

# Crosby Gardens lists goals; benefits are many

George P. Crosby Gardens is a unique urban environmental, education and horticultural center of 50 acres located on Elmer Drive. The original 20 acres of prime land was given to the City of Toledo in 1964 as a bequest of the late George P. Crosby. Additional acreage was purchased with City of Toledo and Federal funds.

In 1972 the Toledo City Council reviewed and approved a master plan for Crosby Gardens Environmental Education Center. In parallel action, Council also approved an ordinance which officially established the George P. Crosby Gardens Board of Directors which is responsible for guiding the development of the Gardens.

## Goals of Crosby Gardens

The Crosby Gardens Board's primary aim is education and action for the problems of today's complex urban environment. The specific goals through programming at Crosby Gardens are: to foster knowledge and appreciation of cultural and environmental aspects of urban living; to provide information on horticultural landscaping and gardening problems on the conservation of plants, birds and natural beauty; to further interest among children in both gardening and conservation; to provide lectures and conduct classes and workshops in horticultural and environmental

subjects and promote special shows and exhibits dealing with these topics; and to feature art and provide cultural exhibits and shows and demonstrate a proper setting for the use of art in the urban environment.

## Benefits of Crosby Gardens to the Community

Crosby Gardens serves a major section of northwest Ohio by its location. Crosby also serves metropolitan Toledo as a major clearing house for a variety of environmental and cultural organizations through a unique Resident Organization Program. A number of separate agencies are headquartered at Crosby Gardens. They include: The Junior League of Toledo, Inc., Lucas County Extension Service, Toledo Board of Education Outdoor Education, Photo Arts Club of Toledo, the Garden Forum, Audubon Society and many others.

Annual events such as May Garden Day, Autumn Celebration and the Toledo Festival of the Arts are designed to educate and present to the public horticultural, environmental and educational information as well as an introduction to the arts. The 1837 Pioneer Cabin and weekly demonstrations illustrate Toledo's heritage and provides insight into living in the past. Special art exhibits bring to the attention of the public the fine quality art available by local artists and craftsmen.

# Chamber of Commerce highlights



Art Landseadel, standing left, is president of the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce. Robert Brown, standing far right, is president elect. Other officers and board members are: Joe Glauque and Dale Reinbolt, kneeling, Roger Barnes, Stephen Carter, Gordon Lynch, Joe Eisler, H. Dale Grubs, 1977 president, and Mrs. Jackie Dence, secretary. Mrs. Lucy Travis, not pictured, is the new secretary. Mrs. Dence resigned to enter private industry. Also not present are James Bohn and Thomas Ziegler.

Arthur W. Landseadel, president of the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce has issued the following highlights of the group's activities for the year:

Established a planned program analysis to relate to the local small business community.

Chamber meetings are informative, enlightening and valuable to the membership.

The Chamber has instituted a monthly business update information channel to members through chamber meetings, news and special flyers, making members of small businesses aware of legislation, new tax laws, etc., that might affect their business.

A "Student of the Month" award was developed to honor young men and women selected by the Sylvania School System ad-

ministrators.

Chamber members have helped to stimulate cooperative marketing of downtown merchants through the catalyst of the Chamber's new Merchants Committee meetings. It might be noted that Central Avenue auto dealers have developed a cooperative marketing approach.

The Chamber has cooperated with the Lucas County American Cancer Society with donations in connection with the Tennis Club's tournament.

The annual Arts and Crafts Festival, sponsored by the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce, attracted over 250 exhibitors with an estimated attendance of 15,000 for the one-day event.

The Chamber cooperated with

Sylvania merchants to purchase \$1,800 worth of new Christmas decorations for downtown.

Cooperated with a kick-off dinner for the Sylvania Wildcats girls basketball team who participated in the state championships. This team was the only one in the school's history to reach state competition.

The Chamber of Commerce made a donation to the Boy Scouts to assist in refurbishing camp sites at Camp Miakonda.

Finally, Mr. Landseadel said, "We have endeavored to make the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce more meaningful to all of its members and to the public alike. We have also embarked upon a more open-door policy of exposure through reporting in the press."