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CELEBRATING 65 YEARS!

Notes from the President

I am very much looking forward to my first year as the President of the Toledo Symphony League. For months, the Executive Committee has been tireless in conducting the business of the League and putting together an exciting 2016-2017 Season that promises something for everyone!

The TSL Website has a new look and a new address. It has all of the League's need-to-know-info. Be sure to visit the site at www.toledosymphonyleague.org

I *would like to extend my deepest appreciation to* ***Bev Zielinski*** *for accepting the position of the TSL Nominating Chair. The League needs your help in filling the 2017-2018 Board. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Board, please talk personally to Bev or email her at beejayzie@aol.com. The League needs YOU!*

Julie Sanderson, *TSO Events & Promotions Manager, is requesting help from the TSL as Greeters and Check-In help for the Stewardship Gala on September 17, 5 p.m., at the Stranahan. The concert is the Kristin Chenoweth Concert. This is a great opportunity to represent the League and earn Crescendo points! If you are able to help out, please, contact* ***Cathy Fifer*** *at cathyfoxfifer@aol.com*

We are gathering items for the Musicians' Survival Bags. Donations of 70 pieces of each item or cash donations to purchase items are being accepted now. See the TSL website at www.toledosymphonyleague.org f or suggestions. Contact ***Cathy Fifer*** *at cathyfoxfifer@aol.com to confirm your contributions.*

The next TSL General Board Meeting is Thursday, October 20th, 9:30 a.m., Social and 10:00a.m., Meeting at the Heatherdowns Country Club in the Millie Benson Room.

I'm looking forward another to fantastic Toledo Symphony League Season!

Cathy Fifer

TSL President

CELEBRITY WAIT NIGHT

Monday, September 26th at Belmont Country Club

A great opportunity to celebrate the League's 65th Anniversary!

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

Summer Musical Notes

Time is a thief! All the summer's good intentions have not been accomplished, yet now we enter the autumn with a new list of things to do. Perhaps with the disappearance of the long, lazy days of summer, our energies will be more focused and time will not lure us to inaction.

The League of American Orchestras continues its efforts regardless of the time of year. Every September, as we begin a new year, it seems to be a good time to consider their efforts and the advocacy we support as well. They have been federally active in spite of the long summer recess that the House and Senate have taken in this election year.

Federal Funding has been faced with many delays. Currently this is where things stand:

- ***National Endowment for the Arts***
  House Appropriations has recommended $149.849 million for FY 2017, an increase of 2 million over its current budget. The Senate Appropriations has also recommended an increase of $500,000 above FY 2016 budget.

- ***Arts Education***
  A new area of funding under the Every Student Succeeds Act is for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant program. This program offers a new opportunity to ensure that every student has access to arts and music education with more decisions being made at state and local levels. The Senate Appropriations approved $300 million and the house Appropriations $1 billion for this project.

- ***Cultural Exchange***
  The House Subcommittee has recommended $112 million in FY 2017 for the U.S. Department of State's office of Citizen Exchanges which administers arts, sports and youth exchanges. The Senate has approved $107.69 million, an increase above the FY 2016 level. Included in this area are youth and musical ensembles.

Ivory Rules Take Effect

New policies have been officially adopted regarding the ivory rules for instruments. Travel permits have been broadened to allow domestic interstate commerce in existing musical instruments containing less than 200 grams of ivory. This has clarified that legally crafted instruments are not contributing to the poaching and trafficking crisis in Africa. Further action is still to come on a broader array of these issues related to international travel.

Visa Expedience

The National League had led a broad coalition of performing arts organizations calling for improvements to the U.S. visa process for international artists. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service had proposed making it more costly to apply for the required visas for foreign guests, increasing the filing fee by 42%. The League has submitted comments on behalf of orchestras and in partnership with national non-profit arts organizations urging the USCIS to make immediate improvements to the artist visa process.

