



## Remembering Joyce Perrin

By Kent Illenden

**(Including excerpts from the Toledo Club Topics, April, 2017 article by Bob Lubell)**

We were saddened to hear that OWE and Toledo Legend Joyce Perrin passed away in her Glenwood home on Saturday, October 4 at the age of 91.

Joyce Perrin started Any Wednesday, the longest running regular jam session in our region, in her Glenwood home in 1963. At that time, Joyce was the mother of 6 children and didn't get out very much but her friends came to visit. Joyce played blues on the guitar and many of her friends included other musicians. Blade photographer Herral Long and folk singer Dave Browning were regulars at the weekly Wednesday evening gatherings.

Joyce had a colorful life. She had been a taxi driver, yoga instructor, gallery owner, historian, actress, dancer, model, personal shopper and a shop clerk. She had travelled the world, twice kidnapped her own children over international borders, had 4 husbands and gone from eating caviar to stretching a dollar to feed her 8 children.

Her first husband was Jorge Fenton, the heir to a Mexican diamond fortune. This marriage was in 1949, produced 4 children and the opportunity to live in Jorge's Mexican Hacienda San Gabriel with servants, nannies and cooks.

Her second marriage was to Dr. Leo Janis in 1959. They were married at the Toledo Club and it was described as one of the first weddings in the club. She wore a designer dress that she commissioned from Mexico. This marriage produced 2 children.

It was at Any Wednesday that she met her third husband, poet, musician and body guard Ray Patrick. Their 1968 wedding took place at an Any Wednesday party. This fun, crazy and spontaneous relationship produced 2 girls.

Joyce's fourth and last marriage was to a factory worker and artist Mark Perrin in 1972. This marriage took place on the banks of the Maumee River. She arrived in a canoe,

dressed in buckskin and a headdress of mink tails and silver bells. Mark Perrin was dressed as Davy Crockett. After the wedding, Mark & Joyce headed to Florida in a Volkswagon microbus full of art for the winter art fairs.

The last 30 years Joyce has lived in her Old West End Glenwood home. In 2012 Joyce told the *Toledo City Paper* reporter Scott Recker why the Old West End kept bringing her back, "It's eclectic: all races, religions, colors and creeds. That's always exciting to find out people's different customs, beliefs and philosophies. People are very supportive. There is no jealousy or pettiness between artists; they support each others shows, and support each other with ideas."

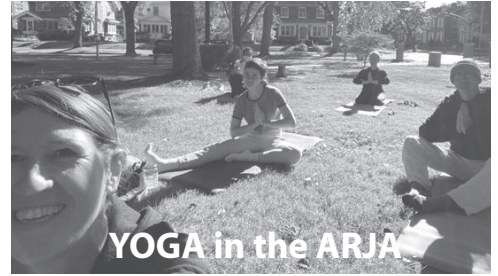
In 1988 Joyce was honored by the Arts Commission for the betterment of the Toledo art scene and in 1996 by Civitas for improving Toledo's downtown. She and jazz singer John Hendricks were crowned Queen Sancha and King Wamba in the annual King Wamba Carnival Parade during the 2006 Old West End Festival. They were both honored that year with the Keys to the City by then Mayor, Carty Finkbeiner.

WNWO TV reporter Greg Carson, in 1987 asked her how long she would continue Any Wednesday. Her reply was "I ask myself that every Thursday morning". She made that comment 33 years ago and continued the Any Wednesday events into her late 80s.

On a personal note, I met Joyce at an annual Old West End Christmas party over 10 years ago. I had always heard about Any Wednesday and then had the opportunity to attend many of them. Every one of them was filled with interesting people, incredible talent and of course Joyce Perrin. Many evenings were spent sharing stories and enjoying the talents of local musicians and poets. I will always remember her Bohemian spirit and that beautiful smile. I also want to publically thank Mark Tabone for caring for Joyce in her final years which included her wish to be "at home" til the end.



Photo by Grand Lubell Photography



YOGA in the ARJA

Participants that have donated to OWE Association for their Yoga experience include Kim and John Howard, Stephanie Power, Jenni Swartz, Ramona Olvera, and Kathy Okuley.

## Glenwood Elementary Supply Drive

Our fellow amazing neighbor, a TPS teacher Ian Furman, has been working with our local school Glenwood Elementary. Here's an Amazon link to the wish list put together by the teachers.

<https://tinyurl.com/glenwoodelementary>  
In checkout you can select the gift registry address (Ian Furman) directly below your saved address.

Or drop off every Saturday & Sunday until Thanksgiving at 2240 Glenwood Ave. There will be a box on the porch labeled Glenwood Elementary Donations.

Thank you in advanced for your support!

