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Greetings!

After the last several days of bitter cold, it is wonderful to be writing this letter while squinting at the computer screen, temporarily blinded by beautiful sunlight. Spring is just around the corner, my friends!

Over the past few months, Toledo Symphony League members have been very busy with planning events to entertain and educate our members. Kudos to Kathy Scheer and Kimberly Danes for spearheading the annual Young Artists' Competition and Remembrance Fund Scholarship auditions respectively. Kathy and Kim with their band of volunteers are determined and fearless in the pursuit of upcoming musicians.

Joyce Stenberg and Barbara Bettinger hosted Leaguers Who Lunch on February 11 at Carrabba's Restaurant. LWL will meet next on March 11 at Byblos Restaurant. Please contact Joyce for more information.

As we are all aware, moving into a new home or facility involves pitfalls, and the best-laid plans must often be ditched. The annual Valentine's staff lunch was scheduled for February 14, shortly after most TAPA staff moved into the Toledo Center for Live Arts. Rather than add to the move-related stress, it was determined to put the lunch on "hold." A staff appreciation luncheon is now planned for the end of the TSL season, minus special Valentine's gift bags. Beth Bowman managed to deliver 75+ goody bags to TAPA staff and promised a future lunch. Attagirl, Beth!!

Tune in Tuesday is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at Belmont Country Club. Beth Bowman successfully engaged Jim Hartley, the commanding force behind TAPA's move to Toledo Center for Live Arts, as the featured speaker. Reservations can be made with Mary Beaber.

Under the leadership of Mary Beaber, preparations are being finalized for Rite of Spring, scheduled for April 24 at Belmont Country Club. Theresa Hoen will be the featured speaker. Vendors have been secured and the raffle baskets and Lunches In The Garden are being planned. Invitations will be in your mailbox soon.

I am always amazed by the amount of time and effort made by TSL volunteers to achieve our goals. In recognition of volunteer efforts, Membership VPs Marlene Uhler and Sheri Robarge are planning the annual volunteer recognition breakfast for April 17.

The Toledo Symphony League members continue our mission to provide financial, educational, and volunteer support to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. This mission is accomplished by the hard work and dedication of many volunteers. Fortunately, we always have a good time doing good work.

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as TSL president. Thanks, as always, for your support!

I hope to see you soon at a TSL event,

JoAnn Phipps

JoAnn Phipps
TSL President





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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.

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TUNE IN TUESDAY

Beth Bowman & Mary Beaber

The next Tune in Tuesday will be

March 18

at Belmont Country Club.

The speaker is Jim Hartley -
TAPA Head of Special Operations

The cost is \$40 per person

Enjoy a great lunch and raffle baskets.

TWILIGHT TUESDAY

May 20

Belmont Country Club

6:00 p.m.

Heavy Appetizers

Live Music

Cash Bar

Cost - \$55

See flyer attached to the Score

For reservations, send your check
made out to TSL to:

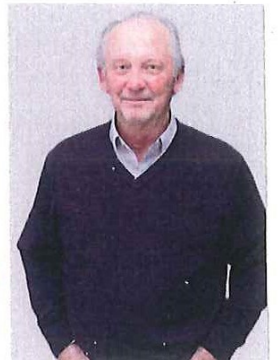
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Rite of Spring - Mary Beaber

Rite of Spring is **Thursday, April 24**, at Belmont Country Club. **Mary Beaber**, event chair, is happy to announce Theresa Hoen, owner of Hoen's Garden Center, is the scheduled speaker. TSL members working on the committee include **Kathy Traynor, Beverly Wolcott, Judi Uhrman, Cookie Westmeyer, JoAnn Phipps, Emma Oravec, Sharon Slusarski, Marcia Helman, Kathy Scheer, Kris Young, Sherie Robarge, Helen Patton, Marlene Uhler, Beth Bowman, and Shelli Jacobs.**

The **Flour Garden** is under the leadership of **Emma Oravec**. Emma has a few new features planned, including a "**Mary Beaber** Carrot Cake" raffle! If you would like to donate baked goods, work on packaging goodies, or selling at Rite of Spring, email Emma at emmaoravec9@icloud.com. Cash would be very much appreciated for purchases the day of the event.

The raffle basket table is filling up nicely. Basket themes include a Picnic Basket, a Grandma Fun Basket, and a Facial Spa Basket to name a few. The raffle chair is on the lookout for empty raffle baskets and gift cards. If you would like to donate, contact **Beth Bowman** at bowsmom50@yahoo.com.

"Lunches in the Garden" silent auction will feature at least four wonderful experiences to bid on. They include "Christmas in July" at **Marcia Helman's** home, "Happy Hour in the Old West End" with TSL president **JoAnn Phipps**, and "National Girlfriend's Day Tea" with **Beth Bowman**. Get your bidding consortiums ready!