The work of the League of American Orchestras is extremely important and comprehensive. They are constantly aware of issues that affect and impact all our orchestras as well as our relationships with orchestras and artists worldwide.

By Deborah Born, Vice President of Administration

I am happy to report our website has been completed and is functioning. Much gratitude goes to **Kevin Fifer** for assisting me. I have certainly learned a great deal as the TSL new Webmaster. Also, much appreciation goes to **Dr. Joanie Barrett,** our Webmaster since 2007. I appreciate your efforts! Thank you **Linda McBee**, Score Ads office, for your diligence on our advertising for the score. She got **Kevin Fifer** to purchase an ad promoting his business. Ads are $150.00 and business card size. Of course, thank you to our fabulous Score Editor; **Tricia Rodriguez,** Mailings ladies; **Sue Potts** and **Fran Darcy,** Parliamentarian; **Fran Darcy,** Proofreader; **Dr. Ruth Alteneder,** and Labels; **Trina McGivern**. I certainly could not do this without your assistance!

CELEBRITY WAIT NIGHT

Monday, September 26, Belmont Country Clubwill be filled with "celebrity waiters" and friends of the Toledo Symphony League. The evening will feature a bountiful appetizer buffet, silent auction, music by the **TSO Jazz Trio**, and (best of all), an opportunity to celebrate the **League's 65th anniversary**!

Members of the League's "Waiter Corps" include **Zak Vassar**, TSO President, **Shelli Jacobs,** Toledo Opera Guild President, **Cathy Fifer**, TSL President, **Marlene Uhler, Susan Lang, Rusty Phlegar**, **Lynda Gilbert,** and **Beth Bowman.** Other waiters will be joining the fun. Tips collected by the waiters make up the majority of the evening's profit. Please tip generously. All tips are tax deductible.

For a bit of a twist, the Jazz Trio will play in the after dinners/dessert hour. Plan on watching the sunset over Belmont, while enjoying tidbits from the dessert buffet and listening to great jazz.

Cost for dinner is $40.00. If you do not receive an invitation from a waiter, please use the flyer in the Score to make your reservation. If you have any questions, contact **Beth Bowman**, Wait Night Chair at 419-865-5036 or Bowsmom50@sbcglobal.net.

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BEST OF STAFFING CLIENT 2013

By Beth Bowman and Nancy Phlegar, Vice Presidents of Education

Brand new to the Education Committee is a fund raising opportunity. **"I love Music Education," a brunch, will be held Sunday, February 12, 2017 at La Petit Gourmet.** Patterned after a "Party of Note," the cost of the brunch will be underwritten by "friends of education." All proceeds will be used to help defray the costs of our various education programs, including the dinner following the "Side by Side Concert." Details will follow in the December Score. Please save the date: **Sunday, February 12, 2017,10:30 to 1:30.**

To celebrate the League's 65th anniversary, we have created the **"League's Alive at 65!"** initiative. For a **minimum donation of $10.00,** you will receive a "65" charm which can be worn with your medallions or kept as a keepsake of this milestone. All proceeds will be used to help our increased education costs. Each $10.00 donation will receive a chance to win a series package to "Tune in Tuesday" 2017-16. (For example, if someone donates $20.00, they receive 2 chances). The winner will be chosen at Closing Luncheon. An order form with full details is enclosed.

Summer has been a time of planning for Education Chairmen. The following is an overview of what League members can look forward to from Education in 2016-17.

Claudia Trombla, Young Artists Competition Chair, put together a smooth event Saturday, May 28. Judges **Amy Heritage**, TSO Flute, **Reed Anderson**, TSO viola, and **Frances Renzi**, pianist and emerita at the University of Toledo were so impressed with the quality of the contestants that four musicians were awarded prizes, instead of the usual three.

