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**GENERAL BOARD
MEETING**

**September 17, 2015
Toledo Country Club
9:30 a.m.**

Followed by Luncheon



Other League Events:

**September 17
11:00 a.m.**

**OPENING LUNCH
Toledo Country Club
Social Hour
Come and hear about
the new League Year**

**September 23
10:30 a.m.**

**“Bagnifique”
Purse Event
&
Fashion Show
Nazareth Hall**

President's Letter

Dear TSL Members,

The Toledo Symphony League ended our fiscal year in May by rounding up our \$20,000 pledge to The Toledo symphony Orchestra to \$42,000. The money was raised over the period of one fiscal year and presented to **Randi Dier** who represented **Kathy Carroll** at our Closing Luncheon. This, added to our Scholarship Awards to young artists and our Summer Grants to TSO musicians, brings us to over \$54,000. In addition, the income generated from our Joshua Bell Pre-Concert Dinner at the Toledo Club, the underwriting of the Musicians Survival Bags presented to musicians at the Christmas Peristyle concert and our countless hours of volunteerism brings our total to well over \$60,000. Congratulations, Ladies of the League. You made it happen. We fulfilled our mission in every way.

In appreciation, **Merwin Siu**, of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, played a breathtaking musical thank you to the women of The Toledo Symphony League at our Closing Luncheon. His violin, as always, was a bit of magic in his hands.

The ELECTRONIC SCORE, under the chairmanship of **Ann Randolph**, went smoothly, saving the League approximately \$200 each month that it was digitally mailed. In addition, it, along with our wonderful Chimers, proved to be an efficient way to disseminate updates to the membership.

To maintain our momentum, there are two changes to the President's Committee. **Patti Etue Stephens** has graciously accepted the position of TSL/TSO Special Events Liaison. Her responsibilities include organizing some post-concert receptions and fulfilling special requests made by the TSO when possible. **Lynda Gilbert** has graciously accepted the position of Nominating Chair.

Your TSL Executive Committee has been busily creating and executing planned events for another outstanding League year. “Sights and Savories on the Sandpiper” has been postponed because of rain, rain, rain. Mark your calendars and “don't miss a beat”. Chairs are bringing new ideas to our traditional events and innovative events are being planned under Tune In Tuesday and Parties of Note.

Thanks to all of you for answering “yes” when invited to accept a position; thank you for making new members feel so welcome; thank you for your endless devotion to The Toledo Symphony League and its mission. If you wish to join a committee, contact the vice president in charge or **Barbara Brown**. “Many hands make light work.”

Best wishes for a music filled year.

Barbara Brown
TSL President

THIS ISSUE OF THE SCORE IS A MUST READ. EXCITING NEW EVENTS ARE IN THE WORKS.

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.

Deborah Born, VP of Administration

I am very excited to be Vice-President of Administration. I have been busy filling offices that are going to be working with me. We have a terrific group:

Artist Hospitality: **Cynthia Champer**

Historian: **Marlene Uhler**

Labels: **Trina McGivern**

Mailings: **Fran Darcy** and **Sue Potts**

Musician Survival Bags: **Wanda Anderson** and **Beth Williams**

Opening and Closing Luncheons **Mary Beaber** and **Barbara Bettinger**

Parliamentarian: **Fran Darcy**

Publicity: **Cynthia Champer**

Score Ads: **Linda McBee**.

Score Layout Editor: **Tricia Rodriguez**

Score Editor: **Patricia Osborn**

Score Proof Reader: **Dr. Ruth Alteneder**

Web Master: **Dr. Joanie Barrett**



Of Note:

Cynthia Champer has recently been on the radio (101.5 the river) with **Fred LeFebvre** discussing the Toledo Symphony League and she has assembled a packet for use in promoting it.

Trina McGivern has asked that we give her a month's notice for any labels needed.

Many thanks to **Dr. Joanie Barrett** for agreeing to serve again as Web Master even though she no longer lives in the Toledo area and a special welcome to **Tricia Rodriguez**, our new Score Layout Editor.

Membership

Kim Kearns, Vice President of Membership

What a successful start to another great TSL year! The membership renewal generated \$5700.00. A very special thank you to our sponsor members and those individuals who made additional donations. These additional revenues help support our education programs.

I would like to thank my new chairmen of Membership: Crescendo Brunch, **Joni Fought** and Membership Input/Tracking, **Trina McGivern**. And a thank you to my returning chairmen: Chimers, **Judy Brandon**, Duettes, **Marti Huepenbecker**, New Members, **Barb Topping**, Membership Roster, **Trina McGivern**, Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, **Zana Sandys**, and

Volunteer Recognition, **Fran Darcy**. Summer is a very busy time for membership and I thank all of you for the countless hours and hard work that you have put in.

