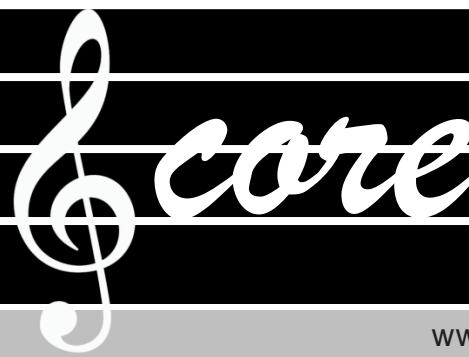




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## GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**Belmont Country Club**  
**May 19, 2016**

**Closing Luncheon**  
**Belmont Country Club**  
**May 19, 2016**

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### *Other League Events:*

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**TUNE IN TUESDAYS\***  
*~Amy Heritage~*  
**May 10, 2016**  
**\*Toledo Country Club**

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**PARTIES OF NOTE**  
*~Time for Tea~*  
**June 2, 2016**

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**TSYO POPS CONCERT**  
**May 2, 2016**  
**Maumee High School**  
**Performing Arts**

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**SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS**  
**RECEPTION**  
**IMAGINATION STATION**  
**May 15, 2016**

## *President's Letter*

Dear TSL Members,

The League has again had a very successful and extremely busy year. Our last installment of our \$20,000 pledge to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra will be presented at our Closing Luncheon at Belmont Country Club.

The retreat in June of 2015 was successful, with approximately 50 people in attendance. We reviewed and prepared, resulting in another outstanding year.

Opening luncheon in September was the scene of the presentation of Crescendo status to one member. This prestigious honor is reserved for those who serve selflessly and accumulate the appropriate number of points and years of membership to be considered for lifetime recognition as a Crescendo. Careful records are kept from the lists of names of volunteers submitted by event chairmen.

Bagnifique, our Purse Event and Fashion Show, was perfect on our September afternoon. The bags were outstanding and the clothing was fun, flirty and very wearable. Ladies of Fashion set the note for what to expect during the year.

The September Crescendo Brunch feted the women who have worked so hard to earn this standing. The League thanks and honors them.

Tune In Tuesday, the new event held five times this year, featuring a wonderful lunch and lecture/presentation by a Toledo Symphony Orchestra member has been a wonderful innovation, well attended and well accepted. Music and Information filled the air. The word is spreading and the attendance is growing exponentially.

The Musicians Survival Bags were again extremely well done, presented and received.

The Parties of Note brought smiles to all attendees. These parties always sell out and are major fundraisers for the League. Why? Because they are so much fun, elegant, yet relaxing, and completely underwritten by the hostess as an added bonus.

The Rite of Spring Luncheon in our new venue was fun for our members and guests - a ray of sunshine after a cold and miserable winter. The rain did not hamper us. The vendors, auction, luncheon, Dinners In the Garden and Flour Garden, were all great successes.

Education was busy from day one with ushering, judging, awarding, attending and presenting. The volunteers were tireless and the students were grateful.

The Volunteers Breakfast celebrated all who volunteered to make the work of the League possible. New positions were added to the President's Committee: E-Mail Communication, Ann Randolph

who distinguished herself beautifully, as did TSL/TSO Special Events Liaison, Patty Etue-Stephens. Thank you to these ladies and the rest of the President's Committee members: Arts Advocacy, Nancy Phlegar; By-Laws, Fran Darcy; Nominating, Lynda Gilbert; TSO Liaison, Randi Dier.

Closing Luncheon will sadly see the following officer retiring: Joni Fought, Finance. Thank you, Joni. Your 2016-2017 officers will be Cathy Fifer, President; Barbara Brown, Past-President; Deborah Born, V.P. Administration; Elizabeth Bowman and Nancy Phlegar, VPs Education; Lynda Gilbert and Kim Kearns, VPs Finance; Dr. Ruth Alteneder, Recording Secretary; Jane Wurth, Corresponding Secretary; Kathy Scheer, Treasurer. Kudos to officers who have served in the past. Medallions will be presented to this year's awardees. Summer Study Grants will also be presented. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Toledo Symphony League President. You are the reason for the success of our League Mission.

