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Letter from the President...

Dear League Members.

As we end our year, let's reflect on our achievements: we can make our pledge of \$20,000 to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. We gave \$25,750.00 to the TSYO Education to cover compensation for TSYO Conductors and TSYO coordinator. On May 5, 2021 we will award the 3 winners \$1,000.00 each in the Young Artist Competition. Each winner will receive 1/3 of Claudia Trombla Memorial Scholarship. The balance of the award comes from the Sylvia Molter-Neill Trust. We must thank Janet Keener who is retiring from her position as TSYO Scholarships Chairman. Janet has spent many years involved with the League and especially Awards, Scholarships, and Remembrance funds. Rarely missing a Board meeting, she will be missed for her advice and commitment.

We were able to continue Tune in Tuesday with great success, along with Leaguers Who Lunch. Many thanks to Joann Phipps, Joyce Sternberg, Mary Beaber, Beth Bowman and Barbara Bettinger.

Thank You to all the members that contributed to our fundraising endeavors, carryout dinners, mask making and selling, and bake sales (who knew someone would pay \$100.00 for a pie), A BIG THANK YOU to Jane Wurth and Joan Fought for hosting the 'Fall into Fashion' event.

Usually, the League takes the summer off but with the unusual year we have had, we are continuing events into and through the summer. Leaguers Who Lunch will continue June and July.

Jane Wurth is having a Party of Note at her home June 4, 2021 for a lovely tea. If you have not been to a party Jane throws, you are in for a beautiful treat. Watch for the invitation in the mail.

August 1, 2021 we are having a Summer Social with picnic food & games, in the fabulous setting of the historic Nazareth Hall and grounds. Look for the information in this Score.

Our Challenge Grant has been growing, You as members have stepped up to our Challenge. As of this writing, we have over \$5,000.00 donated by our members. Thank You to all that contributed.

A special thank you to Kathy Scheer who puts out the Score, invitations & any printing we need, and has been invaluable in sending out E-Blasts.

Have a wonderful summer, and we will be seeing you at future events.

Marlene Uhler
TSL President



END OF YEAR REPORT

The Toledo Symphony League has had a turnaround year. The Covid Pandemic put a shadow on all our events, but with Industrious members we reinvented ourselves with Virtual events to keep our members informed and involved.

Starting last May, we have had take-out dinners, members have made and sold masks, and raffle baskets.

In August, Beth Bowman hosted a "Sisterhood of the Traveling Tea" at Belmont CC. to a sold-out event.

In October, we had Fall into Fashion sponsored by Jane Wurth and Joan Fought. It was well attended and extremely popular.

Chick flick, chaired by Marcia Helman and Co-Chair Liz Villarreal-Rowe, was a huge success and contributed greatly to our Fundraising efforts.

This spring saw the return of Leaguers Who Lunch and Tune in Tuesday, well attended events., chaired by JoAnn Phipps, Joyce Sternberg, Mary Beaber, Beth Bowman and Barb Bettinger. Great job by all. In December, we were fortunate to receive a donation of \$7,500 from an anonymous donor which we instituted a Challenge grant. At present we have \$5,000 added to our monies for the Pledge to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel many other events with the Youth Orchestra, musician survival bags, Young Peoples Concert, Volunteer Appreciation, Valentine luncheon for staff, Rite of Spring and some Tune in Tuesdays and Leaguers Who lunch.

Summer and Fall will (hopefully) see a return to our "normal" schedule of events, it changes monthly. The First will be a Party of Note at Jane Wurth's home, on June 4, 2021 a Ladies Tea. August 1, 2021 a Summer Social at Nazareth Hall and on October 19, 2021, "Fall Gathering" at Parkway Place. We are trying out LWL during the summer, hopefully lunching at our restaurants patio's.

Even with all our setbacks due to Covid, we were able to give a check for \$25,770 to TSYO Education to cover compensation for TSYO Conductors and TSYO Coordinator. We will present 3 winners with the Claudia Trombla Memorial Scholarship award of \$1,000 each.

Many Thanks to Kathy Scheer for being our "Administrative Assistant", helping me with President duties, sending E-Blasts, editing and sending the Score, mailings, and keeping us running smoothly through this strange year.

A special thank you to Cynthia Champer, tirelessly putting out press releases and taking pictures.

