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**GENERAL BOARD MEETING
No December Meeting**

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Other League Events:

December 7
Holiday Brunch
Party of Note
Home of Jane Wurth
11:00 a.m.

COMING UP

Rite of Spring*
Thursday, March 10, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn
Levis Commons
***DATE & VENUE CHANGE**

Tune In Tuesday
Keith McWatters
February 16, 2016
Damon Coleman
April 12, 2016
Amy Heritage
May 10, 2016

PARTIES OF NOTE
Savoir-faire
Chefs Marty & Christine
April 28, 2016
Time for Tea
June 2, 2016

President's Letter

Dear Toledo Symphony League Members,

The end of 2015 fast approaches, and with it the continued opportunity to participate in our wonderful Toledo Symphony League projects, programs, parties, and activities. Look in your Pink Book under Calendar of Events or under each Vice-Presidency to see where you would like to share your talents or make your reservations. You, as always, are welcome on all committees. Your time and efforts are appreciated. Your company is encouraged.

Tune In Tuesdays are scheduled at Toledo Country Club for the remainder of the year. Please note the special presenters as well as the outstanding menu choices.

Rite of Spring – New Venue – New Menu

Rite of Spring will be celebrated at The Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons in Perrysburg, March 10. Many hands are needed to create and execute this major fundraiser in support of our Toledo Symphony League mission.

There are a few spaces in upcoming Parties of Note. If something tickles your fancy be certain to send your check to **Bev Zielinski** labeled with the name of your party(ies) of choice.

Education has a plethora of volunteer and entertainment events fast approaching. Be included in the fun by attending performances or lending a hand.

TSL/TSO Special Events Liaison **Patty Etue-Stephens** has been busy. She and her committee have hand addressed invitations to The Stewardship Circle Honoree Weekend honoring **Steve and Ann Stranahan**, created Halloween goodie bags for Halloween Spooktacular, and organized and served a pizza party for our musicians so far this year. Patty has ordered favors for the children who attend Christmas at the Peristyle. Committee members who served at various times were **Beth Bowman, Barbara Brown, Randi Dier, Karen DeNune, Marcia Helman, and Kathy Scheer.**

Thank you for your wonderful loyalty to The Toledo Symphony League.

Wishing you a music filled year,

Barbara Brown
Toledo Symphony League President

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 **Nancy Phlegar**, Arts Advocacy Chair

Can Music Change the Way Your Wine Tastes?

The holidays are approaching, and the festivities will begin sooner than we might imagine. The season is beautiful with decorations, music and entertaining. It is always a treat to gather with friends and family to share good food, wine and conversation.

Several studies produced over the last couple of decades demonstrate how music can influence the wines people buy and even how a wine's taste is perceived. If shoppers heard French music in their favorite wine shop, French wines would out sell, for example, German wines by a ratio of 5 to 1. Likewise, when German music was playing, German wines sold well. This study did not include California wines.

Another study recruited 125 men and 125 women to drink various wines while listening to four different types of music. The music ranged from powerful and heavy to soft and mellow. It might be fun to try this experiment at home using the following music:

Powerful and Heavy: Carl Orff's Carmina Burana

Subtle and Refined: Tchaikovsky's Waltz of the Flowers

Zingy and Refreshing: Depeche Mode Group Just Can't Get Enough

Mellow and Soft: Michael Brook Slow Breakdown

Surprisingly, the music did have a measurable impact on the impression of the wine. When the music was lively, the group found the wine to be lively and when powerful music was playing, the participants found that the wine was powerful. The studies demonstrated that music could influence how people perceived or purchased a particular wine. Some wine merchants ask clients to indicate music preferences along with favorite wine and price ranges when introducing new wines at wine tastings.

People respond to other factors when asked about wine preference as well. Music selections may be a response to music individuals heard while growing up. The ambiance or our surroundings may contribute to the influence on our taste buds. The tongue as a sensory organ can detect only five different taste sensations. The reality is that most of taste is actually smell. The scent of something not only prepares us for eating by activating our salivary glands, but also gives the food a complexity only hinted to by our basic taste sensations. So our tongues are the servants of the rest of our senses.

When we eat a meal in a fancy place, the surroundings, elaborate place settings, fine porcelain, and excellent service, the food is going to taste different than if we ate the same food in a cheap diner. Perhaps this is why people spend more money when restaurants play classical music as opposed to pop tunes

After all of the studies about this subject, we may conclude that when wine and music are combined, the reaction is an entirely personal one. The music matters but so does everything else. The challenge awaits you---have a party and determine if all the studies are accurate!

Happy Holidays!

