

## Kudos to:

**O.W.E. Security Board**  
for another successful Super Bowl Party and **Joel Roberts** (Treasurer) and **Paul Valdez** (Secretary) for taking leadership roles in OWE Security

**Paul Valdez**  
for running the Euchre Games during the Super Bowl Fundraiser

A huge Thank You to **Barb Apple** for being a Historic Times courier over the last few years.

## Who are Judy Stone and Skip Gaynor?

Judy not only lives in the Historic Old West End but also has restored seven homes in the area with her husband, Skip Gaynor. One of her restoration projects was featured in THE BLADE in 1992 and was toured by two thousand visitors from as far away as Handan, China and Hungary. In 2003 they opened their home for Old West End Festival Tours and hosted a guest from Bosnia who was a participant of the Dayton Peace Accords. They sponsored a small homes tour and appreciation dinner for Tall Ships Toledo and hosted members of the Indian Navy ship Tarangini and the Canadian Historical ship True North of Toronto. In 2014 after rehabbing a condo in Sylvania they returned in 2016 to tackle a major project across from their old house.



## Advertiser Spotlight

On December 3, 2009, Judy Stone was named by the Toledo Board of Realtors as the 2009 Realtor Citizen of the Year.

Their love and knowledge of Toledo neighborhoods enhances the client experience. Judy is a graduate of the University of Toledo and Leadership Toledo. Her passion for Toledo includes fundraising for non-profit organizations, and supporting the arts and culture of Toledo. For her volunteer efforts, she has been recognized with many community awards: Member of the Toledo, Ohio and National Boards of REALTORS, 1998-2017; Danberry President's Club Award, 1999-09; the only three time winner of the Danberry Golden Eagle Award for outstanding customer service, Lifetime Member of the Toledo Board of Realtors Million Dollar Club, Ohio Association of Realtors Award of Achievement/Distinction, Landmark's Preservation Award and a proclamation from the City of Toledo for community service.

Mathias "Skip" Gaynor, ePRO, became a member of the Ohio/Toledo Board of Realtors in 2004 and was licensed in Michigan in 2009 after retiring from the phone company. He has served as both Treasurer and Trustee OWEA and Trustee of Old West End Security. His extraordinary photography brings another dimension to the presentation of client's homes.

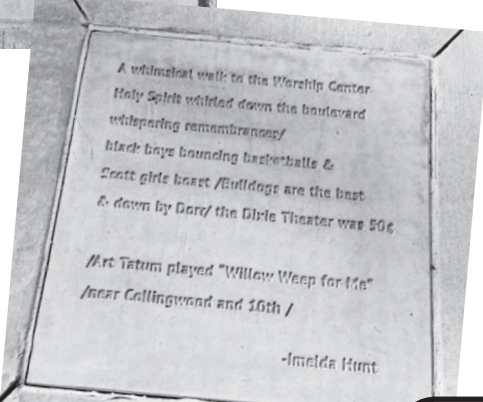
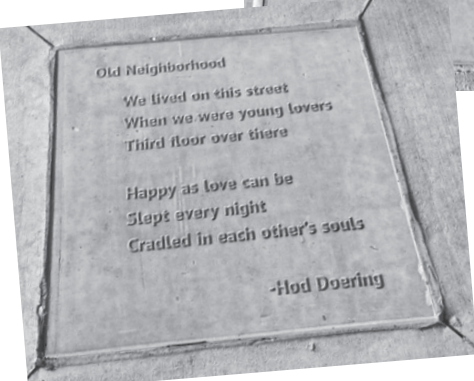
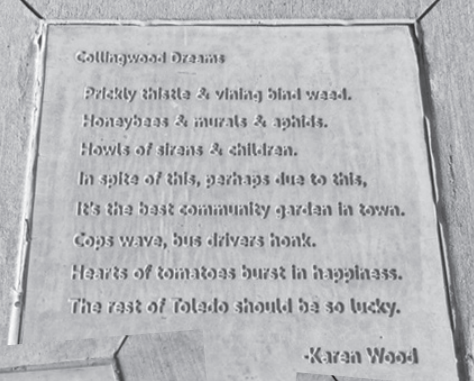
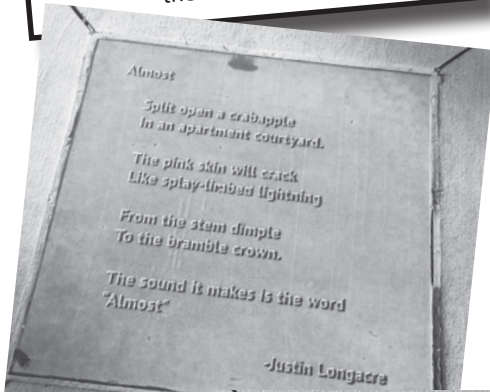
*They truly believe that volunteerism is the rent you pay to your community.*