**Kudos to:**  
Pastor Chris Hanley (Glenwood Lutheran), Christine Palmer (Coll. Presbyterian) & Kristin Newby (Black Kite)  
for coordinating the neighborhood clean-up on Saturday, October 24

## FREE FOOD

Every Thursday\*  
4p-7p  
@The Collingwood Garden  
2472 Collingwood BLVD\*  
No documents needed.  
Wear a mask please!

\*subject to change



**Assoc. Meeting, Tues., Nov. 17**  
are currently being held virtually on Zoom.

**W.O.W.E.**  
**Wed., Nov. 4, 6:30pm**  
The Libbey House, 2008 Scottwood



## Letter from the President

by Sara Haynes  
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### Voting isn't over....

Hopefully, all of you have voted in the Nov 3rd national and local election...but there is still more voting to be had! While you are on a roll and if you are eligible to vote, the slate of officers and trustees will be voted on in the November 17th OWEA meeting. The nominating committee did an AWESOME job and identified 3 new volunteers to become OWEA trustees. I am very excited that we have 3 new voices and appreciate these neighbors signing up to move our neighborhood forward. But wait, there's more... in November, we will read the 2021 'proposed' budget and the budget will be voted on in December's meeting... along with the swearing in of the officers and new trustees. Note: you are eligible to vote if you have attended 2 meetings in the last 6 months. Come, attend, vote if you are eligible. It's easy and a great way to stay connected with neighbors in these very strange times.

### Neighborhood events can be socially distant and safe:

Despite the fact that Lucas County (at the time of this writing) is in "red" status, the zip codes of 43610 and 43620 show the lowest numbers of COVID cases in the county. That is indeed one bright spot in a not-so-wonderful year. That said, the neighborhood still moves on. Even though these events are all passed, I am sharing them with you to let you know there are opportunities to get involved, stay connected, all while staying safe and following COVID protocols. As an example, on October 17th the Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum had a socially distanced work day followed by the Haunted Arboretum event in the evening. It was extremely well run and was thoroughly enjoyed by the booth participants as well as young and young-at-heart neighbors who signed up to attend. Kudos to Tami Ernst for organizing!

Another **FABULOUS** way to stay connected while being safe is attend an OWEA meeting! OWEA meetings are held via Zoom, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7 PM. October was Candidates Night and we had 11 candidates join the Zoom meeting, speak about themselves and their qualifications and answered questions. We even had a little entertainment with a few uninvited musicians joining the call and making noise!

Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
**O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting**  
(6 pm)  
Jeni Belt - 2561 Glenwood Ave.  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
**Association ZOOM Meeting**  
(7 pm)  
**ALL NEIGHBORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**Future meeting information** can be found on the OWEA Facebook group and on the OWEA website: [www.toledoldwestend.com](http://www.toledoldwestend.com). You can dial in or join via your computer.

I urge each and everyone of us to take it upon ourselves to make change / action happen. It is easy to sit on the sidelines and text /post things. It takes grit, commitment, and sweat to make things happen.

### Hate to sound like a broken record....

As we enter the colder months, it is even more important to continue the great effort that each of you have done with regards to washing hands, wearing a mask and staying socially distant. If you choose to gather indoors with people outside of your direct family, wear a mask, even in your own home. Hey, all the kids are doing it at school – so surely if we are asking this of our kids, we can lead by example. Lastly, get a flu shot!

Make November neighborly, nourishing and notable (all with a mask and with well washed hands).



## Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum 2020

Robinwood @ Delaware

**Thank You** to everyone that helped out with our 2020 work days this year. The park was re-graded and seeded; dead trees were removed & replaced with new trees; the gardens were planted/weeded monthly; and even with Covid-19, we had a very successful and safe "Haunted Arboretum". **THANKS** to **Tami Ernst** and her team for putting this together to make a safe and socially distance experience for neighbors and their families.



Dan Finkel's Singing Pumpkins



Jeff & Paulette Mills Spiders

### UPDATE

See insert for information regarding this year's Cookie Walk and Poinsettia Sale!

## OLD WEST END SECURITY SOUNDINGS - NOVEMBER

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO COMPLETED THE NEIGHBORHOOD OWE SECURITY SURVEY!

Summary of Survey: We heard from over 100 neighbors. Approximately 30% of respondents were current supporters of OWES, ~25% were former supporters but not currently supporters and ~50% were non-supporters. We feel that we received feedback from a good cross-section of neighbors.

Over 72% of respondents would like patrols to return to the neighborhood. We had two questions on armed and unarmed patrols. Results show roughly a 60-40 split with regards to neighbors preferring unarmed patrols. Neighbors liked the idea of community-building. Neighborhood safety is a priority over feeling safe in one's home. Violent crime / assault was ranked as very important by 91% of respondents. Patrols as a visual deterrent, property crime, know your neighbor, weapons, and drugs were also rated as very important to over 50% of respondents.

