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Letter from the President..

The 2019-2020 year for the Toledo Symphony League has turned out to be successful even with our cancellations due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Restrictions for large gatherings resulted in the cancellation of our biggest fund raiser, **Rite of Spring**. We had many generous people who donated their reservation, raffle ticket and plant sale money back to the League which helped us fulfill our \$20,000.00 pledge to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. We also had several successful **Parties of Note** starting with a **Mid-Summer Tea**, a successful **Chick Flick**, **Hungarian Rhaps-Boo-Dy** and **Holiday Joy Luncheon**, finishing off with our **"Luck of the Irish"** Party. **Leaguers Who Lunch** and **Tune in Tuesday** also helped us to raise the needed funds. Thanks to all our volunteers and member support, we were able to donate an additional \$10,000.00 to the Toledo Symphony bringing the total donation to \$30,000.00. The Toledo Symphony was thrilled when Marlene Uhler and I presented the donation at the last TSO Executive Board meeting on May 19, 2020 on ZOOM.

I am honored to have served as your president these past two years. We have so many wonderful members who volunteer their time and talents and it was a privilege to work with them. When we get involved, we get things done.

Kathy Scheer
TSL President

Rite of Spring

Helen Patton & Sue Meadows

The Rite of Spring for April was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Parkway Place has agreed to allow us to use our \$500 deposit to rebook any event through March 2021.

The committee was sad that guests who reserved would not enjoy the good experience we had planned for them, but some of those pleasures can still be had: the people who donated their reservation money to the TSL will have chances on a future Facebook live drawing; Beth Bowman has ideas for Raffle Baskets, Purses, and "Lunches in the Garden."

The dozen vendors were disappointed, too, but expressed hope to return for the next event.

Kim Danes and Helen Patton phoned everyone who reserved to be sure they knew of the cancellation and to express our appreciation for their support. Many generously donated back their dollars to help us with our pledge to TSO. We returned or shredded others' checks, as requested. Our intent is to follow up with TSL thank-you notes to all.

Almost everything was in order for a successful event. These ROS Committee members are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and their fine, cooperative work: Beth Bowman, Kim Danes, Marcia Helman, Shelli Jacobs, Susan Lang, Trina McGivern, Sue Meadows, Helen Patton, Liz Villarreal-Rowe, Kathy Scheer, Marlene Uhler, Emily Wagy, Bev Wolcott.



Leaguers Who Lunch

JoAnn Phipps

The LWL season ended with the March 10 gathering at Biaggi. Hosted by Shelli Jacobs, 17 leaguers and guest Susan Mutschler were in attendance. Joyce Stenberg won the 50/50 raffle and donated back a portion of her winnings. Susan Mutschler won the lovely Carruth sculpture that was the raffle basket prize. Door prizes of hyacinth budding vases were awarded to 3 attendees. Everyone enjoyed delicious food and great conversation. The day was a success!

Unfortunately, the final LWL planned for April 21 at The Seafood on Alexis Road was cancelled.

LWL membership stood at 32 at the end of the season. I am pleased that our committee was able to host several successful lunch events. Fingers crossed we can continue this social fundraising event in the fall!

New Member Onboarding

Barbara Brown

The Toledo Symphony League welcomed six members in our NEW MEMBER ONBOARDING program in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

New members who were welcomed are **Kathleen R. Manol, Shirley A. Joseph, Betty Morper, Susan Ello, JoAnn Czyznik, Sandy Roberts.**

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 the Toledo Symphony and the forming of new friendships.

New members participated in or chaired activities in many forms this past year.

Membership

Beth Bowman

The 2019-20 TSL year is one for the history books! At the end of a year notable for well attended, lunches, banner year "LWL", Parties of Note and constructive committee activities, the year ended suddenly due to Covid-19.

It is a pleasure to thank the TSL members who aided Membership!

JoAnn Phipps took over the helm of Leaguers Who Lunch. She instituted the use of hostesses for specific lunches, thus making each date very special for the (over) 25 members of Leaguers Who Lunch. Thank you!

Barbara Brown did an outstanding job welcoming our new members. Barbara has such a gift choosing the right words to make new members feel included and valued. Thank you!

Jettie Sansbury had planned the perfect Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in April. Jettie and her "right hand" Phyllis Wadley are known for their gracious attention to detail. The Breakfast will be back in April 2021.