Best Wishes for a Music Filled Life,  
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 Deborah Born, Vice President of Administration**

I am looking to for a new website provider. The current website provided by **Brian Strong** of Strong Solutions is too expensive and dated. It has been recommended that we model our website after the Santa Rosa website. We need one that is easy to access. Additionally, I am pleased **Dr. Joanie Barrett** founded the website in 2007 and continues to work on it as Webmaster.

The Toledo Symphony Closing Luncheon is in May at Belmont Country Club in Perrysburg Township, dynamically chaired by **Barbara Bettinger** and **Mary Beaber**.

We now have a heightened presence in the community due to **Cynthia Champer's** efforts as Public Relations Chairman.

**Sue Potts** and **Fran Darcy** do a phenomenal job with Mailings. **Marlene Uhler** puts in great efforts as Historian. Labels are credited to **Trina McGivern**. **Fran Darcy** is Parliamentarian. SCORE Ads are the work of **Linda McBee**. SCORE proofreading is done by **Dr. Ruth Alteneder**. SCORE Editor is **Pat Osborn**. SCORE Layout Editor is **Tricia Rodriguez**. Musician Bags were chaired by **Beth Williams** and **Wanda Anderson**. **Beth Bowman** is chairman of our Toledo Symphony League Facebook page.

Thank you to all office holders in Administration. Your thoughts and talents are appreciated.

**TOLEDO SYMPHONY LEAGUE  
SLATE OF OFFICERS 2016-2017**

<b>President</b>	<b>Cathy Fifer</b>	<b>2 years</b>
<b>V.P. Administration</b>	<b>Deborah Born</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>V.P. Education</b>	<b>Beth Bowman/Rusty Phlegar</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>V.P. Finance</b>	<b>Lynda Gilbert/Kim Kearns</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>V.P. Membership</b>	<b>Susan Lang</b>	<b>2 years</b>
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<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Dr. Ruth Alteneder</b>	<b>2 years</b>
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## EDUCATION

By Beth Bowman and Nancy Phlegar, Vice Presidents of Education

Chairmen of the League's education projects and committee worked carefully and well to create a successful year. This is an overview of each Chairman and her projects or responsibilities.

**Claudia Trombla** returned as the Chairman of the **TSL's Young Artist Competition**. Winners are chosen at a contest in late spring. Winners perform their winning concerto with the TSO the following winter. **Miray Ito, Larissa Michel, and Sean Park** were the winners in 2015. Each performed with the orchestra Sunday, March 20 in the Peristyle. The winners, family members, and teachers were honored at a reception immediately following the concert at Symphony Space. The reception was so well received that it will become an added feature to the YAC celebration. **Dorothy Bonser, Cathy Fifer, Kathy Scheer, Deborah Born, Cindy Champer, and Barbara Brown** assisted in making the afternoon special.

**Jettie Sansbury** and **Sandra Laas** steered the **Toledo Symphony League's Showcase of the Arts** in 2015-2016. The Voyager Spacecraft figured prominently in this year's theme. Teacher packets were mailed in November. Works of graphic art, written word, and musical composition were sorted and judged on consecutive days, April 7 and 8. Judges included: **Dorothy Bonser** (written words), **Kathy Tolbert** (music composition), and **Marlene Uhler, Marti Bair, and Penny Gentieu** (graphic arts). Sorters, scribes, and packers included **Marianne Payne, Alice Cole, Ruth Moeller, Phyllis Wadley, and Susan Hirsch**. The **TSL Showcase of the Arts reception is scheduled on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at Imagination Station**.

The **Toledo Symphony League Remembrance Fund Scholarships** will be awarded **Monday, May 2** at the annual **TSYO Pops Concert**. The scholarship program is over 60 years old and awards cash gifts to musicians in one of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra Youth Orchestras. **Janet Keener** is Chairman of this project. Janet works closely with **Dorothy Coats**, the TSYO Manager.

**Marcia Helman** chaired the **Summer Study Grants** program. TSO musicians may apply for grants. A total of **\$2,000.00** is available. The winner, or winners, will be announced at the Closing Luncheon.

**Helen Rogge** works behind the scenes creating special receptions for students of the **TSO Community Music Lessons**.

League members volunteer frequently to usher at **Young Peoples Concerts** or at the **TSO Chamber Concert Series**. **Lynda Lieto** is Chair of the **Young Peoples Concert** ushers; **Ann Lieder** chairs the Chamber Usher program.