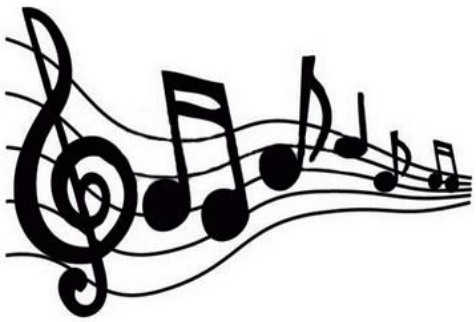
Jettie Sansbury and Sandra Laas, **Showcase of the Arts** Chairmen, met with participating "Showcase" teachers early in the summer. Discussion surrounded the possibility of fast tracking artwork submission to allow time for the art to be digitized and displayed on HD screens during the **Young Peoples Concert, Thursday, February 16, 2017.** Teachers polled were unanimously intrigued by the idea. **Merwin Siu, TSO Artistic Administrator and Principal Second Violin,** and **Sara Jobin, TSO President Conductor,** championed the idea. The Concert/Showcase theme is "Water Music."

Dorothy Bonser and Sandra Laas, "Tune in Tuesday" Chairmen, spent the summer creating a series of three entertaining and educational lunches.

Janet Keener, Remembrance Fund Chairman, continues to track gifts to the fund with assistance from **TSL Treasurer, Kathy Scheer**.

Marcia Helman and Susan Branson, Summer Study Grant Chairmen, have developed and modified a rubric for awarding grants to TSO musicians.

The Education Vice Presidents are thrilled to be working with the following Chairmen: **Ann Lieder, Chamber Concert Ushers**, **Community Music Lesson Reception, Helen Rogge**, **Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestra Manager, Dorothy Coats, Young Peoples Concert Ushers, Lynda Lieto.**



Dorothy Coats, Youth Orchestra Manager

On September 12th the Toledo Symphony Youth Orchestras will begin rehearsals for their 66thseason. After the very successful inauguration of online registration and audition scheduling in April and May, 225 young musicians (a record number) were placed into three orchestras. Membership in the Concert, Symphonic and Philharmonic Orchestras is determined by the level of the student's musical development, not by age or grade in school.

The **Concert Orchestra** will be a strings only ensemble with approximately 66 members. Returning conductor, **J. Patrick Barrett** Orchestra Director at Perrysburg Junior High School is scheduled to lead that group as well as the **Symphonic Orchestra**, a full orchestra which will be some 97 members strong! **Wasim Hawary,** Orchestra Director at Maumee City Schools, continues as the Youth Orchestras Artistic Director and conductor of the **Philharmonic Orchestra,** which is also a full orchestra ensemble and at this writing has 64 members.

The 66 year tradition of Monday night Youth Orchestra rehearsals continues as they begin their second year in rehearsal space at Perrysburg Junior High School. Also, continuing will be weekly work with the TSYO staff, sectionals with Toledo Symphony members and a Side by Side Concert with the TSO. Opportunities for orchestra members to audition for solo spots at orchestra concert programs and complimentary tickets for some TSO concerts are part of the TSYO membership package.

Watch the monthly "Score" for TSYO activities and programs. The November concert will include music from Telemann and Mozart to Brahms and Copland, more information to follow.

Visit the TSYO website at:**http://sites.google.com/site/thetsyo**

TOLEDO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS CONCERT SCHEDULE
2016 – 2017

November 6	Concert # 1	4:00 p.m. TMA Peristyle
February 19	Concert # 2	4:00 p.m. TMA Peristyle
March 12	Side by Side with TSO	4:00 p.m. TMA Peristyle
May 1	TSYO Pops	7:00 p.m. TBA

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TSO Blade Concert Series, By Ann Lieder, Chairman