Mary Beaber and Barb Bettinger, our dynamic duo, chaired both the Opening and Closing Luncheons and Tune in Tuesday. Attendees of the October and February "TNT"s were fortunate to hear TSO Bass Bill McDivett and Bobby Cummerow, TSO photographer. TSL Luncheons and "TNT" lunches are events all members look forward to.

The membership renewal form for 2020-21 is enclosed in this mailing. Please make any updates to your contact information. I look forward to receiving them soon.

Plans are underway for "pop up" fund raising opportunities. The TSL "Musical Mask" project is underway and has been wildly successful! The "Flag Day" BBQ delivery dinner is set for June 14. It is important to watch emails and the TSL Facebook page for other fundraising efforts being planned throughout the summer. They will be small or outdoor (safely spaced) events that will profit the TSL in two ways. First, proceeds will aid the mission and programs of the League. More important, these are opportunities to get together socially. Don't we ALL miss our TSL friends?

I hope to see you soon!

Young People's Concert Ushers

Kimberly Danes

The first concert of the season was Thursday, November 7, 2019, at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle. The first concert had 1692 attendees from 16 schools and 11 homes. The second concert had 1226 attendees from 12 schools and 50 homes.

The second concert of the season was held on February 20, 2020, at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle. Presented was the Holocaust-era children's opera Brundibar to commemorate the 75th anniversary of WWII. The first concert had 1205 attendees from 14 schools and 11 homes. The second concert had 624 attendees from six schools and 39 homes.

The Toledo Public Schools 4th Grade Concert on March 20, 2020, was cancelled.

Thank you to the League volunteers who assisted guests during one or both concerts: Dorothy Bonser, Beth Bowman, Alice Cole, Kimberly Danes, Judy Helm, Marynette Hipp, Shelli Jacobs, Teresa Linares, Val McVicker, Mary Miller, Helen Patton, Jetty Sansbury, Kathy Scheer, Janet Spencer, Phyllis Wadley, Cookie Westmeyer, Beth Williams, and Bev Wolcott.

This was a smaller number of League volunteers, but with 10, it was successful as follows: 2 on Monroe Street, 1 at the Carriage House entry, 2 at the Peristyle entry from Monroe Street, 2 in Libbey Court, 2 in Classic Court, and 1 floated.

Thank you to all the ladies who helped usher students, teachers, parents, and chaperones in and out of the venue safely and efficiently.



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Vice President of Symphony Activities

Shellie Jacobs

As vice president of Symphony activities, I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year. It certainly has been one of the most unusual years we have had.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of my committee chairs who graciously took time out of their busy schedules to be leaders of this year's events.

CHAMBER CONCERT USHERS

Judi Uhrman and Polly Tate

COMMUNITY MUSIC LESSON RECEPTION

Liz Villarreal Rowe

FAMILY CONCERT ACTIVITIES

Kris Young

MUSICIAN SURVIVAL BAGS

Helen Patton and Joyce Stenberg

TOLEDO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

LIAISON Beth Williams

VALENTINE TSO STAFF LUNCHEON

Beth Bowman and Shelli Jacobs

YOUNG PEOPLES CONCERT USHERS

Kim Danes

Although we were not able to get in every event we had originally planned due to COVID-19, starting with our September events and going right through into March we had wonderful success and most importantly everyone that participated enjoyed themselves.

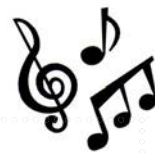
From the beautiful Chamber Concert series at The Toledo Club or the Family Concert activities, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Great memories were made at Brandywine country club when we put together the musician survival bags that we have been doing annually for a few years now. Fun and laughter are a big part of that event.

As always, the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Young People's Concert were outstanding, well attended and well supported by the community as well as the Toledo Symphony League.

The Toledo Symphony Orchestra staff as well as some of the musicians had a great time at their valentine luncheon. Great food and holiday decorations helped to make it a smashing success!!!!

It has been my honor to participate in the Toledo Symphony League again this year and I look forward to next year as we once again raise money for our beloved Toledo Symphony.



