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CELEBRATING 65 YEARS!



Notes from the President

The League has had a very successful fundraising and fun-raising year!

The Retreat was underwritten by “Angel” of the League. We prepared for the League’s 65th Season.

Opening Luncheon saw the presentation of Crescendo status to **Barbara Brown**. The President and CEO of the Toledo Symphony, Zak Vassar, was our guest and speaker.

Crescendo Brunch Chair, **Joan Fought**, and her committee honored Crescendos with a brunch.

“*Alive at 65*” *Celebrity Wait Night* was our first major fundraiser. Chair, **Beth Bowman**, and her committee provided a fun evening that commemorated the League’s sixty-fifth year with themed tables, a silent auction and music by the TSO Jazz Trio.

June In Tuesday featured lunch with this season’s presenters **Merwin Siu**, TSO Principal Second Violinist, **Maestro Giordano Bellincampi**, International Conductor and **Nancy Lendrim**, TSO Principal Harpist.

The Musicians Survival Bags were assembled at the Symphony Space by TSL members. The bags were very well-received by TSO members.

Tux and Trees Gala was our second major fundraiser. Chairs, **Lynda Gilbert** and **Kim Kearns** along with their committee members made this event an elegant night to remember with live and silent auctions and a gift card tree.

Parties of Note are completely underwritten by the host(s) with 100% of the proceeds going to the League. This season we enjoyed Grape Expectations, a wine tasting; the Holiday Brunch; Chick Flick and Luck o’ the Irish Party.

Leaguers Who Lunch was an innovative event where Leaguers got together five times at five diverse eateries to catch-up with one another over lunch. It looks to become a League favorite.

The NEW Rite of Spring was our **third major fundraiser**. Chair, Joan Fought, and her committee arranged a buffet luncheon with vendors, raffle baskets, Dinners in the Garden, the Flour Garden, garden flowers, discussions with master gardeners and harp music followed by a jazz pianist.

Education awarded scholarships; ushered the Chamber Series and Young People’s Concerts; judged Showcase entries; oversaw the Young Artists Competition and TSYO auditions and presented receptions to honor our budding musicians.

The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast celebrated all who volunteered to make the work of the League possible. **Susan Lang** orchestrated a wonderful breakfast at Stone Oak Country Club to show our undying appreciation for our TSL volunteers.

The 65th Anniversary Tea is a TSL Special Event in May. Chair, **Marlene Uhler**, and her committee will be celebrating the League’s 65th Anniversary with High Tea at the Toledo Club. Hats are requested to be worn.

Closing Luncheon will be the presentation of our final installment on our \$20,000 pledge to the TSO; medallions to this year’s awardees and Summer Study Grants to TSO musicians. The installation of Incoming officers of the League will mark the end of the 2016-2017 Season and the beginning of the 2017-2018 Season.

Viva La TSL!

Cathy Fifer

TSL President

By Deborah Born, Vice President of Administration

I would like to thank everyone in Administration for their hard work and contributions to the TSL: **Trina McGivern** for Labels, **Sue Potts**, and **Fran Darcy** and **Beth Williams** for Mailings, **Cynthia Champer** for Public Relations, **Fran Darcy** as Parliamentarian, **Linda McBee** for Score Ads, **Tricia Rodriguez** as Editor, **Dr. Ruth Alteneider**, as Score Proofreader, and **Deborah Born**, as Webmaster.

You are all appreciated!

Membership

By Susan Lang, Vice President of Membership

The TSL year started with thoughts of S'Mores at our annual retreat and we looked forward to the talents and enthusiasm of our new members. In September we introduced our new members at a welcoming reception for them and their duettes! In October we celebrated the accomplishments of our established members at the Crescendo Brunch. January gave our newest members a chance to shine as they presented the first daytime "Chick Flick" Party of Note. And, as I write, we look forward to thanking all our volunteers at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast! The month of May will bring our year to an end at the Closing Luncheon with the awarding of Medallions for achievement in our League!

I am thrilled to welcome a new member who just joined, **Patricia Rentner!** I know you will all join me in looking forward to meeting and working with Patricia!

Please look for your membership renewal forms this summer and return them in a timely manner so that we can complete all the data entry needed for our wonderful Pink Book...which we know is everything you need to know! Be especially mindful if you have made any changes to your email address or phone number. Also, let us know if we have made any errors. We want our information to be up to date and correct.

Thank you all for your time, your talent and your treasure!



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The MISSION of the Toledo Symphony League is to provide financial, educational and volunteer support to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra so that it may provide quality musical performances for the entire community.

