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# CELEBRATING 65 YEARS!

## Notes from the President

It's time to say good-bye to the year 2016 that was filled with so many memorable League moments. And now we welcome 2017, a fresh new year, with hope, zeal and enthusiasm. The possibilities are endless!

The Tux and Trees Gala at the Toledo Club was a tremendous success. Thank you and kudos to the committee chairs and Co-Vice Presidents of Finance **Lynda Gilbert** and **Kim Kearns** along with committee members **Joan Fought, Susan Lang, Trina McGivern, Pam Pilz, Kathy Scheer,** and all who contributed their time, talent and treasure to make the evening magical.

Rubber Duckie Penguins from the League were given to the children attending the Christmas at the Peristyle Concert. **Kathy Scheer** and **Cathy Fifer** had great fun as Santa's helpers passing out the toys to the children.

Celebrating the spirit of the Holiday Season, the ladies of the League gathered at the home of **Jane Wurth** for a delightful Holiday Brunch party of note. Thank you, Jane, for graciously opening your beautiful home to benefit the League.

Special thanks to **Cindy Champer, Dorothy Coats, Janet Keener** and **Claudia Trombla** who braved 15-degree below zero temperatures to tape a Community Corner Symphony League segment with Fred LeFebvre of 1370 iHeartRadio. You can listen to Fred, the ladies and myself on Fred LeFebvre Podcasts at **http://wspd.iheart.com/media/play/27555468/**

***Do you know Maestro Giordano Bellincampi…***

***is an Italian-born Danish conductor and trombonist? Currently, the Music Director of the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra, he will conduct "West Side Story" February 3 & 4 at the Peristyle. He is also the League's speaker for Tune in Tuesday on THURSDAY, February 2 at Toledo Country Club. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience!***

Happy New Year!

*Cathy Fifer*
***TSL 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**

## A NEW BEGINNING

The tradition of making New Year's Resolutions has been part of our culture for quite some time. History tells us that the Babylonians made promises to their gods at the start of each year by returning borrowed objects and paying their debts. The Romans began the New Year by making their promises to the god, Janus, for whom the month of January is named.

The League of American Orchestras has had an eventful year which informs the resolutions that we, the Toledo Symphony League, might consider as we begin the New Year. Project updates from the League of American Orchestras include:

1. The support of music in the military. Funding to limit the Defense Department action against having military bands perform for entertainment purposes has been passed by the House, but not the Senate ; and a final compromise will be required.
2. Reinstatement of the IRA Charitable Rollover Provision. The League has partnered with Feeding America, United Way, American Red Cross, Independent Sector and other organizations to make the IRA Rollover Provision permanently available. No final action has been taken by Congress to extend this charitable giving incentive.
3. Visa Processing Service. Delays continue to persist in issuing visa petitions to foreign guest artists. The fees for visas rose by 42% which added a significant burden to non-profit arts petitioners. The League has pressed for significant policy improvements in both financing and processing.
4. Musical Instrument Policy. Clarification of policies restricting travel with instruments legally made with small amounts of ivory or other endangered products. For over a year, the League has been a voice for the music community over this issue in pursuing changes to resolve this issue. Great steps have been taken, but no resolution has yet come.
5. Education Reform Guidance. Passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act has resulted in the U.S. Department of Education's issuing guidance to the States as each State considers how to focus a new grant program that will improve access to a well rounded education for all students. As the conversation on reform continues, it is important that the arts, especially music, be an integral aspect of this implementation.

As we enter a new year following an impassioned election campaign season, there will be many priorities facing the new administration. Twice as many budget decisions regarding fund raising for the National Endowment for the Arts and arts education, decisions about immigration and tax treatment of charitable giving incentives will be needing consideration among the many other government concerns. With this in mind, our first resolution would be to keep making our voices heard so that elected officials hear the call to leverage the arts to its full potential. Our next resolution would be to continue involvement in our own League's support of the TSO and its new CEO both financially and actively by embracing new ideas and outreach to new audiences. Our third resolution would be to continue to strengthen our educational programs for children so that they may see how music can bring unity to our community residents. Resolutions do not have to fail. Our attitudes can face the challenge and remain positive. The League of American Orchestras has set the bar high by working endlessly to give communities like ours ways to keep our resolutions and the music treasure of our city healthy.