Thank You also for Beth Bowman always putting articles and news on Facebook, Janna Lazelle- Lake, our new Treasurer, Jane Wurth, Joni Fought, JoAnn Phipps, and Mary Beaber for hard work, supporting me, and the energy to allow us to continue our job to support the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.



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Remembrance Scholarship Fund Report

The Coronavirus Pandemic forced cancellation of the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras 2020-2021 season as well as auditions and presentation of Toledo Symphony League Remembrance Scholarship Fund awards.

Since no scholarships were given in 2021, the Remembrance Scholarship Fund (RSF) Committee responded to a request from the Toledo Symphony Director of Education for assistance in closing a funding gap for the TSYO. With unanimous approval from the TSL Executive Committee and the General Board, \$25,770 from the Sylvia Molter-Neill Trust Fund was presented to TSO Education to meet the TSYO shortfall.

Also, a Handbook containing all available historical information and documents regarding the Toledo Symphony League Remembrance Scholarship Fund and its administration was prepared and distributed to RSF Committee members, the TSL President and others who may be involved in overseeing and administering the Remembrance Scholarship Fund.

Longtime Remembrance Scholarship Fund (RSF) Committee Chairman, Janet Keener, announced her retirement from that position during the General Board Meeting 4/15/21. The Fund and awards given experienced significant growth during her tenure. Her love, dedication, and devotion to RSF and the TSYO students was unmeasurable. She will be missed! However, she will continue to serve on the RSF Committee.

Beth Williams will become Chairman of the RSF Committee, assisted by Dorothy Bonser.

Dorothy Coats for Janet Keener

SUMMER STUDT GRANTS

The 2021 Summer Study Grants are not being implemented, again this year, due to lack of fund raising for the League. Hopefully, next year we will be able to offer them once again, to the orchestra members who wish to secure funds to help them with any summer educational opportunities to further their talents.

Marcia Helman



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

As corresponding Secretary, I would like to encourage you to notify me of any League member who might need a card for any reason, even if someone needs cheering up! The best way to get the information to me is thru email - abc123helman@aol.com

Thank You.
Marcia Helman

Part of TSYO LIAISON report:

Files from the very beginnings (late 1940-1950) of what are now known as the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras, including the Toledo Junior Youth Orchestra (1978-2011), are being organized and updated.

Anticipated completion of these updates is by summer 2021 when the files will be permanently transferred to the office of TSO Education.

Submitted by Dorothy Coats



Sad News

The Toledo Symphony League
lost 4 special members during
2020-2021.

Betty Love Britten

(July 2020)

Anne B. Johnson

(September 2020)

Maria Karmol

(November 2020)

Shirley Smith

(February 2021)



Leaguers Who Lunch

Under the leadership of Leaguers Who Lunch Chairman, Joyce Stenberg, the LWL season began October 13, 2020 with lunch at Sylvania Country Club and the “regular season” ended April 13, 2021 with lunch at The Seafood Restaurant. It goes without saying the 2020-2021 “regular season” was extremely abbreviated!

The challenges of pandemic party planning brought new opportunities to the LWL Committee (Mary Beaber, Barbara Bettinger, Barbara Brown, Shelli Jacobs, JoAnn Phipps and Joyce Stenberg). May 11, 2021 will begin an “extended season” of LWL with lunch at Carranor Hunt and Polo Club. LWL member Kris Young suggested the venue and will serve as hostess. Lunch at Clara J’s Tea Room is being planned for June 8, 2021 by Joyce Stenberg. Delicious experiences await!

Current LWL membership is composed of 24 TSL members. Membership in a “regular season” is \$50.00 which serves as an extra donation to TSL, tax deductible in many instances. The “extended season” is offered at no cost. We are hopeful the spring and summer lunch events will make up for lost lunches during the regular season and introduce new members to the group.

Here’s to many more good times with a great group of symphony supporters!

Joyce Stenberg and JoAnn Phipps

If you are interested in joining, please email committee member JoAnn Phipps (phipps.joann728@gmail.com)

CHIMERS MAY REPORT 2021 Barbara Brown Chairman

The Toledo Symphony League CHIMERS made calls to members in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

CHIMERS duties include making calls to members who do not use email to keep them informed of the workings and activities of the League, encouraging members to become volunteers for or supporters of events, as well as offering avenues to enjoying all the League has to offer.