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CULTIVATING SUCCESS

By **Deborah Born**, Vice President of Administration

Wanda Anderson and **Beth Williams**, Musicians Survival Bag Chairmen, distributed 66 musician survival bags to the TSO musicians before the Pops Concert at the Stranahan Theater on November 28. It is The League's way of saying thank you to our hard working musicians. Thank you to Wanda and Beth for a job well done.

Also, thank you to **Cindy Champer**, Artist Hospitality; **Trina McGivern**, Labels; **Fran Darcy** and **Sue Potts**, Mailing; **Barb Bettinger** and **Mary Beaber**, Opening/Closing Luncheon; **Fran Darcy**, Parliamentarian; **Cindy Champer**, Publicity; **Linda Mc Bee**, SCORE Ads; **Pat Osborn**, SCORE Editor; **Tricia Rodriguez**, SCORE Layout Editor; **Dr. Ruth Alteneder**, SCORE Proofreader; **Dr. Joanie Barrett**, Website Manager for their continuing efforts.



Left to right: Co-chair, Beth O. Williams, TSO General Manager, Keith McWatters, and Co-chair, Wanda Anderson.



Musician Survival Bags. What a sight!!

Membership

By **Kim Kearns**, Vice President of Membership

If you chair, co-chair, or have members help you with any League or Symphony Office work, no matter how big or small, PLEASE complete a Volunteer Recognition Form. Mail the completed form to Fran Darcy. This is the only way that Fran can credit points towards members becoming Crescendos. If you have any questions regarding this, feel free to contact either Fran or me.



By **Rusty Phlegar** and **Beth Bowman**, Vice Presidents of Education

Tune in Tuesday has proved to be a popular adult education tool. The November TNT, featuring **Lauraine Carpenter, TSO Principal Trumpet**, was attended by 27 TSL members and guests. Keith McWatters, TSO manager, will speak at the **February 16, 2017 Tune in Tuesday**. Please join us!

Showcase of the Arts Chairmen, Sandra Laas and Jettie Sansbury continue to work on the **TSL Showcase of the Arts 2016**. Showcase is a multifaceted program which requires many volunteers. Jobs include assembling teachers' packages, judging and labeling art works, reading and evaluating essays and poetry, and setting up and dismantling the Showcase Reception. If any of these volunteer opportunities sound interesting to you, please contact the Chairmen.

Claudia Trombla, TSL Young Artists Competition Chair reminds League members that the **TSYO Side By Side concert** featuring our award winners is **Sunday March 20, 2017 at the Peristyle**. Last year the League sponsored a dinner after the concert at a restaurant at The Docks. If anyone is interested in working on a similar dinner or has an idea for a location, please contact Beth Bowman, at Bowsmom50@sbcglobal.net or **419-865-5036**. Paring concert attendance with an early and pleasant dinner boosted League attendance for the concert.

Marcia Helman and Susan Brandon, TSL Sumer Study Grant Chairs, recently met to revamp the grant application form and formulate a rubric for applicant selection. Their backgrounds in education and grant application/funding was put to good use.

Janet Keener, Remembrance Fund Chairman, reports the Dates for the TSYO scholarship auditions have been set. The Concert, Symphonic, & Philharmonic will be held Saturday March 5 & Sunday March 6, 2016. The TSYO Senior Scholarship audition will be March 17, 2016. All auditions are held at Symphony Space. The Applications will be mailed in early December. The committee is grateful to **Joan Weiler**, TSO member for her assistance in these mailings. The committee is very grateful to the persons who have donated money recently. Thanks to one & all.

Ann Lieder, Blade Chamber Concert Series Ushers Chairman, reports Toledo Symphony League volunteers for the January 10th Blade Chamber Concert Series at the Toledo Club are **Judy Maurer** and **Marcia Helman**. The theme is Beethoven's "Serioso". All three pieces are premier works for the Toledo audience.

The Education department of the TSL lost a stalwart friend with the recent passing of Dr. Howard S. Madigan. Until the last year, Dr. Madigan was a faithful presence at TSYO concerts and yearly donor to the Remembrance Fund in honor of his late wife, Mary. We will miss his warmth and ready smile.

Keep "tuned" in to see the fruits of the League's education initiatives come into full bloom throughout the spring.



Marlene Uhler



Cathy Scheer



Lauraine Carpenter



Rusty Phlegar

TOLEDO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS
By **Dorothy Coats**, Youth Orchestras Manager

The day after the very successful opening concert of the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras on November 1, sixteen orchestra members auditioned to perform on Pre-Concert Recitals in January and May. Students selected to play will perform on stage just prior to the TSYO concerts, beginning approximately 45 minutes before the scheduled concert times.