**NEXT STEPS:** The board is looking at companies that are interested in patrolling without lethal weapons. We have done some initial research and are now refining our questioning of companies. We appreciate everyone's patience as the board moves forward thoughtfully. If you have any questions or concerns, please email, call or text us. You can also use the website to report an irregularity or provide feedback.

**WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** For those who aren't currently supporters, or who haven't renewed, OWES cannot do anything without financial support. It is clear that neighbors want patrols...but we need supporters in order to do so! Information how to join or to donate is on our website: [www.OldWestEndSecurity.com](http://www.OldWestEndSecurity.com)

The board is looking for neighbors to join the board to help us move forward. If you are interested in joining us, please email OWES at [oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com](mailto:oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com).

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. Meeting are being held via Zoom and dial in / Zoom link information is out on the neighborhood FB group as well as on the website: [www.OldWestEndSecurity.com](http://www.OldWestEndSecurity.com). Please join us. It's easier than ever to show your support and help us navigate to the future!



## The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers: Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

### THE LIBBEY HOUSE & WOWE MEMBERS

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### "DICKENS HIGH TEA"

Sun., Dec. 7th & 13th

Seatings - 11am, 1pm & 3pm

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2008 Scottwood Ave.

Tickets: \$30.00 per person

Private Tea Rooms available on second floor for small groups.

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Reservation are required, with limited seating & social distancing.

Visit the Libbey House web site for reservations at: [www.libbeyhouse.org](http://www.libbeyhouse.org)

### TRAFFIC LIGHT

AT SCOTTWOOD AND BANCROFT.

Just approved by City Council the Traffic Light will be installed in the near future.

Cost: \$150,000 CIP dollars.

More details in Dec. newsletter!

WOWE WELCOMES

## Vanice S. Williams

Newly appointed Councilwoman for District 4



Vanice was invited to attend our Oct. meeting and to tell us about her passion for City Council and what she believes is important.

Vanice is currently the owner and administrator First Light Child Care Center, an early learning center for children ages 6 weeks to 11 years old.

Vanice resides in her family home on Rosewood Ave. Vanice was raised between Toledo City Council Districts 1 and 4 all of her life, and has worked in District 4 for more than half of it.

Vanice previously held various position including Assistant Program Officer

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING!

SAT., DEC. 5th at 4:30pm

Yes!! it is still happening. Even with "Tours de Noel" cancelled WOWE will still go forward with our annual Tree lighting in the Commons Park.

Santa, refreshments and the Ellen Langel Sleigh (for family pictures only) will greet all for a special time of fellowship for neighbors and guests. At this time we are still not sure about the caroling. Social Distancing and Masks will be required.

AND someone chosen by the Christmas Elves will light the big tree.

### COMMONS PARK

So grateful for the large group of volunteers who volunteered their talents in the Commons i for our October workday. Thank you to neighbors:

Casaundra Fletcher, Jim Logan, Ken Schumaker, David Neuendorff, Rene Curlee, Sheila Phillips, Evalyn & Jace Boileau, Toni Moore, Carol Kutsche and the Lucas County Team, Jennifer Brewer, Jessica Whitley, Tanya Harden, Brooklynn Bouen

In November there will be **Two WORKDAYS.**  
**Nov. 14th & 21st**  
**9:00A - 12:00N**

for LISC and a consultant for TPS. Prior to TPS and for 4.5 years she was principal for Life Skills High School of Toledo; a Dropout Recovery Program. She has worked at this school for a total of 10 years. in several position before becoming principal. To help youth more, she made the hard decision to leave her career at the school to become a consultant and ultimately open her child care center in July of 2020. Vanice has worked in Education for 21 years serving children from infancy to 22 years. Her passion for community comes from her foundation in God and her own rough upbringing. She is truly a story of perseverance and service through hard work. She is a dedicated mom to her 19 year old daughter Faith.

Vanice holds an Ohio teaching license, Real Estate License, Masters in Art Teaching and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Marketing.

If you have the opportunity to meet or see her let her know how grateful you are for all that she has done to make Toledo a better place by working with our youth.

## GOT A RECIPE TO SHARE?

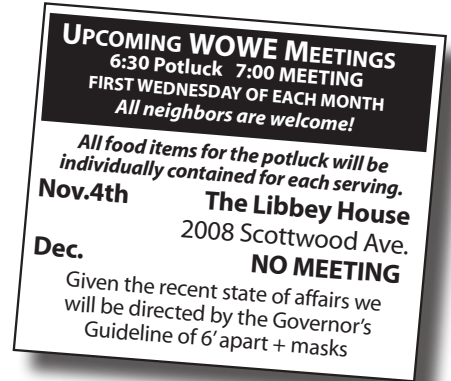
WOWE is still calling on all Old West End bakers & cooks!!