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

First, any information that needs to be posted on the Toledo Symphony League Website should be sent to me electronically. This will make it more efficient. Secondly, much recognition needs to be given for the following offices in Administration; Labels; **Trina Mc Givern** , Mailings; **Fran Darcy**, **Sue Potts**, and **Beth Williams**, Parliamentarian; **Fran Darcy**; Public Relation; **Cindy Champer**, Photographer; **Cindy Champer**, Score Ads; **Linda Mc Bee**, Score Editor; **Tricia Rodriguez**, Score Proofreader; **Dr. Ruth Alteneder**.

Season's Greetings!!!!

**TOLEDO SYMPHONY LEAGUE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS CONCERT SCHEDULE 2016-2017**

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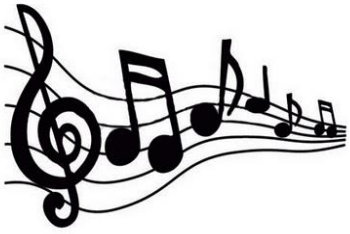
| February 19 | Concert # 2 | 4:00 p.m. TMA Peristyle |
| March 12 | Side by Side with TSO | 4:00 p.m. TMA Peristyle |
| May 1 | TSYO Pops | 7:00 p.m. TBA |

Leaguers Who Lunch
Lynda Gilbert & Kim Kearns



**By Susan Lang,** Vice President of Membership

## OUR TSL YEAR IS SAILING INTO 2017

Coming soon is Chick Flick on Wednesday, January 25th. This year's format is a brunch, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Maumee Indoor Theater. Our wonderful new members will wow you with delicious food, a special brunch drink, coffee, wine and soft drinks. Then sit back and enjoy **WEST SIDE STORY** with your TSL friends!

Send your reservation for $30.00 to **Beverly Zielinski** at 4901 Lake Breeze Ln, Maumee 43537. Be sure to put "chick flick" on memo line. Think about bringing a guest!

Then quickly it will be time to honor our volunteers! Many of our members have already been working on major projects and smaller projects during this year. And we look forward to attending and being part of the exciting projects that are now in the works!

And while you are busy volunteering, I do want to remind you to track your Crescendo points!
Requirements for Crescendo consideration are 5 years as a member and a minimum of 50 volunteer points earned. You can earn 8 points per year for being TSL President, 3 points per year that you are on the TSL Executive Board, 3 points for chairing a major project, 2 points for chairing a smaller project and ½ point for all other volunteering!

Keep enjoying and taking part in the 2017 TSL finance, education and membership events to come! And remember, we are celebrating our 65th Birthday!

## THE CHICK FLICK IS COMING!

**Kris Young, Chairperson**

Get ready to start snapping your fingers and join in the fun!

Plan on attending the Symphony League Party of Note #4 for an afternoon with friends and to support the Toledo Symphony Orchestra!

There will be a wonderful Bloody Mary Brunch and viewing of our movie, *West Side Story,* a modern day version of Romeo and Juliet. ***Please invite your friends to join us for this special afternoon.***

Thank you to the newest Symphony League Members for their input and help with planning this party: **Theresa Andrews**, **Barbara Baldwin**, **Irene Brooks**, **Anne Johnson**, **Jeanene Pifer**, **Belma Tan**, **Marjorie Elden**, **Sherie Robarge**, **Emilie Vassar**, **Beverly Wolcott**, and **Lisa Rozanski**.

Thank you to **Cathy Fifer**, **Trina McGivern**, **Lynda Gilbert**, and **Susan Lang** for sharing their expertise.

Thank you to our underwriters, **Joan Fought** and **Cathy & Kevin Fifer**.

Hope to see you on January 25 at the Maumee Indoor Theater!