By Beth Bowman and Nancy Phlegar, Vice Presidents of Education

The education projects of the Toledo Symphony League saw significance growth and a few changes toward modernization during League Year 2016-17.

Claudia Trombla served as Chair of the **Toledo Symphony League Young Artist Competition** with an able assist by **Dorothy Bonser**. The 4 winners of the “YAC” performed with the **TSO, Sunday March 12, 2017 at the Peristyle. Maestra Sara Jobin** conducted **Soyoung Cho, violin, Isabella Banks, marimba, and Catherina Lu and Jack Naglick, piano**. Chair **Claudia Trombla** introduced the winners after their performances. She was assisted by **Dorothy Bonser**, in presenting the **\$750.00 cash awards, certificates, congratulatory roses, and (new this year!) engraved crystal trophies!** After the concert, 50 family members, friends, teachers, TSO staff and musicians, and League members enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner at Manhattan’s. **Zak Vassar, TSO President and CEO**, attended with his wife **Emilie**. He offered a warm welcome to our winners and their guests. It was a wonderful finale to a special day. The last guests lingered until 8:00, seeming reluctant to have the recognition and warm reception end. As the TSL Young Artist Competition Chairmanship is a yearlong responsibility, **Claudia** is working on mailing/disseminating 2017-18 registration forms. **Auditions will be held Memorial Day weekend at Symphony Space.**

The Toledo Symphony League Showcase of the Arts went “HD” in 2017! Children attending the Thursday, Feb. 16 YPC at the Peristyle listened to the concert, titled “**Water Music**” while watching student art (early submissions) on HD screens. Judging for the **Toledo Symphony League’s Showcase of the Arts, Presented by Yark Auto Group** was **March 21-23, 2017** at Symphony Space. Chairs **Jettie Sansbury and Sandra Laas** enlisted working artists **Penny Gentieu and Sally Hobbib Rumman** and TSL member **Bev Wolcott to judge artwork. Kim Kearns and Dorothy Bonser** judged written work. **Kathy Tolbert judged music composition.** Blue ribbon and Rosette winning entries were displayed at **Imagination Station** during **April, 2017.**The Awards Ceremony and reception was held **Sunday April 30, 2017** at **Imagination Station.**

Janet Keener, Chair of the TSL Remembrance Fund, presented checks to award winners at the **TSYO Pops Concert Monday, May 1** at the **Maumee Schools Performing Arts Center.** The Remembrance Fund, begun in the 1950’s, funds awards for members of the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras.

Winter 2017 has been historically mild, UNLESS a Young Peoples Concert was scheduled. Concerts on **Thursday February 16 and Friday March 3**, chilled usher Chair **Lynda Lieto’s** volunteers. Those who worked the October concert had fairer weather. Regular usher volunteers include: **Janet Spencer, Teresa Linares, Marynette Hipp, Alice Cole, Helen Patton, Marti Bair, Sue Hirsch, Rusty Phlegar, Kim Danes, Mary Ann Payne, Ruth Moeller, and Beth Williams**, and others. Special thanks to **Linda Olrich and Kim Ferguson, TSO staff and “Friends of the League”** for supplying coffee and bagels for the volunteer crew.

“**Tune in Tuesday**” ended its third year as an education outreach/social program of the League. The attendance continues to grow with an average of 40 guests. This year speakers have included **Merwin Sui, Principal Second Violin, Giordanio Belancompi**, visiting conductor, and **Nancy Lendrim, TSO Principal Harp .Chairs for “TNT” 2016-17 were Dorothy Bonser and Sandra Laas.**

Other education activities and their chairmen include: **Ann Lieder: Chamber Concert Ushers, Helen Rogge, Community Music Lesson Reception, Marcia Helman, Summer Study Grants.**

Co-Vice Presidents of Education for the TSL, **Nancy Phlegar and Beth Bowman**, thank each of their Chairmen for jobs well and willingly done. We would be remiss if we did not point out the generous nature of our members in relation to our Education projects. If a Chairman has a need, be it financial, “books on the ground” or a cookie to be baked, League members find a way to make it all happen.

Thank you!

**The TSL General Board Meeting to conduct the business of the League is
9:30 a.m. Social, 10:00a.m. Meeting,
Belmont Country Club
Thursday, May 18, 2017**

Dorothy Coats, Youth Orchestra Manager

Two hundred fifteen students from 42 schools in 15 districts of public, private and parochial schools in Ohio and southeastern Michigan, as well as several Home School young people, were members of the three 2016– 2017 Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras.

