** who gathered and encourage participant to decorate their carts ... and boy did they, including Christine whose reindeer costume was over the top. And prior to this **Shelley Varelli** asked and encouraged many neighbors to decorate their homes and light up the neighborhood. Many took the time and the neighborhood has never looked more alive. Thanks a million to **Christine and Shelly** for helping to make the Tours even more special.

Central Catholic Alumni Glee Club (who sang at the Tree Lighting) and this year's Amazing Committee.....

Dennis Lange - Chair

Toni Moore, Kent Illenden, Carol Kutsche, Arlene Hartmann, Debbie Stambaugh, Lynn LaPlante, Marge Dottling and Jim Logan (Physical Set-up)

Again Greatful Appreciation to the: Homeowners, House Captains, Churches, Toledo History Museum & OWE Antiques

The Marshall - Exton Home

House Captains:
Phil Klunk & Crystal Rogers

The Taber-Urbank-Bodkin Home

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House Captain: *Marge Dottling*

The Milmine-Stewart House

Jan Hemsoth & Donna Christian

First Congregational Church

Pastor Larry Vriezelaar

for tours of their Sanctuary and allowing WOWE & ARJA to use their space for the Christmas Boutique & Cookie Walk and

Glenwood Lutheran Church

Pastor Chris Hanley

who offered tours of their Sanctuary, designed and set up a Nativity Photo Booth, offered Cookie Decorating and Christmas Card making and much more to all who took the time to tour.

We were very grateful this year to have Pastor Chris Hanley of Glenwood Lutheran bless the Tours. One woman was so moved by his words she ask what time their services were on Sunday. Also, you should know, if you were not at the Tree Lighting members of the Glenwood Lutheran Nativity arrived at the Commons with the golf carts (in a Mini Cooper) and all were dressed as Mary & Joseph with baby Jesus, Shepherd's and Pastor Chris was the Christmas Angel ... wings and a halo too!!! Thanks to all who helped to make the whole weekend so special.

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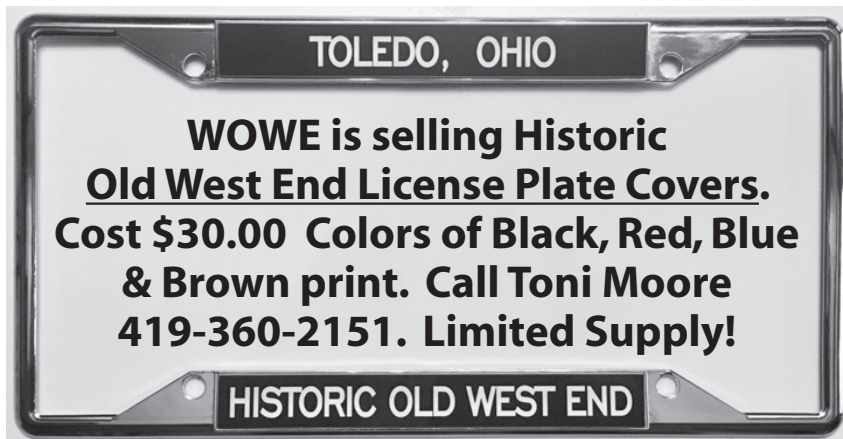
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