Remembrance Fund

Janet Keener

Unfortunately, the Covid -19 pandemic prevented the Remembrance Fund from having the TSYO scholarship auditions on March 14 & 15. Sixty-three (63) Youth Orchestra members had signed up. It was determined that each Orchestra would have their own time. There were 12 in Concert, 13 Symphonic, 28 Philharmonic, & 10 Seniors.

The Remembrance Fund requested to the TSL's Executive Committee how best to award the TSYO members who planned to audition. It was recommended that the amounts would be as follows: Concert: \$250.00, Symphonic: \$300.00, Philharmonic: \$400.00 & Seniors: \$500.00. This came to total of \$23,100.00. The committee would like to thank Joan Weiler from TSO and our TSYO Liaison, Beth Williams, for all their help this year. Hopefully next year will be a better year.

Summer Study Grants

Marcia Helman & Susan Brandon

Summer Study Grants were distributed in early February with a deadline of mid April. Three grants were received, all of which were worthy of funding. However, after consultation with Kathy Scheer and committee members Susan Brandon, Beth Bowman, Dorothy Bonser and Liz Villarreal-Rowe it was decided not to fund any of the three due to the cancellation of all fund raising for the League and the uncertainty of when it could resume.

Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras

Beth Williams

As part of the core educational mission of the Toledo Symphony, the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras bring together over 220 of the most talented students from northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan in an atmosphere of musical excellence. TSYO members of the **Concert Strings, Symphonic, and Philharmonic Orchestras** are determined by audition. Orchestra placements are determined by the level of the student's development, not by age or grade level. After the initial August 26th informational meeting for orchestra members and their parents at Perrysburg Hull Prairie Intermediate School, regular Monday night rehearsals were held there beginning September 9 with a winter break in December.

Prior to the first rehearsal launching the 70th season of the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras, the Toledo Symphony made an exciting announcement. **Joseph and Judith Conda** of Perrysburg, Ohio informed the Toledo Symphony of their intention to make a significant gift to underwrite the entire 2019-2020 Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras performance season. The Condas' significant gift allowed all of the TSYO concerts to be offered free of charge to patrons.

Dedicated staff members and musicians worked hard to give a top-quality musical education to all students. Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras had the good fortune to retain the artistic and administrative staff from last season. **Wasim Hawary** returned as Artistic Director and Philharmonic Conductor. **Matthew Forte** lead the Symphonic Orchestra. **Betsy Cranston** conducted the Concert String Orchestra, with **Kathleen Schnerer** assisting. Toledo Symphony musicians continued to lead sectional rehearsals for each orchestra during the season.

Toledo Symphony bassoonist, **Joan Weiler**, continued as Youth Orchestra's Coordinator, executing the many management responsibilities and attending all rehearsals and concerts. Volunteer, **Beth Williams**, assisted with rehearsals and auditions, and acted as liaison to the Toledo Symphony League. **Teresa Linares** and Beth Williams attended pre-concert rehearsals and assisted where needed during concerts.

The Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras had an early start

to the concert season. The Philharmonic Orchestra performed *Night on Bald Mountain* by Modeste Mussorgsky with the Toledo Symphony at their October 19th Masterworks Concert at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle. All three youth orchestras performed two concerts at the Toledo Museum of Art's Peristyle. Pre-concert soloists at both concerts were some of the winners of the TSYO solo competition that took place in October.

Preparations for the annual Side-by-Side Concert with Toledo Symphony, Alain Trudel conducting, were well underway when rehearsal activities were halted. Due to the Coronavirus situation, the **TSYO Side by Side Concert** scheduled for Sunday, March 22 and the **Pops Concert** scheduled for May 10 were cancelled. Understandably, the students were disappointed.

To recognize the achievements of the TSYO seniors, the marketing department of the Toledo Symphony highlighted each senior student individually on their social media pages. The TSYO website is on the Toledo Symphony web page at www.toledosymphony.com under the "Education" tab.

The TSYO staff and members are already planning for next season. Membership/seating auditions for the 2020-2021 TSYO season are scheduled for June 8 through June 11. Students may sign up online to register. Currently, in-person auditions are planned; however, the situation will be reevaluated as the event draws closer.



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TSYO Remembrance Scholarship Fund Donors and Winners 2020

68th Anniversary

The Coronavirus emergency necessitated cancellation of the Toledo Symphony League sponsored Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestra scholarship auditions, as well as the TSYO Pops Concert, where awards would have been presented. The TSL Executive Committee suggested presenting scholarships to all TSYO members who registered for an audition and the Remembrance Scholarship Fund Committee concurred. Awards were mailed to students.

