

# HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



## Kudos to:

**The Women of the Old West End** for putting on another amazing Tours de Noel.  
**Jeff Johnston** for washing endless dishes at the Arboretum Cookie Bake.

**Findley Gleason & Chuck Madrigal**  
for making the corner of Collingwood & Bancroft beautiful again.

**Somehow Thank You just doesn't seem to be enough ...**

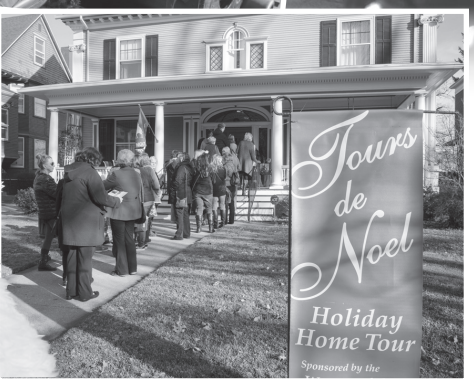
... to all my friends and neighbors who came to the rescue this year when I was diagnosed with Mesothelioma. (An incurable cancer of the lungs generally caused by asbestos.) I was diagnosed at the Toledo Hospital with little to no life expectancy past a few weeks to months. One of the doctors suggested the U. of M. hospital for a second opinion.

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# Tours de Noel



Photos by David Moore







  
**Letter from  
the President**  
*by Courtney Macklin*

I'd like to welcome everyone to another wonderful year in the OWE. I hope you all had a happy and exciting holiday season, and have taken some time to relax and enjoy how festive our neighborhood looks. Thank you for helping make 2015 awesome, and I look forward to an even better 2016!

First, let me extend a huge **Thank You** to everyone who helped out with **Tours de Noel**. Whether you helped make cookies or were a tour guide, or bought and enjoyed cookies and other goodies from the Boutique, thank you all for helping the Old West End sparkle and shine.

At the Association's December meeting, the officers and trustees that were elected were sworn in: **Courtney Macklin, President; Nabeel Jabarin, Vice President; Ann Guyton, Secretary; John Shaw, Treasurer; and Dan Schmitt, Trustee.**



I'd like to extend a special thanks to **Judge Arlene Singer**, who did a fabulous job swearing us in to office for next year. Additionally, the Association passed the budget for 2016, which looks quite similar to last year with the exception of Mansion View no longer being in the budget.

The Association's committees are already gearing up to make 2016 an even more eventful year. Look for a scholarship for OWE high school seniors soon from **Education and Scholarship**. The Festival Committee is already well on their way to a slate of amazing houses for Festival. We all live in beautiful houses, so consider putting yours on tour. The **Preservation Committee** has scheduled a boiler related educational workshop for early January and is looking to schedule a windows workshop soon due to high demand.

The **Neighborhood Beautification and Investment Fund** ad hoc committee is meeting and working to finalize an

application and selection process. If you have an idea that would improve and benefit the whole neighborhood, keep an eye out as there will be funds available to help make this idea a reality. The **Bylaws Review** ad hoc committee intends to present the revised bylaws they propose to the Association this month for the first reading. Before voting on the revised bylaws they must be presented twice, so please do plan to attend the January meeting.

I was delighted to see a number of new faces at our December meeting and I hope that I will see more for the new year. I'd love to see us pack the Libbey House, because there is power in numbers, and the more people we have the more we can do! With that, the next Old West End Association Meeting is on **Tuesday, January 19** at 7:00 PM at the Libbey House, 2008 Scottwood Avenue.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016  
**O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting**  
6 p.m. **The Libbey House**

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016  
**O.W.E. Association Meeting**  
7 p.m. at **The Libbey House**  
2008 Scottwood. Ave.

## PRESERVATION REMINDERS

The Preservation Committee is proud to share its most recent preservation activity. Shortly after Thanksgiving, a rubber roof was added to the entranceway of the Knight House in an effort to preserve this architecturally and historically significant gem. The house, built in 1905, recently went through a sheriff's sale and is now on the Land Bank roles after years and years of neglect. While it may be too late to save the house in its entirety, we were at least able to stem the deterioration to this unique aspect of the structure, which is one of a kind in Toledo and is rumored to be one of a kind in the country.

We will continue to focus our efforts on preventing demolition by neglect and encourage you to get involved to help us do so. In addition, the Committee is continuing its education series to help homeowners engage in hands-on preservation. We will be offering another window sash and cord repair class, as well as a boiler/radiator class, in January. Stay tuned to our Facebook page or neighborhood email for details on these sessions. Or better yet, come to our meetings! Our next meeting is January 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Kent Branch Library. See you there!



## OLD WEST END SECURITY

In searching the internet for a topic to share with the neighborhood, I came across "17 Simple Tips for Better Neighborhood Security." Not surprising, at the top of the list was Join or Organize a Neighborhood Security Group. Thanks to a group of feisty neighbors, Old West End Security (OWES) was formed over 30 years ago. Our board and supporters are continuing to uphold their mission of deterring crime through communication, education and contracting private security officers to patrol the neighborhood.

My interest was piqued...I continued reading. Tip #2 Use social media to communicate with neighbors. OWES is 2 for 2! OWES Security uses Facebook to educate

and share information with neighbors. We also have a new and snazzy website, where you can join, donate or renew online! Check it out: [www.OldWestEndSecurity.com](http://www.OldWestEndSecurity.com).