Helen Patton, vendor chair, has been very successful obtaining vendors. Please look at the confirmed vendor list with descriptions in this Score.

The "Spring Hat Contest" returns to Rite of Spring 2025! Wear your springiest hat to join in some fashionable fun and perhaps win a prize.

We look forward to seeing you all, April 24, at Belmont Country Club. Invitations will be sent soon.

SAVE THE DATE

Closing Luncheon

May 15

Cost - \$40/each

Belmont Country Club

Invitations coming in mail soon.

TSL Membership Directory Update (Pink Book)

Mrs. Ann Jarvela

c/o Lyn Summer Jarvela;

17014 Foxtan Dr.; Parker, CO 80134



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Confirmed Rite of Spring 2025 Vendors - Helen Patton

MICHAEL BAYER: Baywood Turners

Wooden birdhouses, plates, bowls, wine stoppers

SHARON CONNORS: Willowvale InkNPaper

All-occasion greeting cards, notepads, gift card holders

SANDRA LANGHALS: Gifts of Glass

Hand-painted glassware

MEG MORRIN: Jewelry by Design

Handmade jewelry

PAMELA ROHRBACHER: Elegance de Stile

Sewn purses, wallets, glass cases

DEBRA SCHNEIDER: Designs by Debbie

Handmade multimedia jewelry, each having a piece of her mother's gems

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 prepared foods

Valentine Project - Beth Bowman

A big THANK YOU to the many members who participated in the TSL Valentine Projects. Valentine addressers included **Marcia Helman, Helen Patton, Joan Tobias, JoAnn Champion, Phyllis Wadley, Beverly Wolcott,** and **JoAnn Phipps.**

Phyllis Wadley, Helen Patton, Kathy Scheer, Susan Burwell, Kris Young, and **Beth Bowman** contributed POUNDS of candy and other treats along with Jane Wurth's pashminas to fill 75+ Valentine bags for the staff of TAPA, including TSO, TSSM, Toledo Ballet, and TSYO conductors. The Valentine bags are pictured to the right.





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General Board Meetings

March 20

9:30 a.m.—Social

10:00 a.m.—Meeting

Buckeye State Bank

12301 Eckel Junction Rd., Perrysburg, OH

**All TSL members are welcome to attend
TSL General Board Meetings.**

April 17

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Meeting

Toledo Club

235 14th St., Toledo, OH

Volunteers will receive invitations by mail.

Join the Green Thumb Initiative!

Beth Bowman

The League is fulfilling a “wish list” gift for the NEW Center for Live Arts! Jim Hartley, TAPA Special Operations, has asked the TSL to assist in underwriting the purchase of faux plants for the Bose Family Reception Center. The first “Green Thumb initiative” gift will be presented at Tune in Tuesday on March 18.

To donate, please send your gift to Beth Bowman, 7728 Woodstone Dr.; Maumee, OH 43537. Please make checks payable to the Toledo Symphony League with “Green Thumb” in the memo line.

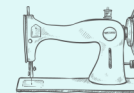
All donors will be recognized with a pair of special “Symphony League” pink garden gloves! (Pictured below)



Several TSL members attended a concert commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. at the Toledo Museum of Art on January 20. Damon Coleman, TSO Cello and Summer Study Grant recipient, played several pieces with piano player, Michael Boyd.

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Remembrance Fund Scholarships

Kimberly Danes

Auditions for scholarships will take place on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23. If you have not already volunteered to assist, contact **Kimberly Danes** at 419-261-8697 right away.

Scholarships will be awarded at the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestra concert on May 11 at BGSU.

Leaguers Who Lunch

Joyce Stenberg & Barbara Bettinger

Leaguers Who Lunch will be meeting again on

March 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Byblos

1050 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo

April 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Tea Tree Asian Bistro

4100 Chappel Dr.; Perrysburg, OH
(Levis Commons)

If you would like to attend, contact

Joyce Stenberg - gncstenberg@aol.com or

Barbara Bettinger - barb@nazarethhall.com.
To join the group, it is a \$50 donation to TSL.

Young Artists' Competition - Kathy Scheer

The Young Artists' Competition took place on January 11, at the University of Toledo Center for Performing Arts.

The three judges were:

Michele Tossier-Smith (TSO oboe)

Robert Clemens (TSO cello)

Dr. Hannah Levinson (BGSU assistant professor of viola)

We have three winners:

Elsa Klaas (piano)

Isaac Weese (violin)

LyAnn Samkari (violin)

We had a wonderful group of volunteers who helped the event run smoothly. They were **Beverly Wolcott, Helen Patton, and Beth Bowman.**

The winners will play in an afternoon concert with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, **March 15, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle along with Toledo Public School students. If we are able to have a small reception following the concert for the winners and their guests, I will need several volunteers to help with this. Call **Kathy Scheer** at 419-262-8812 if you can help. Hopefully many TSL members will attend this special concert and awards ceremony. (See winner's information on next page.)