The Pink Book has been sent to press! I cannot thank **Trina McGivern** enough for taking on this huge project once again. And a thank you to **Barbara Brown** and **Ann Randolph** for their proofreading skills in making sure the information in the Pink Book is accurate.

A Welcome to new member, **Wanda Anderson**. Her contact information will be included in the 2015/2016 Pink Book.

Summer Update by **Rusty Phlegar**

As members of the Toledo Symphony League, it is important that our focus be centered on our very own Toledo Symphony Orchestra and the support we can extend. Equally important, is our effort to consider what the League of American Orchestras is accomplishing on the national level. The NEA and the League of American Orchestras are the watchdogs of many issues that could impact all orchestras, in addition to relationships with foreign orchestras and artists. There are a variety of issues, both positive and negative, of which you should be aware.

Visa Processing

In June, the U.S. State Department experienced a computer hardware failure, resulting in a halting of visa issuances to travelers. Repairs are being made, and visas are currently being issued at about 2/3 capacity. U.S. arts organizations need to have a back-up plan to insure that international artists will be able to work in the U.S. with fully-processed visas.

Charitable Giving

The Charitable Rollover provision, originally enacted as part of the Pension Reform Act of 2006, permits donors aged 70½ years and older to make tax-free charitable gifts directly from their IRA's, up to an annual ceiling of \$100,000. Without the IRA Rollover Provision, individuals who make charitable gifts from their retirement accounts must treat those monies as taxable incomes, thus reducing the amount available to charity. The provision has come and gone many times; it was most recently reinstated on Dec.31, 2014. Currently, charitable giving rose to 5.4% (\$358 billion) which equals the amount achieved in 2007, just before the recession started to affect donation figures. It is imperative that the National League aim to make the Rollover Provision permanent so that donors are able to maximize the support for charitable work.

Support FY16 NEA Funding

The National Endowment for the Arts has held steady at \$146 million for the last four years. The NEA is asking Congress for \$155 million for FY16. Grants awarded to orchestras by the NEA provide critical funding projects that increase access to music in communities nationwide. The NEA is a critical component in the network of public, private, corporate and philanthropic support that makes America's orchestras possible. Every congressional district receives an NEA grant, which provides prosperity and enrichment to communities.

Musical Instruments

In the last year, there has been much controversy over musical instruments that contain even small amounts of ivory. Imagine: If your instrument contained as little as 0.2 of a gram of ivory, legally obtained, that could be confiscated even though you had obtained an instrument passport from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Two years ago, President Obama signed an executive order to eliminate wildlife trafficking, and thus instruments containing African ivory were not allowed to enter the U.S.A. if the instrument had been purchased after February, 1976. Currently, drafts of new rules regarding instrument international travel have emerged that will alter that previous executive order. The drafts are lengthy and the national league is analyzing the proposed rules for a complete understanding of their full impact.

We will do well to remember that the work of the League of American Orchestras is both important and comprehensive. Without their advocacy, many decisions by government would limit cultural exchange as well the support and opportunities they provide to our communities.

Rusty Phlegar and Beth Bowman, Vice Presidents of Education

UPDATE

Our League's Education Chairpersons and Vice Presidents have made use of the summer recess to make plans for exciting, expanded programs in 2015-16. Retiring Education Co-Chairs Dorothy Bonser and Sandra Laas have left "very large shoes to fill" for "Rusty" Phlegar and Beth Bowman, their successors. Most Committee Chairpersons have returned – and this will provide smooth transitions in our programming. Please read, with appreciation for their good service, the articles by **Ann Lieder**, Chair of Chamber Concert Ushers, **Janet Keener**, Chair of the Remembrance Fund and **Dorothy Coats**, TYSO Manager, for the latest in their respective areas. Tune-in Tuesday is coming back with an expanded format and a new venue; and will be co-chaired by **Dorothy Bonser** and **Sandra Laas**. Check out the details of the first "TNT" which is slated for October 13th. You'll not want to miss this one! We look forward to an exciting year.