AWARDS FROM ENDOWED FUNDS

In memory of Richard Molter and Sylvia Molter Neil, longtime supporters of music and the arts. Sylvia lived to be 103, was a longtime music/art/language arts teacher with the Toledo Public Schools and extremely active in related organizations.

*Loa Cho, Cello	Freya Klaas, Violin	Joshua Lyphout, Cello
*Hanna Jaqua, Cello	Natalia Pollock-O'Dorisio, Cello	Laci MacQuisten, Marimba
*Jon Burkart, Cello	Julia Masiker, Bassoon	Ryley Amos, Violin
*Chase Mackiewicz, Trumpet.	Niranajan Bhagwat, Violin	Wesley Newman, Marimba
*Aidan Markel, Marimba.	Nina Zhu, Violin	Vance Raiti, Trumpet
*Benjamin Kerger, Marimba.	Hyeongu Hwang, Cello	Anthony Laffartha-
*Owen Robinson, Saxophone.	Grace Lee, Violin	Stockdale, Clarinet
Cayden Smith, Clarinet	Tyler Li, Violin	Nathan Nolan, Oboe
Adam Roberts, Violin.	Colin Smith, Trumpet	Solim Kim, Flute
Jake Magoun, Violin	Kate Magoun, Violin	Eli Metzger, Violin
Erik Broman, Violin	Samuel Ferradino, Oboe	Joshua Jacobs, Tuba
Landon Stone, Trumpet	Aubrie Rickett, Violin	Colin Fettery, Violin
Culley Foos, Bassoon		

In memory of Robert Ward and Barbara Schnabel, a member of the Youth Orchestra, given by **Jean Ward**, a longtime supporter of music in the community.

Jayan Fernandez, Flute

Jason Lin, Cello

In memory of Ruth Hawkins Heldt, a member of the first Youth Orchestra.

Rania Maaraba, Violin

Katelyn Ziems, Violin

* Denotes High School Seniors

AWARDS FROM OTHER FUNDS

Contributed by family and friends in memory of loved ones.

Al and Betty Foster, longtime supporters of the Toledo Symphony. Betty had countless violin students over the years and was a longtime member of the TSO.

***Solim (Abby) Kim**, Violin

Andrew Ferradino, French Horn

Robert and Alda Haddad both taught music in the Toledo Public Schools. Robert was a member of, and later a conductor with the Youth Orchestra. His mother, Alda was active in the Toledo Symphony League, chaired their Remembrance Scholarship Fund and assisted with the management of the Youth Orchestra.

***Noah Palicki**, Clarinet

John Hage, whose daughter was a member of the Youth Orchestra .

***Jessica Fisher**, Oboe

Christine Keener, was a concerto soloist with the Youth Orchestra in 1980, given by Janet Keener.

Elsa Klaas, Cello

Marisa Rose, an outstanding flutist with the Youth Orchestra when her life was tragically shortened.

Helen Yan, Bassoon

AWARDS IN HONOR OF THE FOLLOWING:

The **Toledo Women's Education Club** given by various donors.

Sara Lee, Violin

Hannah Mock, Violin

Judith Helm, given by Dorothy Bonser

Grace Kim, Flute

Dorothy Coats on her retirement as Manager of the TSYO, given by **Mr. and Mrs. James C. Happ**, **Mrs. Amy McCahan Barricklow**, **Sevar Min**, **Mr. and Mrs. Scott R. Lee** and **Ms. Maria F. Raiti** and **Mr. Patrick T. Croskey**

Knickolas Laux, Cello

Riley Foos, Double Bass

* Denotes High School Seniors

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE REMEMBRANCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

(Pooled donations)

Joshua Park, Cello

Lucy McMaster, Violin

David Liu, Violin

Aden Kendrick, Viola

Brandon Williams, Cello

KaiYing Buskirk, Violin

LyAnn Samkari, Violin

Erik Kendrick, Cello

Rose Kile, Violin

Grace Hwang, Violin

Kai-Ya Buskirk, Violin

Sawyer King, Violin

ADDITIONAL DONORS TO THE REMEMBRANCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