Wasim Hawary (Orchestra Director at Maumee City Schools) continued as Artistic Director of the Orchestras and Conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra. **J.Patrick Barrett** (Orchestra Director at Perrysburg Junior High School) conducted the Symphonic and Concert Orchestras. To better serve the educational needs of younger and less experienced players, the Concert Orchestra became a strings only ensemble.

The orchestras continued to rehearse at Perrysburg Junior High School on Mondays throughout the school year. Under the umbrella of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, TSO bassoonist, **Joan Weiler**, continued as Youth Orchestras Coordinator, attended all rehearsals and concerts and executed the many management details. Volunteer, **Dorothy Coats** attended all rehearsals and concerts, scheduled and supervised various auditions and assisted where needed. She also acted as liaison to the Toledo Symphony League.

The orchestras presented four concerts during the season; three, which included a Side by Side Concert with the Toledo Symphony, were held at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle. TSYO member **Isabella Banks**, a member of the Philharmonic Orchestra, was one of the Symphony League Young Artist Competition winners and performed with the TSO on the marimba during the Side by Side Concert. Three TSYO Concerto Competition winners were featured prior to the January concert and four additional Concerto winners performed before the May Pops Concert, which was held at the Maumee City Schools Performing Arts Center. Also, two runners up performed in the lobby of the TMA Peristyle prior to the TSO Classics Concert on March 18, 2017. On January 28, as part of a Toledo Symphony School of Music Night, the Philharmonic Orchestra was invited to perform the Canadian National Anthem (*Oh Canada*) at a Toledo Walleye hockey game. A video recording was made during a TSYO rehearsal and shown on the big screen just prior to the game at the Huntington Center.

Regular sectional rehearsals with members of the TSO remained part of the TSYO experience. Eighteen orchestra members graduated this year. Concerto Competition auditions were November 7, 2016.

Online (<http://sites.google.com/site/thetsyo>)membership registration for the 2016 – 2017 season was very successful. Auditions were held on May 3, 4 and 5, 2016.

SEE THE MONTHLY “SCORE” ARTICLES FOR DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE ACTIVITIES, INVOLVEMENTS AND CONCERT PROGRAMS OF THE THREE ORCHESTRAS AND THEIR MEMBERS.

~Janet Keener, Remembrance Fund~

The TSL Remembrance Fund scholarship auditions have ended. There are 39 winners and \$12,455.00 in scholarship money to be awarded. There were 65 TSYO members who auditioned and they received the results following the April 9, audition. The winners will receive their Certificates at the TSYO Pops concert May 1, 7:00 at the Maumee High School Performing Arts Center. We hope you can attend. Tickets are \$10.00.

Many thanks to our members who assisted with the auditions : **Dorothy Bonser, Dorothy Coates, Kimberly Danes, Karen Rose, Diane Shull and Cathy Tolbert**. We appreciate the Toledo Museum of Art 's Symphony Space for use of its' facilities.



TUNE IN TUESDAY

Tune in Tuesday Co-Chairs
Dorothy Bonser and Sandra Laas

We thank all of you who have attended our Tune in Tuesday events and especially those of you who have invited guests. Our numbers have increased for each event this year. A special thank you goes to **Judy Helm** and **Janet Spencer** for filling in to chair TNT and to keep track of reservations regularly at our sign in table, where both **Barbara Brown** and **Helen Patton** have helped as well. **Beth Bowman** has been tirelessly in charge of the raffles which so many of you have enjoyed. We appreciate your help and support.

If you have comments or suggestions you would like to share, please email us.

~Chamber Concert Ushers~
Ann Lieder, Chairman

The Toledo Blade TSO Chamber Concert series plans 5 Chamber Concerts a season at the Toledo Club on Sunday evenings. It has become a tradition for League Members to support this Chamber Series by volunteering to help at the door with tickets, programs, and maintain a smooth flow helping people find their chairs.

The Toledo Symphony office staff appreciates the volunteer services of **Faye Fenwick, Dorothy Bonser, Sandra Laas, Judi Breese, Irene Brooks, Jettie Sansbury, Marcia Helman, Phyllis Wadley, Barbara Brown, Rusty Phlegar, Wanda Anderson, Susan Lang, Kris Young, Ruth Alteneder, and Susan Hirsch.**

TOLEDO SYMPHONY LEAGUE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS CONCERT SCHEDULE 2016-2017

May 1 TSYO Pops 7:00 p.m. Public Schools Performing Art Center



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Pamela Pilz
CULTIVATING SUCCESS

By: Lynda Gilbert and Kim Kearns, Vice Presidents

This was the Toledo Symphony League's 65th anniversary, making this an extra special year. We had a fabulous year! The income we budgeted came in way over our projections. Thank you everyone for supporting the League this year and attending all of our events and parties. We indeed did have a special year!