## Old West End SCHOLARSHIP AWARD!

This scholarship is open to all 2017 graduating seniors who reside in the Old West End neighborhood which will be defined as the zip codes consisting of 43610 & 43620. Entries will include three (3) letters of reference; one from a current or former educator, a personal reference, and a letter from a volunteer or service project preferably completed in the neighborhood. A significant portion of the applications will be a 500 word essay on what impact there is living in a historic neighborhood or home and what effect this has had on your perspective of the future of preservation of homes and historic communities. An acceptance letter, or tentative acceptance to an accredited college or university, 3.5 GPA, and an active involvement in community service are also required.

Entries will be accepted until March 31, 2017 and the application is available online at [www.toledoldwestend.com](http://www.toledoldwestend.com).

For more information, contact Deb Kienzle at 419-754-7166.



## A WINTER'S WALK ON COLLINGWOOD

If anyone ever walks along Collingwood between Delaware to Winthrop, you will be treated to Poems that have been placed into the sidewalks on both sides of the street. Featured is a sampling of a few of them. Enjoy your walk!  
*(Courtesy of the Arts Commission of Toledo)*

## HISTORIC TIMES COURIER NEEDED

A volunteer courier is needed for the 2300-2400 blocks of Parkwood. Approx. 60 papers. Great way to support your neighborhood, get exercise and meet your neighbors. Call Kent 419-367-9155



## Letter from the President

by Courtney Macklin

Spring is almost here, and I can't wait for the neighborhood to be in bloom. While we all eagerly anticipate resuming yard and garden work, don't forget to enjoy your friends, family, neighbors, and that day in March when everyone is Irish.

If you have a high school senior in your life please encourage her or him to apply for the **Education and Scholarship Committee's annual scholarship**. The scholarship amount was doubled this year to \$1,000. Please visit [www.toledooldwestend.com/get-involved](http://www.toledooldwestend.com/get-involved) and apply by March 31!

At the February OWEA meeting we heard from Monsignor Kubacki of the Catholic Diocese, David Mann and Josh Murnen of the Lucas County Land Bank about **2500 Collingwood**. The Diocese is assessing the amount of work that needs to be done to bring this building up to code. They are excited about the business growth on Collingwood and hope to add to it. Stay tuned for public community meetings regarding the redevelopment of this space.

June 3-4 is fast approaching and **Festival** cannot happen without you! We need you to sign up to be a volunteer today! There is now a volunteer form on our website: [www.toledooldwestend.com](http://www.toledooldwestend.com).

The next **Neighborhood Beautification and Investment Fund** grant deadline is **April 30**. This grant is set up to fund public projects in the Old West End. We all have an idea that would benefit the whole neighborhood whether it is lighting or flowers or benches, please apply! This is probably the easiest grant application in the history of grants. It can be found at [www.toledooldwestend.com](http://www.toledooldwestend.com). I hope that this committee is flooded with applicants.

The **Entrepreneurship Committee** is compiling a directory of businesses in the neighborhood. Please e-mail your business and contact information to [oweec419@gmail.com](mailto:oweec419@gmail.com). If you are a business owner, please also consider attending the next committee meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 6:00 PM at the Collingwood Arts Center.

The **Preservation Committee** began a partnership with the Collingwood Arts Center to winterize and stabilize the "tea house." This will be a great help to a neighborhood asset and provide an

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

opportunity for preservation education classes for our neighbors. Stay tuned for more details!

