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Dear Friends,

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. Three Cheers and Bravo to our TSL members and friends for their hard work and dedication in once again fulfilling this mission.

What a year this has been for TSL activities! Looking back, we had the Sandpiper Cruise, Witches Luncheon, Chick Flick, Leaguers Who Lunch, Tune In Tuesday, and the popular Holiday Party celebration at the Toledo Club. Rite of Spring returned April 25 and a Spring Tea is scheduled for May 3 at Sylvania Country Club. Looking forward, several Parties of Note are in the works for all of us to enjoy while raising funds for our wonderful symphony orchestra.

Membership activities once again included a very successful Musician Survival Bag giveaway in December. In February, we had a Valentine Luncheon at Symphony Space to show our appreciation for TAPA staff. Young Artists' Competition and Remembrance Fund Scholarship competitions were held, and awards were presented during concerts featuring TSO artists and younger musicians. Scholarship awards totaled \$24,350. 2024 also brought renewed interest by symphony members in TSL's Summer Study Grant program.

As you may be aware, TSL pledged \$25,000 to TSO for the 2023-2024 season. On April 25 during the Rite of Spring event, a check was presented to Zak Vassar in the amount of \$12,500 to complete the pledge.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Closing Luncheon on May 16 at Belmont Country Club.

The 2023-2024 TSL season has been very successful due to the hard work and efforts of our membership. What a fantastic group of volunteers! It is my privilege and pleasure to represent TSL. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your dedication and enthusiasm.

*JoAnn Phipps*

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TSL President



President **JoAnn Phipps** with gavel in hand at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at Sylvania Country Club.



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## The Toledo Symphony League supporting the Toledo Symphony Orchestra for 72 Years!

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### THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## TSL Membership Directory Update (Pink Book)

### New address

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## WELCOME

### To our New Members

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## Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Our wonderful Toledo Symphony League volunteers enjoyed a well-deserved appreciation breakfast on Thursday, April 18 at Sylvania Country Club.

This was followed by the April General Board Meeting.

Thank you to **Jane Wurth** for hosting this special event.



**Mary Decker, Margaret Doresco, Sharon Slusarski, Ryleigh Dandridge, JoAnn Phipps, Mary Beaber, and Beverly Wolcott** enjoying the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.



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## TUNE IN TUESDAY -

Beth Bowman & Mary Beaber

Tune in Tuesday had two successful events this season. The first was a field trip to the Toledo Museum of Art to tour early acquisitions of the Libbeys on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

The second Tune in Tuesday featured Eric Otto, the artistic director and head of curriculum at the Toledo Ballet. This event was February 20 at Belmont Country Club. Members of the TSL were invited to the dress rehearsal of the Sleeping Beauty Ballet on April 4 at the Valentine Theatre.



Susan Hirsch, Sherie Robarge, Kris Young & Kathy Scheer enjoying the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at the Sylvania Country Club.

## Leaguers Who Lunch -

Joyce Stenberg

The Leaguers Who Lunch group can be joined for an annual fiscal year donation of \$50. The group enjoyed lunch at various restaurants during 2023-24 such as BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Chowders 'N Moor, Ye Olde Durty Bird, Black Pearl, Cracker Barrel, and Sakura Japanese Steakhouse. We usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month. We will be meeting for a Wednesday dinner in June. More information to follow soon.

If you would like to join the group, contact Joyce Stenberg - [gncstenberg@aol.com](mailto:gncstenberg@aol.com)



Beverly Wolcott & Emma Oravec donning their hats for the hat contest at the Rite of Spring event at Belmont Country Club.





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## TSL Young Artists' Competition - Kathy Scheer

The Young Artists' Competition took place on October 14, 2023, at the University of Toledo Center for the Performing Arts.

The three judges were: Damon Coleman, Katherine Cosgrove & Tomer Marcus.

The three winners: Karen Jin (Piano), Joanna Kim (Flute), and Samantha Li (Viola).

The winners played in an afternoon concert with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Notre Dame Academy, 3535 W. Sylvania Ave.; Toledo, OH. Each winner received a \$1000 scholarship award.