The CHIMERS for 2020-21 are **Katherine Adams-Nameche, Mary Beaber, Judy Maurer, Linda Olrich, Sherie Robarge, Janet Spencer.** Thank you, Ladies.

MEMBERSHIP 2020-21 - Beth Bowman

What a year!

In the midst of Covid shut downs and slow downs, Joan Tobias joined the TSL, making her our most optimistic member!

The TSL members who serve under membership rose to the "Covid" challenge.

Luncheons Chairs Mary Beaber and Barb Bettinger created a socially distanced Opening Luncheon in September at Belmont. In keeping with TSL tradition, Crescendo awards were announced. Shelli Jacobs and Jane Wurth were our awardees.

The same dynamic duo worked creatively to present three Tune in Tuesdays. Keith McWatters was our guest in October. Cheryl Trace, TSO violin, and Bob Clemens, TSO cello, were speakers in March and April.

Joyce Stenberg and JoAnn Phipps teamed to chair "Leaguers Who Lunch". The truncated series met in September, October, and April. Discussions are underway to extend "LWL" throughout the summer.

Barbara Brown, Chimers Chair, and Jettie Sansbury, Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast chair stood ready to assist when conditions allowed gatherings. Kathy Scheer did a stellar job on the Pink Book!

Many members assisted with "niche" fund raisers. Mary Beaber and Kathy Scheer sewed masks.

JoAnn Phipps, Belma Tan, Mary Beaber, Beth Bowman, Marlene Uhler, Kim Danes, Liz Villarreal-Rowe, Shelli Jacobs, and Susan Lang Patthoff cooked, baked, and distributed our Flag Day Dinner.

Excited to see what 2021-22 has in store.



NEW MEMBER ONBOARDING MAY REPORT 2021 Barbara Brown Chairman

The Toledo Symphony League welcomed one new member and one returning member in our NEW MEMBER ONBOARDING program in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Our new member who was welcomed is **Joan Tobias**. Our returning member is **Janna Lazalle-Lake**.

The onboarding process includes personal handwritten notes, emails, explanation of the League activities, encouragement to become a volunteer for or supporter of events, explanation of the Pink Book, and encouragement to enjoy all the League has to offer in the way of roads to support of the Toledo Symphony and the forming of new friendships.

Joan served on the Valentine Project and is a member of Leaguers Who Lunch.

Janna served as our treasurer.

YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

2020 WINNERS

Caroline Hannah (flute)

Lauren Jin (piano)

Samuel Kim (cello)

The winners performed with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra at a concert

On May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Peristyle.

They received their \$1,000 award along with a framed certificate and flowers after the performance.

Each received 1/3 of the **Claudia Trombla Memorial Scholarship** as part of their award.

Claudia Trombla was a very dedicated Young Artist Competition Chairperson for many years.

We were thrilled that the competition was able to occur during this pandemic.

The competition and judging was completely virtual.

Thank you to our judges— Katherine Cosgrove, Theresa Prokes & Robert Satterlee.

Also, a big THANK YOU to Rachel Schultz and Merwin Siu for all they did to make YAC happen .

Liz Villarreal-Rowe & Kathy Scheer

Symphony Activities—Shellie Jacobs

I am sad to report that Symphony activities were all cancelled due to the pandemic.

I hope the Toledo Symphony will be back to normal soon as well as the Symphony League.

Thank you to all our Chairmen who volunteered this year and we look forward to assisting with Symphony activities next season.

HELP WANTED

A Fall Gathering is being planned for the

October 19, 2021

We need volunteers to get items for raffle baskets.

If you are interested in getting items

call Kathy Scheer (419-262-8812)

We will also need baked goods for the Flour Garden. Call Bev Wolcott (419-385-7584)

if you would like to bake .



TWILIGHT TUESDAY

May 25, 2021 -

TSO Jazz Trio

at 6:00 p.m.

Belmont Country Club

29601 Bates Rd., Perrysburg, OH

COST: \$50.00/person

Heavy Appetizers will be served

Cash Bar

Raffle Baskets

RESERVATIONS TO: MARY BEABER (TNT), 523 W. Wayne St. Maumee, OH 43537

I _____ will attend (Please indicate number of tickets to be purchased)

May 25 _____

Total Paid \$ _____ (Make checks payable to TSL)