

Dearest members and friends,

As my term is coming to an end, I am so happy to report on the successes of our organization. It's been a roller coaster with Covid, coming up with new ideas to make money during shutdown, member losses, fun times, great events, money raising, and a lot of laughs.

It has been very educating to say the least. I never got the hang of Robert's Rules and thank you for being patient and helping me. That's the great thing about the League; as a member told me, "We want to see you succeed." If I ever made it look easy, it was a deceiving action. Without your support this would not have been possible. Thank You all when I called for information, help, or "How do I do this"! There was always support on the other end.

The League has given every pledge, or exceeded every pledge we made to the TSO and they appreciate our support. The Trustees now receive our newsletters and invitations. We have a diverse board and could use more diversity and ideas to bring us into the next phase of our League. Recruitment is a mandatory issue we must address in the next year. We can't go on without new officers, so please think co-chairing an office, or teaching new members about the workings of the League.

We have fun with our Leaguers Who Lunch, Tune in Tuesdays, Parties of Note, and other events. You generously support these ventures and that means everything. But there is more. Becoming more involved means fun too; it's a close relationship with the Executive and General Board.

The next president will have my support; we will not let her down. As a parting gift, I am passing along my copy of Robert's Rules for Dummies I only got halfway through.

Love to all,



TSL President



Marlene Uhler & Joni Fought looking lovely
at Twilight Tuesday

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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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TSYO Remembrance Fund Scholarships

Liz Villarreal-Rowe

Remembrance Fund scholarship auditions were held March 11 & 12 at Symphony Space. Three judges were secured for the competition: **Diana Dyer Anderson, Jane Anderson, and Alan Smith**. The judges used a new computer program called Accepted to record their evaluations and comments for each participant. There were 53 TSYO members who auditioned over the two days: three concert strings students, 15 symphonic students, 22 philharmonic students, and 13 seniors.

Thank you to our Toledo Symphony League volunteers who helped the competition run smoothly.

They were **Liz Villarreal-Rowe, Kimberly Danes, Ruth Moeller, Helen Patton, Kathy Scheer, Marcia Helman, and Beth Williams**.

All TSYO members who auditioned were notified by mail with the judges' comments and if they will receive a scholarship. The seniors who will receive a scholarship won't find out until the May 8 concert when the scholarships are awarded. It was kept a secret from the seniors in the past, so the committee decided to go back to keeping it a secret. There will be a scholarship presented in memory of **Joni Fought's** mother, **Betty Britten**, and in honor of **Janet Keener, Dorothy Coats, and Dorothy Bonser**, for all they did for the Remembrance Fund in the past.

The total amount awarded will be increased by \$1,000 due to the voided uncashed check from one of last year's recipients, so the total we will be able to award is \$20,700.

Chick Flick

Marcia Helman

Guests boarded the Orient Express at 5:30. After dinner of Kentucky Fried Chicken, cheesy potatoes, Caesar salad, vegetables, and beautiful assortment of cookies and chocolates, we settled in to watch Poirot solve the Murder on the Orient Express.

It was a fun-filled evening for everyone AND raised \$2,275 for the League. A big shout out to **Marlene, Beth, Liz, and Kathy** for their untiring efforts to help make this event successful. I would also like to recognize **Joan Tobias** and **Judy Maurer** for coming early to help set up and to all the loyal members who continue to support Chick Flick each year.



Sharon & Steve Slusarski at Twilight Tuesday

Family Concert Activities

Kris Young

Spooktacular was a wonderful event! The TSO concert was great! Pre-concert activity volunteers are **Marge Elden, Ruth Moeller, Sharon Slusarski, Susan Allomong, Phyllis Wadley, Terri Sutton, Bev Wolcott, Kathy Scheer, Marlene Uhler, Beth Williams, Carol Swanson, and Kris Young**. Donations of goodie bag items/cash donations were received from **Beth Bowman, Janna LaZelle-Lake, Marcia Helman, Jettie Sansbury, Phyllis Wadley, Helen Patton, Jackie Rousseau-Werner, Kathy Scheer, Marlene Uhler and Kris Young**.