Performing before the 4 p.m., January 31 concert will be cellists **Charles Abowd** and **Kaleb Ringler** playing movements from concertos by Klengel and Lalo. **Glenn Mills** selected a trumpet solo entitled *Rustiques* and violaist, **Lang Liang** will be heard in *Der Schwanendreher* by Hindemith.

Prior to the 7 p.m. Pops Concert on May 2 **Gunwoo Kim** will perform Cello Concerto in D Major by August. **Chenoa Nestor** will offer the Rondo from *Concerto in G* for flute by Mozart and **Rebekah Schmitz** will present a selection for harp.

Additional information about these concerts will appear in the January and April Scores.

Several additional students who auditioned may perform in the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle Lobby before a Toledo Symphony Orchestra concert.

Beginning on December 14 TSYO members will have a holiday break from rehearsals and return on January 4 to complete preparations for their January 31 concert.

Mark Your Calendars!

**Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras Concert Schedule
2015-2016**



January 31	Concert #2	4:00 p.m.	TMA Peristyle
March 20	Side by Side with TSO	4:00 p.m.	TMA Peristyle
May 2	TSYO	7:00 p.m.	Maumee Schools Performing Arts

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By **Lynda Gilbert** and **Joni Fought**, Vice Presidents of Education

Since September, the League has been ready... set....go! These past months, Finance has been busy counting money and having fun. Thank you to the many people who have been supporting and attending our major events and Parties of Note. It is nice to report that six out of our nine Parties of Note have been quite successful. All but one made its projected income. GREAT JOB EVERYONE.

Party One Sandpiper Boat Cruise \$ 2,357
Party Two Chick Flick \$ 1,439
Party Three Viva La Vino \$ 840
Party Four Somerset Mall \$ 630
Party Five Holiday Brunch \$ 1,600 SOLD OUT

Thanks to the hosts, hostesses and underwriters, **Lynda Gilbert, Jackie Rousseau-Werner, Betty McKinney, Marlene Uhler, Barb Bettinger, Kathy and Kevin Fifer, Joni Fought, and Jane Wurth. Beverly Zielinski's** behind the scene organizational skills have kept all reservations and records for Parties of Note in perfect order. Two of our major fundraising events, Bagnifique and Bar-B-Que Bash are already behind us. Have we been busy, or what? Time for a little breather until our popular Rite of Spring arrives. **Mary Beaber and Barb Bettinger** have once again stepped up and have agreed to be co-chairs.

We are excited to announce a change this year in the original date and location.

RITE OF SPRING
Thursday, March 10, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn, Levis Commons
Perrysburg

The venue of Raffle Baskets, Lunches in the Garden, Vendor Shopping, and The League's Flour Garden, Luncheon, Garden Guest and speaker will all remain. We hope you will join us and enjoy some new changes that will offer a new fresh feel to this fabulous event. More exciting details will be following in the months ahead.



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June In Tuesdays

with the Toledo Symphony League

Enjoy lunch & a fine presentation from
a Toledo Symphony Orchestra professional ...

Tuesday, February 16, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Keith McWatters, TSO general manager & percussion

April 12

Damon Coleman, TSO cello

May 10

Amy Heritage, TSO & Lakeside flute

Toledo Country Club 3949 River Road Toledo

\$25.00 inclusive - per person, per event

RSVP by Friday, February 5. Please note your lunch preference

___ **GREEK CHICKEN SALAD**

Feta crumbles, Kalamata Olives, Red Onion, Cucumbers, Tomato
Greek Dressing

Number of Meals

_____ @ \$25 each

___ **SEARED SALMON with a FIG CHUTNEY**

Potato Galette, Chef Choice Vegetable

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____

___ **CHICKEN MARSALA**

Potato Galette, Chef Choice Vegetable

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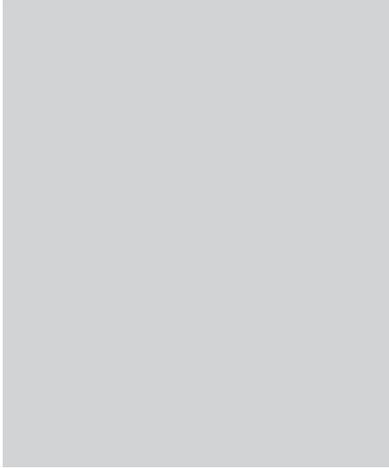
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THE ANDERSONS FAMILY SERIES – CHRISTMAS AT THE PERISTYLE

December 5, 2015 – Concert 3:00 p.m. – Activities – 2:00 p.m.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

December 6, 2015 – TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART PERISTYLE