**Dorothy Bonser** and **Sandra Laas** headed the **Tune in Tuesday** series this year. It was expanded to 5 programs and served over 150 guests. Speakers included **Sara Jobin, Acting Resident Conductor of the TSO, Laraine Carpenter, TSO Principal Trumpet, Keith McWatters, TSO Manager, Damon Coleman, Cello, and Amy Heritage, Flute**.

The Toledo Symphony League's Education Department offers programs and activities to support music education of children, young musicians, professional musicians, and interested laymen. Thanks to the efforts of the chairmen, it has been a very successful year. Please read the specialty articles by the chairman for an in-depth look at their/our projects.



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**Dorothy Coats, Youth Orchestra Manager**  
ANNUAL REPORT 2015 – 2016

One hundred seventy students from 41 schools in 18 districts of public, private and parochial schools in Ohio and southeastern Michigan, as well as 10 Home School young people, were members of the three 2015 – 2016 Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras.

Numerous changes marked the TSYO this year. With the departure of Dr. Kenneth Thompson, **Wasim Hawary** (now Orchestra Director at Maumee City Schools) assumed the position of Artistic Director of the Orchestras and Conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra. **J.Patrick Barrett**, Orchestra Director at Perrysburg Junior High School, joined the staff as Conductor of the Symphonic Orchestra and the Concert Orchestra was led by **Dr. Elaine Colprit**, Professor of Music at Bowling Green State University.

While the rehearsals were moved to Perrysburg Junior High School the orchestras continued to rehearse on Mondays throughout the school year. Under the umbrella of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, TSO bassoonist, **Joan Weiler** continued as Youth Orchestras Coordinator, attended all rehearsals and concerts and executed the many management details. Volunteer, **Dorothy Coats**, attended all rehearsals and concerts, scheduled and supervised various auditions and assisted where needed. She also acted as liaison to the Toledo Symphony League.

The orchestras presented four concerts during the season; three which included a Side by Side Concert with the Toledo Symphony, were held at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle. TSYO member **Sean Park**, Co-Concert Master of the Philharmonic Orchestra, was one of the Symphony League Young Artist Competition winners and performed on the piano during the Side by Side Concert. Three TSYO Concerto Competition winners were featured prior to the January concert and three additional Concerto winners performed before the May Pops Concert, which was presented at the Maumee Public Schools Performing Arts Center. Also six additional Concerto winners performed in the lobby of the TMA Peristyle prior to TSO Classics Concerts on January 16 and February 6.

In addition to regular sectional rehearsals with members of the TSO, youth orchestra members had a Master Class experience with two faculty members from the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, who also performed for them. **BRING A FRIEND** night was initiated in April. Current orchestra members invited interested friends to sit in and experience playing in the TSYO as they rehearsed for the Pops Concert. Forty-eight “Friends” participated!

Thirty orchestra members graduated this year. Concerto Competition auditions were November 2, 2015. New member and seating auditions for the 2015 – 2016 season took place on May 4, 5 and 6, 2015. **NOTE:** Registration and Seating/New Member auditions for the 2016-2017 season will be done on line after April 1, 2016 at: <http://sites.google.com/site/thetsyo>

SEE THE MONTHLY “SCORE” ARTICLES FOR DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE ACTIVITIES, INVOLVEMENTS AND CONCERT PROGRAMS OF THE THREE ORCHESTRAS AND THEIR MEMBERS.

Mark Your Calendars!

**Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras Concert Schedule**

**2016**

May 2

TSYO

7:00 p.m.

Maumee Schools Performing Arts

## TSO BLADE CHAMBER CONCERT ANNUAL REPORT

By Ann Lieder, Chairman

Four times a season, individual TSO Symphony musicians perform at THE BLADE CHAMBER CONCERT SERIES held at The Toledo Club on Sunday evenings. It has become a tradition for League Members to volunteer to help at the door with tickets, programs and to maintain a smooth flow of people as they enter THE TOLEDO CLUB for these concerts.