Maureen Goodremont & JoAn Nichols at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast



V.P. of Symphony Activities

Kimberly Danes

Due to the logistics of League ushers being the outside volunteers in both the front and back of the museum for both concerts and taking into consideration the ages of the League ushers, a decision was made to discontinue providing volunteers for these concerts. Thank you to everyone who has helped with these concerts for so many decades.

Due to a misunderstanding related to ushers, TSO staff informed us that Chamber Concert ushers were no longer needed at the Toledo Club, so we no longer usher these concerts either. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time over the years as an usher.



Sharon Slusarski & Mary Beaber at Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Tune In Tuesday

Mary Beaber & Beth Bowman

We had an exciting 2022-2023 for Tune In Tuesdays. The charge for each was \$40 per person.

Our first Tune In Tuesday was a field trip on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at The Toledo Museum of Art. It was a docent tour learning about music in art with a luncheon that followed.

Our next was at Belmont Country Club on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Alice Petersen, TSO violinist, accompanied by cellist, Jim Anderson, performed a small concert for us.

Our last Tune In Tuesday was Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Belmont Country Club. The speaker was TSO percussionist, Keith McWatters.

Our Twilight Tune In Tuesday, was a beautiful evening on April 18 at Belmont Country Club featuring the TSO Jazz Orchestra. It was a great evening of heavy appetizers, drinks, raffle baskets, silent auction, and live music. The cost for the evening was \$60.

Musician Survival Bags

Helen Patton & Phyllis Wadley

On a cold, windy Wednesday, the Toledo Symphony Orchestra kicked off their holiday season of concerts at St Joseph Catholic Church in Sylvania. Six Toledo Symphony League members were there to greet the musicians and hand them their travel totes as they entered the concert rehearsal. The musicians appreciated the annual treat and League members showed excitement to continue their spirit of giving. In fact, a mutual appreciation flowed that afternoon.

Thanks to those of you who donated and volunteered. The annual Musician Survival Bag project was another "hit."

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

The Toledo Symphony League celebrated their 2022-2023 volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on April 20. Thank you to **Jane Wurth** for setting up the wonderful breakfast at Sylvania Country Club, and **Marlene Uhler** for taking reservations and for making the beautiful centerpieces that were raffled off. Close to 27 volunteers enjoyed the event and joined the General Board for the April meeting that followed. April is national volunteer month, so it was a perfect day to celebrate our wonderful volunteers.

If you volunteered for anything this year, make sure **Beth Bowman** receives all your volunteer time so you have credit for Crescendo points.

Thank you again to all our Toledo Symphony League Volunteers!

TSL Young Artists' Competition Kathy Scheer

The Young Artists' Competition took place on January 7 at the University of Toledo Center for the Performing Arts.

The three judges were:

Casey Gsell
Anthony Pattin
Jack Henning

We have three winners:

Hayool Lee (Violin)
Miki Kawamura (Piano)
Mary Borus (Saxophone)

We had a wonderful group of volunteers that helped the event run smoothly. They were **Liz Villarreal-Rowe, Marge Elden, and Marcia Helman**.

The three winners played in an afternoon concert with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra on February 11 at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Thank you to the TSL members who set up the reception and handed out the awards. They were **Liz Villarreal-Rowe, Marlene Uhler, Kimberly Danes, and Marcia Helman**.



Liz Villarreal-Rowe & Kim Danes with the Young Artists' Competition winners

TSYO Liaison

Beth Williams

Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras (TSYO) closed their 2022-2023 season with a Pops Concert on Monday, May 8, at Kobacker Hall within the Moore Musical Arts Center at Bowling Green State University. TSYO consists of three orchestral ensembles: the Philharmonic and Symphonic as full orchestras, and the Concert ensemble as a string orchestra. The Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras staff conductors are Wasim Hawary, Chad Hutchinson, Betsy Cranston, and Kathleen Schnerer. The TSYO Coordinator is a TSO staff position, which was held this season by Samantha Zelnik followed by Sara Schaefer. During 2022-2023 season, Toledo Symphony League Liaison, **Beth Williams**, and TSYO parent volunteer(s) supported the TSYO Coordinator by guiding new orchestra members and their parents for dress rehearsals, and stage changes during four concerts.

The Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestra concerts were presented free to the public through a generous gift from Joseph and Judith Conda.



Margaret Doresco, Joan Tobias & Marcia Helman at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast



Jettie Sansburry & Mary Beaber at Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Chimers

Barbara Brown

Toledo Symphony League Chimers have the joy of making bells ring for our members who do not use email. Chimers call these members to inform them of upcoming events, projects, and other pertinent League member information or pop-up occurrences. Friendships are made and bonds are sealed. This year's Chimers are; chairman **Barbara Brown**, **Kate Adams-Nameche**, **Stephanie Betz**, **Sherie Robarge**, **Pamela Shoffner**, **Janet Spencer**, and **Jennifer Sponsler**. Thank you, ladies, for your cheerful participation.



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General Board Meeting

May 18, 2023

9:30 a.m. - Social

10:00 a.m. - Meeting

Belmont Country Club

All TSL members are welcome.

Followed by

Closing Luncheon & Annual Meeting

Sad News

The Toledo Symphony League lost members:

Florence Metzger (September 8, 2022)

June Sloan (December 6, 2022)

Membership Directory Updates 2022-2023

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Leaguers Who Lunch

Joyce Stenberg & JoAnn Phipps

The 2022-2023 Leaguers Who Lunch season, led by **Joyce Stenberg** and **JoAnn Phipps**, continued to be successful! LWL began several years ago to put the “fun” back in fundraising. The format is easy: TSL members are asked to donate an additional \$50 to be a member of LWL. Each member receives an email invitation each month to join the group for self-hosted lunch, perhaps a nice glass of wine, good conversation and a chance to purchase tickets for raffle baskets. This season’s fun began in September at Urban Pines Winery, and continued with lunch at Byblos, Rosaria’s, Manhattan’s Pub & Cheer, Giorgio’s Grille, Element 112, and Harbor Town Tavern. LWL meets the second Tuesday of each month during the season, except for December and May. Please contact **JoAnn Phipps** by email: phipps.joann728@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group next September!



JoAnn Phipps, Joyce Stenberg & Barbara Brown at Valentine Lunch



Cindy Niggemyer, Cookie Westmeyer, Judi Uhrman & Kathy Traynor at Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast



Beth & Ted Bowman having a blast at Twilight Tuesday

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New Member Welcome

Barbara Brown

Toledo Symphony League is alive and well as we continue to welcome new members with a Pink Book sent by **Kathy Scheer**, and a welcome note written by **Barbara Brown**. Our new members for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year are **Maureen (Mo) Goodremont, Janet McClure, Darlene Rieger, Ann Baronas, Carol Swanson, Joanne Champion, Jean Ryan, and Sue Pokorney**. New members are encouraged to consult their Pink Book for information concerning leadership, events, by-laws, performance dates, and member contact information. They are also encouraged to attend, volunteer, and support all things TSO and TSL, to become involved and cement friendships as well as to make new friends. Welcome to the Toledo Symphony League. The League is known for our friendliness. Be certain to welcome these new members.



Phyllis Wadley & Joan Tobias at TSO staff Valentine Lunch

Toledo Symphony Valentine Staff Lunch

Beth Bowman

The TSO Valentine Staff Lunch was Friday February 10 at Symphony Space. Entrees included a mashed potato bar, butternut squash bisque, pasta fagioli, and sandwiches. Salads and desserts filled out the menu. Over 30 staff members attended.

The TSL also supplied Valentine Swag Bags to all TAPA staff members.

Chefs, donors, bag stuffers, and serving help included: **Joan Tobias, Barbara Brown, Marlene Uhler, Shelli Jacobs, Jane Wurth, Linda Varga, JoAnn Phipps, Phyllis Wadley, Mo Goodremont, Cookie Westmeyer, Kris Young, Kathy Scheer, Margaret Doresco, Joni Fought, and Beth Bowman.**



JoAnn & Mike Phipps enjoying Twilight Tuesday