We had a wonderful group of volunteers who helped the event run smoothly. Thank you to **Liz Villarreal-Rowe, Susan Hirsch, Beverly Wolcott, Helen Patton, JoAnn Phipps, and Janna LaZelle-Lake.**

## Remembrance Fund Scholarship Auditions - Kimberly Danes

Auditions were held on February 3 and 4 at Symphony Space. Fifty-one students auditioned; scholarship awards were presented at the Side by Side Concert at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle at 3:00 p.m. on March 17.

Thirty-eight students were chosen to receive varied amounts for a grand total of \$21,350 to be awarded. Students were numerically evaluated in seven categories by each judge; the averages of those scores were ranked and used to determine the award recipients.

In over 72 years, the Toledo Symphony League has awarded over \$333,000 to over 1400 students. Thank you to all those who made donations to this fund in order to allow us to continue the legacies of those who have gone before us.

Adjudicators from Bowling Green State University were: Dr. Alan M. Smith (BGSU Professor Emeritus of Cello), Diana Dyer Anderson (TSO), and Zack Thomas (TSO). Thanks to each judge for spending the weekend with us!

Thank you to League members who assisted during the two-day process: **Sue Hirsch, Helen Patton, Ruth Moeller, Kathy Scheer, Liz Villarreal-Rowe, Kathy Traynor, Judi Uhrman, and Beth Williams.** Special thanks to Liz for chairing this committee for the past two years; we wish her success with her promotion and move to Cleveland.



## Summer Study Grants -

Marcia Helman

This year the Summer Study Grant program was a huge success. The committee consisting of Susan Brandon, JoAnn Phipps, Beth Bowman, and Marlene Uhler reviewed three outstanding requests, the most requests we have had in several years. All three met and exceeded the guidelines of the program. In order to fund all three grants the grant budget needed to be increased. Because of the willingness of the membership to do so we were able to fund all three. You should be able to meet the three recipients at our closing luncheon on May 16. Thank You!



Susan Burwell, Joan Tobias & Cookie Westmeyer modeling their hats at the Rite of Spring event.

## Thank You to our 2024 RITE OF SPRING VENDORS

- Helen Patton

- MICHAEL BAYER: Baywood Turners  
Wooden birdhouses, plates, bowls, wine stopper
- DEB CASH: Famasi  
Makeup, skin care, nutrition
- SHARON CONNORS: Willowvale InkNPaper  
All-occasion greeting cards, notepads, gift card holders
- SANDRA LANGHALS: Gifts of Glass  
Hand-painted glassware
- FRANCES LYONS: Francy Things  
Fused glass and handmade gifts
- MEG MORRIN: Jewelry by Design  
Handmade jewelry
- DEBRA SCHNEIDER: Designs by Debbie  
Handmade multimedia jewelry—many incorporating her mother’s jewelry
- MARY WILLETS: The Paper Garden by Min  
Sculpted paper flowers
- JANE WURTH: Ragazza Boutique  
Designer clothing and accessories
- MYKEL ZWAYER: Tastefully Simple  
Spices and packaged tasty packets

TSL members and guests always seem to enjoy shopping at the vendor booths during our annual Rite of Spring fundraiser. We appreciate these folks who set up their booths at Belmont in April. Many thanks to them because they added greatly to the success of our event.



Brett Loney (TAPA), Condessa Croninger (hat contest judge) and TSL president, JoAnn Phipps, at the Rite of Spring event.



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## Vice President of Symphony Activities -

Linda Varga

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped on these Symphony Activities. We couldn't do it without YOU!

## Spooktacular Family Concert -

Kris Young

Spooktacular was a HUGE success this year. We had over 200 children in attendance for the pre-concert activities and the fabulous TSO concert!

Thank you to all the TSL ladies that helped in various ways.