Our **Celebrity Wait Night**, "**Alive at 65**," kicked off the year with a bang! Held on Monday, September 26, at Belmont Country Club, the League's "Waiter Corps" were ready and at your service. The enthusiastic waiters put together exciting tablescapes of 1950 nostalgia! Appetizers and cocktails were enjoyed on the patio along with the great sounds of the TSO Jazz Trio. A fabulous dinner, dessert bar, and silent auction were enjoyed by all who attended. Tips were generously flowing from all of our guests and donors. A big thank you to Chairman **Beth Bowman**, who orchestrated the entire event. Great job!

Our first installment in the amount of \$5,000 was presented to the TSO.

Profit: \$10,302.70

The holidays began with our second major fundraising event, **Tux and Trees**. This was our new gala this year. The halls were decked and the gallery of beautifully decorated trees adorned the entire Toledo Club on Friday, December 2. Complimentary appetizers, cash bar, delicious gourmet dinner and favorite sounds from the TSO Jazz Trio, were part of the elegant evening. Hands were rising from all corners of the room, as **Richard Leonard** lead the exciting "Live" (5) Auction. Purses were opening all evening long, bidding up our "Favorite Things" Silent Auction and buying gift cards off the League's 65th Birthday Tree! Thank you to **Co-chairs Kim Kearns and Lynda Gilbert** for overseeing this awesome party. Thank you also, to all who attended and for their support, time, talents and treasure!

A second installment in the amount of \$5,000 was presented to the TSO.

Profit: \$10,982.57

Rite of Spring, our third and final major fundraiser, was held on Tuesday, April 2, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg. **Joan Fought** did a fabulous job as chairman and bringing some "new and improved" ideas to a lovely day. We enjoyed a new buffet lunch format, with assigned seating. Our guests could decide when they wanted to sit down to eat. Music was played during the entire lunchtime, and we had several Master Gardeners available to answer your personal questions or garden concerns.

The lobby was full of our beautiful spring flower bulb plants, pre-ordered and sold by the League. Thank you, **Beth Bowman** for taking care of all these beautiful blooms, and in addition, arranging for half of the flower sales as profit for the League. Our guests enjoyed shopping our wide array of vendors, buying tickets for our over the top raffle baskets, buying the most delicious goodies on antique dishes at the League's own "Flour Garden and bidding on the (4) "Lunches in the Garden." It was a very happy, successful Rite of Spring event!



In Memoriam

Dorothy Baum	April, 2017
Diane Breese	July, 2016
Patricia Osborn	August, 2016
Dorothy Price	July, 2016
Dorothy Saloff	August, 2016
Marilyn Ulrich	January, 2017

A third installment in the amount of \$5,000 was presented to the TSO.

Profit: \$10,330.47

In addition to our major fundraisers, we have our Parties of Note Series for 2016-2017. Another successful year occurred under the watchful eye of **Co- Vice Presidents Lynda Gilbert and Kim Kearns** and **Beverly Zielinski**, who oversees all the reservations. Thanks to you and to all of our generous hosts and hostesses, for opening their homes and underwriting each party; and to all the many volunteers who helped or donated their efforts, making Parties of Note a complete profit with no expenses to the League

Party Number One
“Grape Expectations”
Hosts: Kevin and Cathy Fifer
Profit: \$1,075.00

Party Number Four
Chick Flick
Hostess: Kris Young/New Members
Profit:\$1,533.00

Party Number Two
“Leaguers Who Lunch”
Profit: \$1,205.15

Party Number Five
St. Patrick’s Day Party
Hostess: Beth Bowman
Profit: \$3,267.13

Party Number Three
Holiday Brunch
Hostess: Jane Wurth
Profit: \$1,999.20

Total Parties of Note Profit: \$7,791.65

**Special Event – 65th Anniversary Celebration
High Tea Toledo Club
May 2, 2017

** Denotes has not occurred as of this writing.

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CLASSICS-SANDERLING: A PERFECT CADENCE

May 5 & 6, 2017-Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle-8:00 p.m.

KEYBANK POPS –WESTWATER ARTS: OUR NATIONAL PARKS

May 13, 2017-Stranahan Theatre-8:00 p.m.