July 2019 — April 2020

In memory of **Barbara Topping** given by **Janet Brahier, Elizabeth Bowman, Teresa Disbrow, Kathleen Scheer, and Cardinal Services, Inc..** In honor of **Steve Robinson's Recording Service** given by **Loa Cho.**

Liz Villarreal-Rowe

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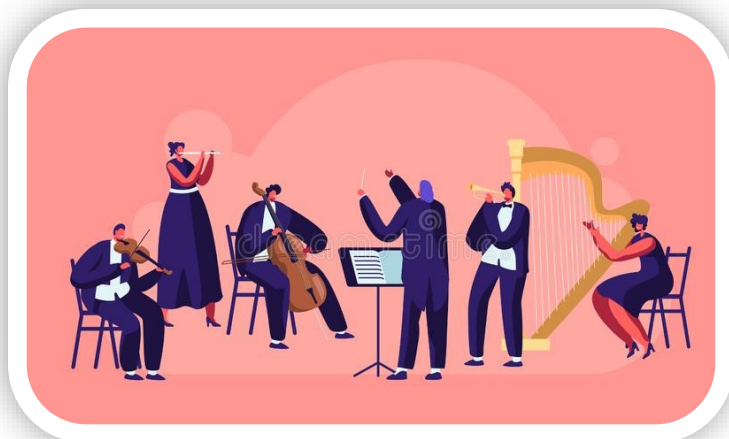
Dorothy Coats



Young Artist Competition

Kathy Scheer and Liz Villarreal-Rowe

The Young Artist Competition scheduled for May 23, 2020 has been cancelled due to the pandemic. The competition is being planned for the fall of 2020 at this time and the concert with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra will take place in Spring 2021. This way everything will take place within the same school year. Of course, this could still change if things are not going well with the Covid-19 pandemic.



In Memory...

Toledo Symphony League Members
we have lost this year:

Faye Fenwick

Allie Mae Smith

Susan Smotherman

Betty Sylak

Barbara Topping

Claudia Trombla

Margaret (Peg) Werner



The Toledo Symphony League
2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES STATEMENT

- ☐ \$40 Membership ☐ \$75 Sponsor
☐ \$250 Individual Life Membership ☐ \$ _____ Donation to TSL

*Please, return this form with your check payable to the Toledo Symphony League by
July 15, 2020 to
Beth Bowman; 7728 Woodstone; Maumee, OH 43537*

MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME _____

☐ **NO CHANGES.**

Please, use the same information from 2019-20
"Pink Book."

☐ **PLEASE UPDATE.**

Birthdate: Month _____ / Date _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Contact Information:

Home: _____

Business: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Social Invitations:

- ☐ Mr. and Mrs.
☐ Dr. and Mrs.
☐ Mrs.
☐ Ms.
☐ Dr.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Please, indicate your choice(s).
(All members are asked to volunteer for at least one.)*

ADMINISTRATION

- ☐ Facebook
☐ Mailings
☐ Opening/Closing Luncheon
☐ Photography
☐ Publicity/Press Releases
☐ The Score (Newsletter Production)
☐ Website

EDUCATION

- ☐ Summer Study Grants
☐ Tune in Tuesdays
☐ Remembrance Fund Scholarship Auditions
☐ Ushering the Young People's Concerts
☐ Young Artists Competition
☐ Ushering the Chamber Concerts
☐ Community Music Lesson Reception

FINANCE

- ☐ Auction/Raffles
☐ Major Event
☐ Parties of Note
☐ Rite of Spring

MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ Chimers (Telephoning)
☐ Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
☐ New Member Welcome/Duets

GENERAL

- ☐ Baking/Refreshments
☐ Hostess at my Home
(Number of persons you can accommodate _____).
☐ Musicians Survival Bags
☐ Raffle Ticket Sellers
☐ TSO Family Concerts/ Halloween & Christmas
☐ TSO Staff Valentine Luncheon

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.

Toledo Symphony League

Face Mask Fundraiser

These cotton face masks were sewn by some of our dedicated TSL members. They fit easily over the ears with elastic. They have a cute musical theme which goes along with our Toledo Symphony support.

You can purchase a mask for a **minimum donation of \$20.00 each** to the TSL to help us fulfill our mission to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.

If you would like to purchase masks, please fill out the order form below. There is a limit in numbers so don't delay.



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