The OWEA sent two representatives to **Heritage Ohio's Dollars and Sense of Building Rehabilitation program** held last month at the Toledo Club. Judy Stone and Derek Bunch brought back great information about tax credits that are available for the development of commercial space in historic buildings. Please attend the next **Entrepreneurship Committee** meeting on **March 9** if you'd like further information.

We will also be forming an ad hoc committee to explore the possibility of having a community organizer in the Old West End. If you are interested in participating in this conversation please contact me at [Courtney.macklin@hotmail.com](mailto:Courtney.macklin@hotmail.com).

I hope that you will all consider becoming more involved in our neighborhood. The next Old West End Association meeting is on Tuesday March 14 at 7:00 at the Libbey House, 2008 Scottwood. Wine, refreshments, and community are always provided!



## OLD WEST END SECURITY Supporter Drive

Greetings, Neighbors! Thanks to a generous grant through the Old West End Association's Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement (NB&I) program, Old West End Security is able to offer matching funds for new supporters. If you become a supporter before May 1, your membership will be matched by funds from the grant, doubling the number of patrols your membership contributes to OWE security.

Please note that the matching funds are for new supporters only - so tell a friend and a neighbor. If you've been waiting for the right time to support Old West End Security, this is it. Double your money, double the patrols.

Old West End Security is a supporter



**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. The bands cost 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 OWE Preservation Committee met on February 13 at 7:00 pm at Kent Branch Library. We agreed to move forward with our preservation efforts for the **Collingwood Arts Center's "Tea House"**. The goal is to weatherize and protect the structure, which sits aside the entrance to CAC, for future renovation. We are pleased to be working in partnership with the CAC staff and Board of Trustees. **Saturday, March 4** is our first workday to visit and secure the property. We welcome all interested from 8 am to noon to pitch in or just come take a look.

Other activities discussed for the future were a paper shred and latex paint Roundup for the Spring. If you're in the market for old doors, speak up now because we're about to ship our salvaged doors from the Mansion View storage site to Habitat for Humanity. You can save us the transportation by coming now to shop for your doors. Contact Chad Coyle at 419-466-0837 to arrange details.

If you're aware of, and/or interested in acquiring, vacant homes in the neighborhood, please feel free to join us at meetings to discuss possibilities for acquisition. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at Kent Branch Library. Next meeting: March 13.

based neighborhood organization focused on making our entire neighborhood become a safe and secure place to live and play. For more information about our organization, please check us out at [www.OldWestEndSecurity.com](http://www.OldWestEndSecurity.com). To report crime or suspicious activity call the police (911 for emergencies, 419-245-3340 for non-emergency calls) and then call OWES (419-902-0982) or submit a report to OWES at [www.OldWestEndSecurity.com](http://www.OldWestEndSecurity.com). To become a supporter, please call or visit our website. You can sign up and make payments through our secure website.



# The Women of The Old West End

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

## THE PLAZA HOTEL

As promised in last month's newsletter a little history about The Plaza Hotel, a major fire at the Plaza Hotel, City Administration and the City Police & Fire Dept. Strike of 1979.

The Plaza Hotel in its heyday day was the place to stay or rent here in the OWE. As things changed in the 60's and 70's the hotel had become rental property as it was no longer a hotel destination. The Coffee Shop in the hotel was still open in the 70's and so for many of us who lived here then, it was a place to go with our children for hot chocolate in the winter and cool beverages in the summer months. Breakfast and lunches were the best too.

The Plaza was shut down in the 1970's and sat vacant for a couple of years. Many of us were concerned about its welfare as it had been vandalized a few times. The City of Toledo was in possession of the property and were in the process of selling it. A buyer came forward who was going to redevelop it, but for over a year nothing happened. Because WOVE and the neighborhood had made many calls to the city with regard to the grass not being cut, broken out windows etc., we had much concern as this is a very large piece of property to be neglected. Many of us made numerous calls to the city and with that the owner Quick Claim deeded the Plaza over to his elderly parents in Florida. We and the city inspection department had a huge dilemma. We tracked down the parents (new owners of record), sent letters challenging their ownership in not taking care of the property.