TOLEDO BLADE CHAMBER SERIES September 18, 2016

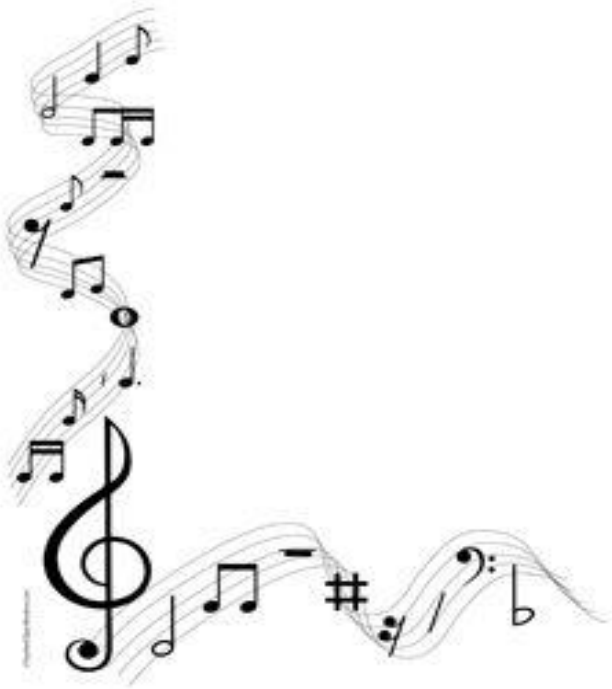
The 2016/2017 **TOLEDO SYMPHONY** season will be launched on Sunday, September 18 with a *SPECIAL EVENT* Toledo Blade Chamber Concert to be held *@ TMA GLASS PAVILLION;* the time to be announced.

Five Toledo Blade Chamber music concerts are planned for this season on September 18 .....October 16.....January 29.....March 5.....April 23.

After the first September concert, this TSO music series will return to The Toledo Club on Sunday evenings at 7pm. League members volunteering to take tickets, pass out programs, and help patrons locate seats are: **Faye Fenwick, Dorothy Bonser, Sandra Laas, Judi Breese,** and **Irene Brooks.**

Please e-mail **Ann Lieder** (mimiann5@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about volunteering for this TSO music series.

Remembrance Fund Report ByJanet Keener, Chairperson

The Remembrance Fund Committee will meet at a September Date to be determined to revise the TSYO audition scoring sheet. It has been used longer than I care to remember.

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Membership

By Susan Lang, Vice President of Membership

Membership Loves S'Mores

TSL President**, Cathy Fifer**, brought the theme of S'Mores to Retreat. I asked our membership then, "just as, what's a graham cracker without a Hershey bar and marshmallows, so to, what's our TSL without new members?" New members bring us their talents and enthusiasm and, very importantly, their financial support. And just as importantly, the League can bring to new members fun, friendship and fulfillment!

And so I welcome the latest new members from the 2015/2016 year – **Marti Blair, Kris Young** and **Irene Brooks.** During that year we had 9 new members! We begin 2016/2017 with new member **Marge Elden**! The Membership Duette chairman, **Marlene Uhler**, and I are finalizing plans for a New Member Reception on September 13th in Marlene's home. Our guests will be the 4 new members from 2014/2015, the 9 new members from 2015/2016 and our new member from this year along with all their Duettes. The TSL Executive Board will welcome them and will have plans to make our new members a real class of their own!

I thank all members who have responded to our deadline for submitting renewal forms and dues for 2016/2017. And our whole TSL appreciates those who have made any additional donations of money and time! **Trina McGivern**, Membership Input/Tracking and Membership Roster chairman, has compiled all of your information, and has the Pink Book ready to be printed!

Joni Fought, the Membership Crescendo Brunch chairman, is completing plans for our annual Crescendo Brunch. It will be at the beautiful Nazareth Hall on October 6th.

Along with Duette chairman **Marlene Uhler**, Input/Tracking and Membership Roster chairman **Trina McGivern** and Crescendo Brunch chairman **Joni Fought**, I look forward to working with and thank Chimers chairman **Judith Brandon**, New Member chairman **Barb Topping**, Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast chairman **Ina Tuschman**, and Volunteer Recognition chairman **Fran Darcy**.