Chamber Concert Ushers: Ann Lieder

The first of five Toledo Symphony Blade Chamber Concerts for the 2015/16 season will be heard on Sunday evening, September 13 at The Toledo Club at 7 pm. League members who have volunteered to be hostess/greeters at the door are **Faye Fenwick**, **Phyllis Wadley** and **Jettie Sansbury**. They will take tickets and pass out programs from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Each volunteer will receive a ticket to enjoy a unique chamber music experience. The concert ends around 9:00 pm. There are openings for the concerts of November 1, January 10, and March 13. If you wish to volunteer, call **Ann Lieder** @ 419-865-4775 or email to mimiann5@yahoo.com.

TOLEDO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

Dorothy Coats, Youth Orchestras Manager

New faces and rehearsal music highlight the beginning of the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras 2015 – 2016 season. **Patrick Barrett** and **Dr. Elaine Colprit** have been named to lead the Symphonic and Concert Orchestras. **Wasim Hawary** will be Artistic Director of the orchestras and Conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mr. Hawary, the new Orchestra Director at Maumee City Schools and a graduate of BGSU, has been with the TSYO since 2000 and will continue to offer his special expertise and experience to the orchestras.

Mr. Barrett is a graduate of Ohio State University where he studied with Robert Gillespie, a renowned young orchestra pedagogy professor. He teaches orchestra at Perrysburg Junior High School and is very active in the music community. **Dr. Colprit** is Chair of Music Education at BGSU and teaches both graduate and undergraduate level methods courses at the University. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the TSYO. In addition to these staff changes, approximately 65 new student musicians will join 130 current TSYO members for the first time.

All of this newness includes rehearsal spaces in Perrysburg Junior High School at 550 E. South Boundary St. where rehearsals will begin on September 14. Still the same will be weekly work with the TSYO staff, sectionals with Toledo Symphony members and a Side by Side Concert with the TSO. There will also be opportunities for orchestra members to audition for solo spots at orchestra concert programs and complimentary tickets for some TSO concerts remain part of the orchestra membership package.



Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras Concert Schedule 2015-2016



November 1	Concert #1	4:00 p.m.	TMA Peristyle
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

Dorothy Bonser and Sandra Laas, Co-Chairs

Tune in Tuesday plans are well underway. **Sara Jobin**, New Resident Conductor for the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, will start our season off at Brandywine Country Club, Tuesday, **October 13**. Come to meet Sara and join us for a great lunch. Four additional TNT dates you will want to put on your calendar are **November 17, 2015** and **February 16, April 12, and May 10, 2016**. All events will take place at Brandywine this year, and the cost for each event is \$25. TSO musicians and perhaps a staff member will be our featured speakers.

Our Tune in Tuesdays were so successful last year that, as you may have noticed, we have added two additional dates. Also, **Ellen Critchley-Pittman**, TSO Group Experience Lady, is now a part of the TNT planning committee, so we are now expecting an even more exciting season. With Ellen's direction in increasing our advertising base and her procuring TSO speakers, we predict that our audience may grow even more than it did last year and our programs will be educational and enjoyable.

We are enjoying being able to share this unique event with you. Join us on these special Tuesdays.



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Lynda Gilbert & Joni Fought, Vice Presidents

Get ready for an exciting year with new events and an array of wonderful parties! We are going to have FUN!

Enclosed you will find your personal Parties of Note flyer. It is a handy comprehensive brochure with listings, descriptions, and dates for the entire year. **Marlene Uhler** and her many hosts and hostesses have been working through the summer months to have this handy schedule ready for you. Please take time to look it over and mark your calendar for ALL the parties! Now is the time to make your plans, as many of these parties fill up rather quickly. You will find an order form on the back of the flyer for your convenience.

Bagnifique, our exciting annual purse auction and fashion show, is right around the corner. We hope you will join us again this year at beautiful Nazareth Hall on Wednesday, September 23. Chairman **Jane Wurth** and her experienced team of committee members have been gathering an array of gorgeous hand bags in multiple colors and styles for every occasion. Christopher and CJ Banks, and Ragazza will entertain us with an afternoon of chic styles and accessories.

Back by popular demand, we are promoting the sale of 88 piano key tickets for a chance to win another special Mary Francis evening bag. In addition, there will be two Pops tickets to the Don Williams concert on Saturday, October 3. The raffle tickets sell for \$20 each. If all 88 “piano key” tickets are sold, the profit will be \$1,760. That would be awesome! The winner will be announced the day of the event.