The staff of the TOLEDO SYMPHONY office appreciates the support our League volunteers give creating a warm welcome to people as they enter THE TOLEDO CLUB. Thanks to **Faye Fenwick, Phyllis Wadley, Jettie Sansbury, Susan Hirsch, Marianne Payne, Sandra Laas, Claudia Trombla, Judy Mauer, Dorothy Bonser, Wanda Anderson, and Judi Breese.**

May 1 will conclude the **2016 TOLEDO SMPHONY MOZART FESTIVAL EVENT.** The BLADE CHAMBER SERIES will perform **MOZART QUINTET MASTERY** at 7pm at The Toledo Club. Smaller ensembles of Chamber Music musicians will perform an **Oboe Quartet**, a **String Quintet in G Minor** and a **Clarinet Quintet** all composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

Our appreciation to League volunteers **Dorothy Bonser, Judi Breese** and **Susan Lang** who will be door hostesses with tickets and programs.

The historic TOLEDO CLUB, over a hundred years old, is the perfect setting to conclude **THE TSO MOZART FESTIVAL** event as this venue resembles a European manor house.

### TUNE IN TUESDAY

By Dorothy Bonser and Sandra Laas, Chairmen

We thank everyone who attended our Tune in Tuesdays this year, several of you coming to each one, others fitting us in around your schedules, and quite a few attending as new members and guests. As you know, we scheduled five of the events this season, four of which have occurred at the time of this writing. Featured speakers included **Sara Jobin, Lauraine Carpenter, Keith McWatters**, and most recently, **Damon Coleman.** **Amy Heritage** is yet to join us May 10.

Most of you have told us that you like coming to our most recent venue, the Toledo Country Club, and that you enjoyed each of our varied and talented speakers. As League members are so involved in our education and fund raising programs during the year, we have decided to return to having three Tune in Tuesdays next season. We are in the process of finalizing dates and artists so that you can put them on your calendars.

We wish to thank all of those who have helped us during this year, notably **Beth Bowman** for handling reservations, **Judith Helm** and **Janet Spencer** for working at the registration table every Tune In Tuesday and for chairing the event in February, and **Kathy Scheer** for always having taken care of our financial responsibilities. Our appreciation also extends to **Ellen Critchley-Pittman**, Group Ticket Salesperson of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, who arranged for our speakers and designed and updated each TNT announcement.

We are looking forward to seeing you not only in May, but also next season when our Tune in Tuesdays offer lunch, good conversation, camaraderie, and a relaxing yet stimulating opportunity to examine one of our favorite subjects: music.





## SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS 2016

By Sandra Laas and Jettie Sansbury, Chairmen

Golden Disc of NASA's Voyager Spacecraft is the theme of the 38th annual Showcase of the Arts co-chaired by **Jettie Sansbury** and **Sandra Laas**. The awards ceremony and reception will be held at COSI on Sunday, May 15, 2016.

This year there were over 1500 participants and almost 600 entries. Of those entries, 71 were written compositions, 68 were musical compositions, and 433 were pieces of art. They were submitted from grades K through 12. Fifteen teachers from 12 schools submitted entries. In addition three home school teachers submitted entries.

Volunteers assisting with judging, sorting, and recording include **Dorothy Bonser, Marianne Payne, Sue Hirsch, Beverly Wolcott, Cathy Tolbert, Karen Miller, Beth Bowman, Phyllis Wadley, Marti Bair, Alice Cole, Ruth Moeller, Marlene Uhler, and Penny Gentieu**. Special thanks to **Felicia Kanney, Linda Olrich, and Ann Lieder** for their assistance.

Additional volunteers will be assisting at the awards ceremony and reception.

# Membership

By Kim Kearns, Vice President

At the Opening Luncheon, one new crescendo was announced. The much deserving and dedicated member was **Kathy Scheer**.

The Crescendo Brunch, chaired by **Joni Fought**, was held at the lovely Nazareth Hall. A large number of Crescendos attended this honored event.

The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast was held at the Toledo Club. **94** of our members volunteered their time over the past year! This is an amazing accomplishment of which all League members should be proud!

**Wanda Anderson, Theresa Andrews, Barbara Baldwin, Anne Johnson, Tricia Rodriguez, and Belma Tan** became new members.

Membership to date is 220.



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**By Joni Fought and Lynda Gilbert, Vice-Presidents**

It is very nice to report that Finance was successful in projecting our monetary outcome for the many events and parties we had this year on our calendar of events.