I have a little challenge for my fellow members. Could each of you think of just "one" person you know who would be an asset and help fulfill our TSL mission? Encourage them to join TSL and consider becoming their Duette. We will have many S'Mores!

Finance

By: Lynda Gilbert and Kim Kearns, Vice Presidents

Finance has been working hard all summer, planning some very exciting events for this calendar year! This year is the Toledo Symphony League's 65th anniversary. We have incorporated that theme throughout, hoping to make these upcoming events extra special and memorable. We hope everyone will be excited to celebrate this year's great milestone.

Enclosed you will find your flyer and schedule of all our Parties of Note. Please note there are (5) sign up forms, one for each party. Simply fill one out for the party you want to attend and return it with your check to our Reservations Chair, **Beverly Zielinski.** We hope to see you at many of the parties. Party #2, "Leaguers Who Lunch," is going to be so much fun! Hopefully each of you received the flyer earlier in the mail. Please remember to sign up by **September 10,** so you will be able to attend all (5) lunches. You may still join anytime during the year, but the fee is still the same. There isn't one restaurant you won't want to miss.

Our first major fundraiser is our Celebrity Wait Night, at the end of this month! Get those reservations in the mail and let's raise some glasses and some money too!

Tune in Tuesdays

Enjoy Lunch and an Engaging Presentation from a
Toledo Symphony Professional
Toledo Country Club, 3949 River Road, Toledo, OH

October 25 Special Guest Merwin Siu

TSO Artistic Administrator & Principal Second Violinist

_____ **Grilled Chicken & Spinach Salad**: Herb & lemon grilled breast on mixed greens with cucumber, tomato, carrot, red onion & Parmesan croutons

_____ **Beef Stroganoff**: Beef tips, onions, and mushrooms in creamy gravy over pasta

_____ **Chicken Enchilada**: Pulled chicken in flour tortillas with seasoned tomato sauce & cheddar cheese over Spanish rice

Number of Meals _____ X $25 Total Enclosed _____

Name _____

Guest _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please RSVP with your payment and lunch choice by **October 18**

Mail to Toledo Symphony League, 2146 Central Grove, Toledo, OH 43614
Make checks payable to **Toledo Symphony League**

Upcoming Tune in Tuesdays

January 31 or February 2— Special Guest to be Announced

April 18 Special Guest Nancy Lendrim— TSO Principal Harpist

CELEBRATE THE LEAGUE'S 65TH YEAR!

65 years look terrific on the Toledo Symphony League!

In its 65 years, the League has had 36 presidents, created 6 Education Programs, ushered at Young Peoples Concerts in ALL kinds of weather, poured gallons of tea, made tons of cookies and brownies, created and sponsored fund raising events, and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.

WE are not done yet!

To celebrate "**The League's ALIVE at 65" initiative,** the League is selling **number "65" charms.** They are perfect to wear with your medallions. **The charms are available for a minimum donation of $10.00.**Each $10.00 donation will enter the buyer in a raffle for a "pass" to the 2017-2018 "Tune in Tuesday" series.

Proceeds will be used to fund Education Projects!

The winner will be announced at our Closing Luncheon May, 2017.

Yes! I want to support "The League's ALIVE at 65"

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UPCOMING TOLEDO SYMPHONY EVENTS

KRISTEN CHENOWETH-SPECIAL EVENT
September 17, 2016-Stranahan Theater-8:00 p.m.

THE TOLEDO BLADE CHAMBER
SHAKESPEARE UNDER GLASS
September 18, 2016-Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion-8:00 p.m.

KEYBANK POPS-CARL TOPILOW
"A Space Spectacular"
September 24, 2016-Stranahan Theater-8:00 p.m.

CLASSICS-ROMEO and JULIET
September 30, 2016-Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle-8:00 p.m.