Fortunately the property was sold again and was going to be tuned into housing for the elderly. We here in the neighborhood were ecstatic with this news. WOVE asked how we might be of assistance as the new owners were ready to begin the work. One of the things that the new owners offered to WOVE was all the furniture that had been left in the building. WOVE held one huge sale. However, as we were preparing for this sale we learned that the new owners would be employing non-union labor to do the work. A HUGE problem not only for the new owners and our community but we had heard that there had been individuals menacing the caretaker. WOVE members kept a close eye on the buildings and the Caretaker. We set up video camera's on the Scottwood and Robinwood side of the buildings. We were concerned for the caretaker and our members. One of our mem-



bers had pulled into the drive on the Robinwood Ave. side to check on the caretaker and had 3 of her tires flattened by nail strips that had been placed on the driveway. On July 1st phone calls were made to members that the Plaza was on fire. What came next was a black day for our neighborhood, our city officials and the City Police & Fire Depts.

### Information

*The Blade archive article below was written on Dec. 24 2015, and is filled under Civic Pride, Fires, Law and Order.*

### The 1979 City Worker Strike

The fact that negotiations between the unions representing Toledo city employees and the city were breaking down in the summer of 1979 didn't really garner a lot of notice.

City Gives 'Final' Offer On Employee Contracts, (June 28) for example. Nobody probably expected the 1979 city worker strike to turn out the way it did.

Members of four unions – the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 7, Teamsters Local 20, the Toledo Police Patrolman's Association, and Fire Fighters Local 92, were solidly in favor of striking. Together, the four unions represented about 3,400 city employees.

The city had offered general wage increases of 2 per cent beginning January 1, 1980, 1.5 percent the next year, and 1 percent for 1982. The unions countered with increases of 4, 3 and 2 percent during the life of the three-year contract. The four unions voted at least 90% in favor of authorizing a strike. And on Sunday morning, July 1, firefighters, Teamsters and other union members set up picket lines. 3,400 municipal employee's went on strike.

"The general strike was evident throughout the city," The Blade wrote in Monday afternoon's edition. "The zoo was closed, the Cherry Street bridge was raised at 6:30 p.m. and remained open with no one to man it, some striking police drove in front of the Safety Building with sirens blaring and picket signs on the windows, and firemen at the No. 1 station

downtown played the song 'Take This Job and Shove It'... Traffic in the site was hampered by a number of lights which were out at such intersections as Airport Highway and Reynolds Road and Bancroft Street and Franklin Avenue."

(The city decided to leave the Cherry Street bridge open because navigable waterways have the right of way.)

On Monday night, July 2nd, a TARTA bus driver, Robert Maidlow, was murdered during a robbery at Oakwood and Smead. Three blocks away, and only a few minutes before, another driver was robbed at gunpoint. It prompted TARTA general manager Charles Whitten to pull buses off the streets for two days, with service resuming on July 5.

The signature event of the three-day strike was probably the fire at the former Plaza Hotel, on Monroe Street across from the Toledo Muesum of Art. A security guard told The Blade that about 60 men showed up around 6:30 a.m. on July 3, took their radios, entered the grounds, broke windows in several cars, overturned a van, and threw a firebomb into the building. Units from Maumee, Neapolis, Sylvania Township and Whitehouse fought the fire along with chiefs from the Toledo Fire Division (as it was known then).

However, once the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms got involved, it quickly came to light that the firebombing was the result of a dispute between the owners of The Plaza and local trade unions over use of non-union labor. Witness told a federal grand jury that a truck, later identified as belong to a member of a local union, drove by and tossed Molotov cocktails into one of the five Plaza buildings. Members of the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearm quickly arrived at the Plaza building. Eventually arrests were made and those involved were prosecuted and jailed.

*The Plaza Hotel after its 1979 fire, courtesy of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, obtained from <http://images2.toledolibrary.org>.*

The Plaza is still there, as an apartment complex. According to stories, it was built "50 to 70 years ago" and was given to the city as a gift, who decided to turn it into apartments for the elderly. The renovation was already underway at the time of the fire. Under the threat of heavy fines from a court order, city employees began to return to work as three city unions accepted an offer of a two percent increase every year for three years, plus cost-of-living allowances.