So why would you want to submit a recipe? One neighbor decided a family recipe was a way to remember a much loved grandmother and show that her cooking had become a part of his life now. Another neighbor set the bar high by sharing an original healthy creation along with a stunning photo! By your submission you will be creating a memory of your time lived here in the neighborhood. So think ... what do you make for Festival, Holidays, potlucks and to treat and nourish yourself. Please, please share that with us. We firmly believe we have the best cooks anywhere in Toledo!

Please send your recipes to:

Carol Kutsche [cjkutsche@bex.net](mailto:cjkutsche@bex.net) or  
Toni Moore: [tmoore\\_etc@hotmail.com](mailto:tmoore_etc@hotmail.com)

**Come on foodies, I know you are out there!**



WE ALSO WELCOMED TO THE OCTOBER WOWE MEETING:

### DR. CARLA PATTIN


of UT Honors Multicultural Toledo

DR. PATTIN'S STUDENTS LOVE THE OLD WEST END! As she addressed the October WOWE meeting, Dr. Carla Pattin expressed the hope to form partnerships with our neighborhood and her students.

Deriving from the Jesup Scott Honor College's 2016 Strategic Plan for Diversity and Inclusion, Multicultural Toledo was created to teach multicultural perspectives and uses Toledo as a learning lab. This learning approach sees to advance diversity and inclusiveness in the community.



Dr. Carla Pattin shared about her fostering a community discussion titled "Living in the Old West End" that featured community service leaders, school officials, and Toledo Museum of Art head librarian, at UT's Carlson Library.

WOWE has invited Dr. Pattin and her students to attend our meetings and participate with us as we serve our diverse neighborhood.




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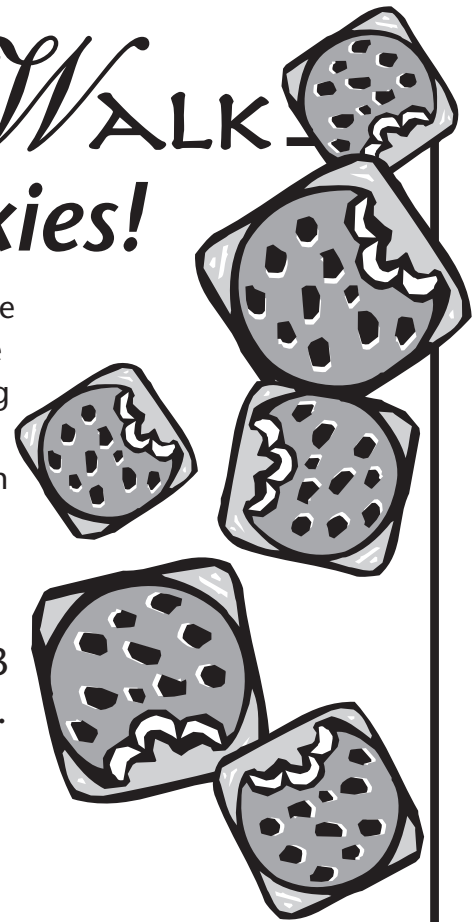
# CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

## Help us bake the cookies!

Covid-19 UPDATE: Yes we are having a Cookie Sale this year. We will have only two size boxes for sale with an assortment of our neighbors "home baked" cookies in each. Because of the Covid-19 virus and the cancelling of Tours de Noel, we cannot gather as a neighborhood for the two baking nights, so instead, we are asking if you would like to bake a batch in your home and donate them to us. The ARJA Board will meet to assemble the boxes and offer them for sale with a pick-up on Sunday December 13. (More details will follow)

If you can help bake please call Judy Winder, 419.246.9333 by **Sunday, Nov. 15** with the quantity and type of cookie.

We look forward to hearing from you - **THANK YOU!**



Agnes Reynolds Jackson  
ARBORETUM



Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum



## 2020 Poinsettia Fund Raiser

Please mail or deliver order form with payment to 2528 Glenwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43610 no later than **Sunday, November 15, 2020**. Plants can be picked up at Dan Schmitt's home, 2528 Glenwood on **Saturday, Dec. 5 between 9 a.m. and noon**. 50% of this donation is tax deductible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia Prices & Sizes

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DONATION TOTAL</u>
___ (red) ___ (white) ___ (pink) ___ (marble)	4.5" w/Pot Cover & Protective Sleeve	\$ 7.00 each _____
___ (red) ___ (white) ___ (pink) ___ (marble)	6.5" w/Pot Cover & Protective Sleeve	\$13.00 each _____
___ (red) ___ (white) ___ (pink) ___ (marble)	8.5" w/Pot Cover & Protective Sleeve	\$28.00 each _____

Make checks payable to:

**Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum (ARJA)**

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