Some of the other 17 helpful tips included: Encourage neighbors to Install (and use) Home Security Systems (OWES isn't a personal alarm), Report Suspicious Activity (you can do this on the OWES website or call our resident manager), Eliminate Hiding Spaces around your dwelling (cut down bushes and trees near windows and doors), Encourage outside lighting (duh), Report broken street lights (there is a link on our website to do just that) and one of the best tips I read was ATTEND LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS! (OWEA, OWES and/or WOVE).

A final OWE 18th tip: Make it your New Year Resolution to support OWE Security in 2016!



# The Women of The Old West End

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

From WOWE to all of our neighbors and friends:  
WE WISH YOU A

*"Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year!"*

### THANKING YOU AGAIN!

### Tours de Noel Participants

**Laura & Matt Mishler**

2210 Robinwood Ave.  
House captain - Carol Kutsche

**Diane & Dennis Duggan**

2369 Robinwood Ave.  
House Captain - Crystal Rogers

**Lynn & Grover Baldwin**

2242 Parkwood Ave.  
House Captain - Marge Dottling

**Phyllis Reynolds**

2249 Parkwood Ave.  
House Captain - Mary McCallum

**Mary Plummer & Marie Minniear**

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House Captain - Phil Klunk

**Milmine-Stewart House**

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Donna Christian & Jan Hemsoth

**First Congregational Church**

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Coordinators

**Glenwood Lutheran Church**

2545 Monroe St.  
Jean Emery & Jerry Bruckseiker  
Coordinators

**Paul Davidge & Todd Ruehle  
Britni Wilson - Carleton  
& Kevin Carleton**

Common's Park Lights & Decorations

**Black Kite Coffee**

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**Dennis Lange**, Chairman

**Kent Illenden**, Publicity

**Carol Kutsche**,  
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**Debbie Stambaugh**  
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**Lynn LaPlante**, Ticket Sales

**Ellen Langle**

**Lynn & Dave LaPlante**,  
Santa & Mrs. Claus

**Amelia Jarret**,  
Driver for Santa & Mrs. Claus

**Tammy, Scott & Nathan Michalak**

**Arlene Hartmann**, Boutique

### ALL TOUR GUIDES AT ALL THE HOMES!

**City of Toledo**

**Mark Marzec**, Streets/Leaf Pick-up

**Barb Lane**, Parks

If you see any of the above neighbors and friends of the neighborhood, please be sure to thank them too. Their participation helps us all in promoting this amazing neighborhood. That includes the City people as well . . .who continue to help WOWE and OWEA with Tours, Festival and all other projects.

**AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THIS YEAR'S TOUR WAS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF PAST WOWE PRESIDENT KAY CLAWSON 1947 - NOVEMBER 22, 2015**

### "LIGHT THE NEIGHBORHOOD"

Winners:

**David Harvey & Bill Hill  
Bob Bogantz & Ric Risner  
Carol & Nick Stolarski**

The Tours de Noel Committee & WOWE are grateful to everyone who spent time decorating the outside of their home for the holidays and Tours de Noel.

### BANCROFT STREET

Are we all loving the smooth pavement, bike lanes, parking bump-outs, tree's????! The new lighting will be installed in the Spring. Thanks to all who participated in coordinating the Bancroft project. It looks amazing!!

### LEAVES

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have recently raked leaves into the street the Streets Dept. will not be back this year to pick them up. The Streets dept. has made special trips back in the neighborhood three times to pick up our leaves. They have posted on their web site (for all of the city) that all remaining leaves can be bagged and put in the trash.



Mark your calendars and join us on the following Saturdays  
9am - Noon

Thank you again Paul, Todd, Britni & Kevin!! The Commons Park is again decorated into a Winter Wonderland. I'm sure we speak for the whole neighborhood in that we are so grateful for your spirit, energy & time. The Common's is gorgeous.

### WELCOME HOME

Long time resident Bill Began has returned to the OWE after many months of treatment and recuperation in Boston. We are happy to announce that he is cancer free and getting better each day. So happy to have you home with us Bill!!!!

**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. 13, 2016\***

**Lynn LaPlante**  
2320 Scottwood Ave.

**Feb. 3rd**

**Toni Moore**  
2369 Robinwood Ave.

*Note\* January meeting has been moved to second Wednesday for January.*



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## Somehow Thank You just doesn't seem to be enough (Continued)

At the U. of M. hospital the doctors talked of an experimental surgery but would not do it because of my age. Again the result was the same adding the use of Chemotherapy. The attending surgeon recommended the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He had gone to school with one of the doctors there and would make the connection for us.

Soon after this we received an invitation to Boston by the head of the Thoracic Department and one of worlds specialists in Mesothelioma. He took over my case and performed the surgery on August 13. The surgery took 10 hours and announced to my wife that I was now cancer free.

Today I am back in my home in the Old West End. I am cancer free and there are so many of you to thank it's difficult to know where to start. Thanks to my nieces, nephew and sister in Danvers who sheltered and fed us and to **The neighbors in the Old West End, who fed our critters, mowed the lawns and did all the other tasks.**

The cards and prayers and well wishes for a quick recovery, go a long way.

*From the BEGIN'S (Bill and Ginni)*

**THANK-YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!**

**Collingwood  
Presbyterian Church**

**Two Services**

9:30am - The Garden Service  
11:00am - Sanctuary Service

"I feel renewed and strengthened  
each time I come. God is good :)"

- Scott Bley

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## CLASSIFIEDS

**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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