It all came to an end quickly, but The Blade (on its Opinion page) described it as "another costly blow to Toledo's image at the national level."

"Equally depressing was the lawlessness that sent strikers around the city opening fire hydrants to reduce water pressure, harassing those trying to help extinguish blazes, driving vehicles on fire hoses, jamming locks and coating doorknobs in public buildings with grease, blocking passage of emergency life-squad vehicles, destroying city property, and voicing ugly threats to public health and safety."

### UPCOMING WOVE MEETINGS

6:30 POTLUCK 7:00 MEETING  
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
All neighbors are welcome!

Please join us and learn how WOVE is making a difference for our neighborhood

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.



First Commons Park workday for 2017! Saturday, March 11th. 9:00a-noon

Breakfast and beverages served to all volunteers.

This first workday will be to make and assessment of things that need to be done and to do some clearing of leaves. Your help is needed as we prepare to get the Commons ready for summer and the Old West End Festival.

**PUMPERNICKEL'S**  
DELI & CAFE

**JIGGS DINNER**  
Saturday, March 18  
**CALL FOR RESERVATIONS**

(B.Y.O.B. accepted - consumed at your table)

Seatings are:  
4, 6 & 8:00 pm  
\$12 per person

2489 Collingwood • 419-244-2255 • pumpernickels@att.net  
Lunch (Mon.-Sat.) 10:30-3pm Breakfast (Wed.-Fri.) 9-11 (Sat.) 9-3pm  
(The regular menu will be available until 3pm on March 18)

## Buy Life Insurance

Vince Davis' Boys



3344 Secor Road | Toledo OH 43606  
Ph: 419.244.2904 | Fax: 419.244.4105  
Email: vince.davis.bun1@statefarm.com  
Website: VinceDavisInsurance.com

## PLEASE SUPPORT

Do Your Radiators Bang, Drip or Spit?  
Are Some Rooms Hot, While Others Stay Cold?  
Do Your Heating Bills Continue to Rise?

Allow Me to Draw Upon My Nearly 40 Years of Experience With Vintage Heating Systems (Including Over Three Decades as Chief Engineer at Detroit's Historic Fox Theatre) To Help You With Your Problem.

Harry Skrdla  
Hubboard@yahoo.com

### The Danberry Co., Realtors

3624 Navarre Av., Oregon, Oh 43616



**Judy Stone**, ABR, SHS, ePro, CARES  
Judy@JudyStone.com  
419-241-1717

**M. Skip Gaynor**, Ohio & Mi., ePro  
Skip@MJGaynor.com  
419-243-1480

Working together, with you, for you. Fax: 419-794-1577



Mon. - Sat.  
9am - 10pm



**GOOD NEIGHBOR PHARMACY**

Sunday  
9am - 5pm

## MONROE PHARMACY

4122 Monroe Street (Near Douglas)

**A Full Service Pharmacy**

**419-473-1531**

FREE Prescription Delivery Available  
FREE Transfer of Prescriptions to our Pharmacy  
We accept ALL Insurance Cards & ALL Medicare D



THE OHIO THEATRE  
AND EVENT CENTER

[www.ohiotheatretoledo.org](http://www.ohiotheatretoledo.org)

Contact us at:  
419-255-8406  
for  
upcoming  
events.

## OUR ADVERTISERS

Your Local Branch in the Old West End!



**Maria Kekes**  
Old West End

KeyBank  
3031 Collingwood Blvd.  
Toledo, OH 43610

phone: 419-469-1600  
fax: 419-255-4079  
direct: 419-469-1611  
Maria\_Kekes@keybank.com

## Advertise in The Historic Times!

**Business Card Ads** \$50 per month (3.5" x 2")

**Classified Ads** - 2 Line Classified Ad (20 words) for \$10  
3 Line Classified Ad (30 words) for \$15

All copy is due the **15th of each month**. No ad will be run without payment - please include payment with your ad. Email your ad information to: **killenden@sfcgraphics.com** or mail to: **2702 Parkwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43610 419-367-9155**  
Please make check payable to: **Illenden & Company Graphic Design**  
If supplying the ad electronically, please save in a PDF format. (EPS and JPEG files are also acceptable)

*Discounts Available for Multiple Months!*

## 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