Our fall began early, with 120 in attendance for **Bagnifique**, our fashion show and purse auction. It was held September 23, 2015 at lovely Nazareth Hall. **Jane Wurth**, chairman, did a fantastic job. The Hall was buzzing with beautiful handbags and lovely fashions. Clothing was modeled from Ragazza, Christopher and Banks and C.J. Banks. We had the pleasure of having vivacious emcees **Ali Bradley**, anchor for WTOL 11 and Fox Toledo News, and **Kimberly Newman**, meteorologist for WTOL. They teamed together as narrators for the show. **Our profit was \$6,880.74.**

Our spring Gala was replaced this year by the **Bar-B-Q-Bash**, with a Reverse Raffle. It was held on Sunday, October 11, 2015, and we had a perfect fall day. **Trina McGivern** took the reins and planned a wonderful first event. Guests wore their best jeans, boots and hats and arrived at Belmont Country Club for some toe-tapping music provided by the Perrysburg Jammers. An incredible buffet of the best barbeque with all the best fixings was simply awesome. Reverse raffle tickets were presold prior to the event for \$50 each. **Timothy Lake**, the Toledo Symphony Production Manager, pulled all the raffle ticket numbers. Nine winning numbers were drawn for items, valued at over \$150 + each. The grand prize of the night was \$1,000 cash. The final three standing, **Bob Bennett, Barbara Brown and Pam Pilz**, split the pot three ways. **Our profit was \$9,593.28.**

Spring arrived with lots of daffodils at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg, on Thursday, March 10, 2016. **Rite of Spring** was a huge success! We thank **Barbara Bettinger** and **Mary Beaber** co-chairmen of this annual event, for the outstanding job they did. There were 130 in attendance that enjoyed shopping the variety of vendors and bidding on "Lunches in the Garden." The lunches were secured by **Marlene Uhler**. **Cathy Fifer**, in charge of the beautiful variety of raffle baskets, did an excellent job. **Judy Maurer** headed up our famous "Flour Garden" of homemade goodies, decorated and placed on antique dishes. **(Our profit just on the Flour Garden, reached close to \$900.00).** We enjoyed our delicious luncheon, and enjoyed our guest garden speaker, **Theresa Hoen**, from Hoen's Garden Center & Landscaping, for sharing some enlightening garden tips. **Our profit was \$9,178.56.**

The following figures are for Parties of Note series for 2015 -2016. We had a very successful year under the chairmanship of **Marlene Uhler**, along with the watchful eye of **Beverly Zielinski**, who took care of reservations. Thank you to all the hosts and hostesses for opening their homes and underwriting each party, and to all the many volunteers who helped or donated their efforts to making these events completely profitable with no expense to the League. \* denotes party has not yet occurred, as of this writing.

Party Number One  
Sights and Savories on the Sandpiper  
**Profit: \$2,557.00**

Party Number Two  
Click Flick  
**Hostess: Marlene Uhler**  
**Profit: \$1,456.40**

Party Number Party Three  
Vivo La Vino  
**Hosts: Kevin and Cathy Fifer**  
**Profit: \$840.00**

Party Number Four  
Somerset Collection Mall Trip  
**Hostess: Joni Fought**  
**Profit: \$675.00**

Party Number Five  
Holiday Brunch  
**Hostess: Jane Wurth**  
**Profit: \$1,719.20**

Party Number Six  
Savoir-Faire  
**Hosts: Don and Venice Michel**  
**Profit: \$1,260\***

Party Number Seven  
Time for Tea  
**Hostesses: Darlene Carpenter and Judy Maurer**  
**Profit: \$640\***

Party Number Eight  
Happy Birthday to You Too  
**Profit: \$30**

**GRAND TOTAL PROFIT 2015-2016: \$34,830.18**

**A big thank you to the Toledo Symphony League for all that you do, and for what you have done this year to make these figures possible.**



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## **UPCOMING TOLEDO SYMPHONY EVENTS**

**THE BLADE CHAMBER SERIES—MOZART FESTIVAL EVENT**  
May 1, 2016 – The Toledo Club – 7:00 p.m.

**CLASSICS SERIES – THE TALL TALES OF HARY JANOS**  
May 6 & 7, 2016 – The Peristyle – 8:00 p.m.

**KEY BANK POPS SERIES – MUSIC OF THE ROLLING STONES**  
May 21, 2016 – Stranahan Theater– 8:00 p.m.