There is a new event underway that will replace our spring gala. Come dressed in your jeans, boots, and hats and join us for an evening of “hoe-down” fare, and toe tapping Bluegrass music by the Perrysburg Jammers! The Bar-B- Q Bash will take place on Sunday, October 11, from 5p.m. to 9 p.m. at Belmont Country Club, Perrysburg. Chairman, **Trina McGivern** has a fantastic group of volunteers who are “right on” planning some good down-home country fun, you will thoroughly enjoy! In addition, there will be an exciting reverse raffle with a minimum of 200 tickets to be sold. You could be a lucky winner of one of nine wonderful \$100 gift items or the grand winner of \$1,000 cash! Hopefully each of you will generously support us by buying or selling the Reverse Raffle ticket that was mailed to you last month.

Currently the “seeds” are being sowed for our annual Rite of Spring! More information will be forthcoming, but go ahead and plant the date of Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the Radisson, UTMC. Spring is always a lovely thought away!

Can't wait to see everyone at these great events! Didn't we mention you were going to have fun?

BAR-B-Q-BASH**MENU****Appetizers**

Single bone pork ribs, Black bean layer dip, Guacamole, Salsa, Homemade chips, Bacon wrapped shrimp,

Queso- Fresco cheese -Tortilla chips

Salad

Plated Southwest Salad of mixed greens, Corn, Pepper, Tomatoes, Black beans and Avocado-fried corn chips with Cilantro-lime dressing, Corn bread and Cheesy garlic biscuits

Buffet

Carved Honey-Soy flank streak, Smoked Beef Brisket- 2 BBQ sauces on the side, Bourbon glazed Salmon, Smoked Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Spicy baked beans, Corn pudding, Platter of grilled vegetables, Creamy Cole slaw, Chilled cucumber and tomato salad with garlic dressing

Dessert

Severed Texas chocolate sheet cake with small scoop of ice cream

SARA JOBIN

Sara Jobin, Grammy-nominated conductor recently named interim resident conductor of the Toledo Symphony and associate conductor of the Toledo Opera will be our featured speaker at our first TSL **Tune In Tuesday Luncheon on October 13, at Brandywine**. Make your reservation, today.

GRATEFULLY YOURS

Please note the advertisers who have been so kind to us through the years and try to support them where possible. Sofo's generously supplies us with welcome baskets which **Cindy Champer** presents to the visiting TSO performers. The Radisson at UTMC graciously allows us the use of the Aspen Room for our monthly General Board meeting and the Small Dining Room off the Main Dining Room for our Executive Committee meetings. Member, **Pam Pilz**, of Sulphur Springs Realty; Member, **Joni Fought**, of Cardinal Staffing; Vin Devers Autohaus of Sylvania; attorney, **Clint McBee**, advertise with us. Sautter's Food Center in Sylvania gives constant support to the TSL. Thank you to **Linda McBee** for soliciting these ads. Thank you to our advertisers. Please mention Toledo Symphony League when you patronize them.

MUSICIANS SURVIVAL BAGS

THE MUSICIANS SURVIVAL BAGS are a gift from the members of the Toledo Symphony League to the musicians of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. We present them to each musician at the Thanksgiving weekend performance site. They contain items such as small sewing kits, lens cleaners, Sudoku books, ice scrapers, first aid kits, and coffee mixes. The musicians love the bags and the articles the bags contain. Conductor, **Sara Jobin**, called to thank us personally, last year. The bags are put to good use throughout their busy Holiday Performance Season. If you would like to contribute items or a monetary donation to the MUSICIANS SURVIVAL BAGS project, please contact **Beth Williams** at 419-356-2314 or B_overmann@yahoo.com. Co-chairs, **Beth Williams** and **Wanda Anderson** will be accepting items and monetary donations at the Opening Luncheon at The Toledo Country Club on September 17.

CRESCENDO BRUNCH

Chairman, Joni Fought

TSL Crescendos, we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Annual Crescendo Brunch on Thursday, October 1st at 11:00 AM at the beautiful Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, Ohio.

You will be receiving a formal invitation in the mail and are requested to RSVP to **Joni Fought** no later than September 29th. See you then.



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UPCOMING

TOLEDO SYMPHONY EVENTS

THE TOLEDO BLADE CHAMBER SERIES 1 – QUARTET OF QUARTETS

September 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – The Toledo Club

CLASSICS – KEYBOARD SPECTACULAR – FEATURING BRAHMS SYMPHONY NO. 1

September 25 & 26, 2015 – 8:00 p.m. – The Peristyle

Stephan Sanderling – Conductor; Ferhan Onder, piano; Ferzan Onder, piano

KEYBANK POPS – THE MUSIC OF JOHN WILLIAMS

October 3, 2015 – 8:00 p.m. - Stranahan Theater