Volunteers included **Phyllis Wadley, Terri Sutton, Kathy Scheer, Sharon & Steve Slusarski, JoAnn Phipps & Ryleigh Dandridge, Linda Varga, Marlene Uhler, Susan Allomong, Mary Decker, Margaret Doresco, Marcia Helman, Jane Wurth, Beth Bowman, Helen Patton, Kris Young, & Janna LaZelle-Lake.**

You are the best!!!



**Linda Varga, Mary Beaber, and Joan Tobias** enjoying the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at Sylvania Country Club.

## Musician Survival Bags -

Helen Patton & Phyllis Wadley

Friday, November 10, was the deadline for fulfilling commitments made for the Musician Survival Bags. The totes were stuffed assembly-style immediately following the General Board Meeting, Thursday, November 16, at the Buckeye Bank building in Perrysburg. On Wednesday, November 29, orchestra members received their Survival Bags at the rehearsal for that evening's kick-off holiday concert held again at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sylvania.

Surprise gifts from Ann Lieder were given to all the volunteers who helped on this project!

The volunteers were: **Helen Patton, Phyllis Wadley, Kim Danes, Beth Bowman, Marlene Uhler, JoAnn Phipps, Linda Varga, Kathy Scheer, Mary Beaber, Ann Lieder, and Liz Villarreal-Rowe.**

## TAPA Staff Valentine Lunch -

Beth Bowman

Over 30 TAPA staff members enjoyed a hot lunch at Symphony Space on Friday, February 9. Each TAPA staff member (over 60) received a Valentine "swag bag." The bags and luncheon were made possible by generous donors and volunteers. These members include: **Kathy Scheer, Kris Young, Mary Beaber, Joni Fought, Helen Patton, JoAnn Phipps, Marlene Uhler, Marcia Helman, Linda Varga, Kathy Traynor, Barbara Brown, and Beth Bowman.**



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## Rite of Spring

Rite of Spring (ROS) was held Thursday, April 25, at Belmont Country Club.

Ninety-four guests enjoyed this special event. **Marlene Uhler** and **Beth Bowman** were the co-chairs.

All the traditional ROS features were back in 2024! There were 22 raffle baskets. The eleven vendors, secured by **Helen Patton**, offered hand turned wood creations, glass, jewelry, food items, clothing, and other desirable items (list on page 6). The Lunches in the Garden auction featured themed parties donated by **Marcia Helman**, **Trina McGivern**, and **Marlene Uhler**. **Beth Bowman** offered a catered summer meal to go. The Flour Garden, chaired by **Sharon Slusarski**, featured wonderful homemade cookies and breads. Tabletop fairy gardens, created by **Marlene Uhler**, were the eye-catching centerpieces. Jenny Amstutz, from Nature's Corner, was the featured speaker. She demonstrated how to make a terrarium which was raffled off to the lucky winner, Carol Caulkins.

Many League members worked to make Rite of Spring a fun-filled and profitable event. **Kathy Scheer** designed the invitation. **Marcia Helman** took reservations and did seating. **Linda Varga** was the event photographer. Bakers included **Sharon Slusarski**, **Emma Oravec**, **Mary Beaber**, **Beverly Wolcott**, **Susan Burwell**, **Margaret Doresco**, **Kris Young**, **Marcia Helman**, **Kathy Scheer**, **Helen Patton**, and others. Set up and event volunteers included **Maureen Goodremont**, **JoAn Nichols**, **Joan Tobias**, **Judy Uhrman**, and others.

The hat contest winners, judged by hat diva collector, Condessa Croninger, were **Joan Tobias** for most beautiful, **Dorothy Bonser** for most springlike, and **Beverly Wolcott** for most creative.

President, JoAnn Phipps, presented TAPA CEO, Zak Vassar, a check for \$12,500, which was the remaining balance of our 2023-24 pledge to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.

Bookkeeping has not been closed for this event. It is hoped we raised over \$10,000.



Rite of Spring co-chairs, **Marlene Uhler** & **Beth Bowman**, enjoying the event.



TSL president, **JoAnn Phipps**, presented a check for the balance of our TSO pledge to Zak Vassar, TAPA CEO.