The Young Artists' Competition volunteers are **Kathy Scheer, Helen Patton, Beverly Wolcott, and Beth Bowman.**



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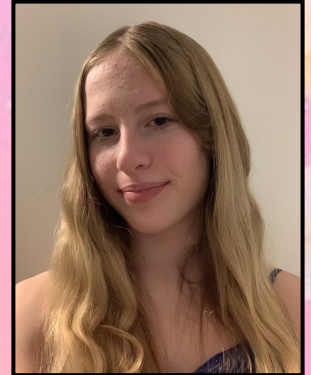
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YOUNG ARTISTS' COMPETITION 2024-25 WINNERS

Elsa Klaas - piano

Repertoire: Haydn Piano Concerto in D Mvt. 1

Elsa Klaas is a junior at Ottawa Hills High School with a deep passion for music and the arts. She began her piano studies at the age of three and currently trains under the guidance of Frances Renzi. Elsa is an active member of the Junior Monday Musicale and has earned multiple scholarships recognizing her exceptional talent and dedication. In addition to her local accomplishments, Elsa has participated in prestigious Suzuki Institutes in Beaver Creek, Colorado, and Stevens Point, Wisconsin. In 2024, she further honed her skills by attending the Piano Intensive at the renowned Interlochen Center for the Arts. Beyond her musical pursuits, Elsa is also an avid athlete, enjoying cross-country and track running. Her commitment to excellence is evident both in her musical endeavors and athletic achievements.



Isaac Weese - Violin

Repertoire: Mendelssohn Violin Concerto Mvt. 3

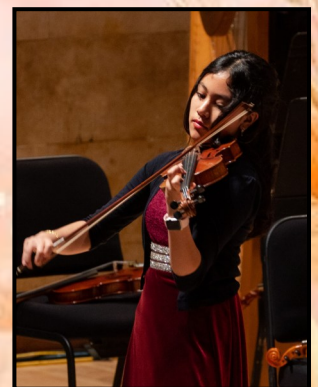
There is something particularly compelling about the violin, as evidenced by 17-year-old Isaac Weese's dedication to practice since he began at the age of four. Currently, he performs with the Findlay City School Symphonic Orchestra and the Toledo Symphony Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. Furthermore, he has been selected for the OMEA Northwest Regional and All-State Orchestras for three consecutive years. Isaac appreciates performing for diverse audiences, whether as a soloist or as part of an ensemble. His performances extend to community theatre orchestra pits and local community events, either as a member of the Findlay String Factor or in a music duo with his younger sister. Isaac faces the ongoing challenge of balancing multiple commitments, including schoolwork, musical theatre productions, and participation in Findlay First Edition, his high school's competitive show choir. He expresses gratitude towards his family and teachers/directors, past and present, for their unwavering support, which has been instrumental in his achievements as a violinist. Additionally, he acknowledges the contributions of various music organizations such as the Toledo Symphony School of Music, Findlay City School Orchestras, Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras, OMEA, and Annie Moses Foundations, which have provided him with exceptional learning and performance opportunities. He is a junior at Findlay High School.



LyAnn Samkari - Violin

Repertoire: Monti Czardas

LyAnn Samkari is a dedicated violinist who began her musical journey at the age of six. She has received notable recognition for her talent, earning scholarships in the TSYO Scholarship Audition at the ages of nine and twelve. In addition, she was awarded a scholarship from Monday Musicale, further affirming her commitment to excellence in music. LyAnn has consistently demonstrated her musical proficiency, earning a 1 rating in Solo and Ensemble each year she has participated. Her violin studies are under the guidance of renowned instructor Vasile Beluska, who has helped shape her technique and artistry. Outside of her musical pursuits, LyAnn is a creative individual who enjoys a variety of hobbies, including engaging in artistic projects, watching films, playing card games with family, singing, and shopping. With a passion for both music and the arts, LyAnn continues to grow and pursue new creative endeavors. She is a freshman at Southview High School.





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TUNE IN TUESDAY

March 18

Social Hour 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Luncheon at noon

Program to follow

Speaker - Jim Hartley

TAPA Head of Special Operations

Cost - \$40/person

TWILIGHT TUESDAY

May 20

6:00 p.m.

Cost - \$55/person

Heavy appetizers, live music, and cash bar

Location for both events:

Belmont Country Club; 29601 Bates Rd.; Perrysburg, OH

SEND RESERVATIONS TO TNT - Mary Beaber: 4533 Blackstone Dr. E; Maumee, OH 43537

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

March 18 _____ May 20 _____

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