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

It's almost half time in League year 2016-17. Education has been busy, either actively working on projects or planning programs scheduled in Spring, our "4th Quarter!"

The first **Young Peoples Concert** was **Nov. 3 at the Peristyle. Lynda Lieto,** usher chair, did a great job organizing over a thousand school children, multiple buses, and 18 volunteers. Thank you to **Marynette Hipp, Judy Helm, Joyce Brown, Sandra Laas, Sue Hirsch, Janet Spencer, Kathy Scheer, Beth Bowman, Ruth Moeller, Dorothy Bonser, Faye Fenwick, Nancy Phlegar, Gene Phlegar, Alice Cole, Beth Williams, Brenda Riggins, Teresa Linares, and Jettie Sansbury.**

**Sandra Laas** and **Jettie Sansbury, TSL Showcase of the Arts Chairs,** are busy creating an "HD" experience at the **Young Peoples Concert February 19, 2017.** Don't miss their article detailing all the dates and times.

The first **TSYO concert was Sunday, November 6, 2016.** The concert was excellent! Excitingly, the audience filled the Peristyle ¾ full. It was an auspicious beginning to their season.

If you have yet to order a "65" Charm or send in your reservation to the "I Love Music Education" brunch on Sunday, February 12, don't delay. Both efforts are designed to underwrite our GROWING education programs.

**~Remembrance Fund~**
**Janet Keener**

The TSYO audition applications will be mailed in early January for the March 18 & 19 and April 8 & 9. Judges are being secured for those dates. The Committee will be informed by the Key Bank Trust Dept. of the December 31, 2016 year statement for the amount of monies which can be used for scholarships in May. Donations are accepted at all times.

**Dorothy Coats,** Youth Orchestra Manager

## TOLEDO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

When the Youth Orchestras returned for rehearsals on January 9 their membership numbers had grown. With the addition of 15 new musicians (5 of them double basses) the Concert Orchestra now boasts nearly 70 members!

Preparations are well under way for the February 19 concert, which will be prefaced by the first Pre Concert Recital, featuring three Concerto Contest winners.

**Sean Park**, a junior from Sylvania Southview, will perform Adagio from *Violin Concerto* by Bruch. **Isabella Banks**, a junior at Toledo School for the Arts, will present *Concertino for Marimba* by Paul Creston, and **Glenn Mills**, a senior at Anthony Wayne will play the Arutunian *Concerto for Trumpet.*

Four more students will perform prior to the Pops Concert in May. Also watch for five of our younger winners as they perform in the Peristyle Lobby before some Toledo Symphony Classics Concerts! Those dates are to be announced.

Peristyle Lobby performers are: **Charles Abowd**, cello, 7th grade Timberstone JH; **Elaine Park**, cello, sophomore Perrysburg HS; **Eli Metzger**, violin, 5th grade Homeschooled; **Gunwoo Kim**, cello, 8th grade Arbor Hills JH, and **Simon Metzger**, marimba, 8th grade Bowling Green MS.

Information for the February 19 Peristyle concert will be in the next "Score"

**NEWS FLASH:** TSYO MAY 1 POPS CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE MAUMEE CITY SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER at 7:00 pm.

Tune in Tuesday

***Meet…Maestro Giordano Bellincampi***

Thursday, February 2, 2017 11:30 at Toledo Country Club

Lunch Selection (**$25.00**)

___ Orchard Salad, Herb Roasted Turkey with Cranberry Sauce
___ Orchard Salad, Asparagus Gouda Quiche

Dessert for both: Chocolate Mousse Bombe

Name(s):_____

Phone Number:_____ Email:_____

Please mail your reservation(s) and check by **Thursday, January 26** to:
TSL, 2146 Central Grove Ave. Toledo, OH 43614

## By: Lynda Gilbert and Kim Kearns, Vice Presidents

December was a joyous month for activities and events for Finance. Tux and Trees lead the way with a huge success, making a little over $11,000. A new event that exceeded its goal by $3,000! The Toledo Club's halls were decked and the beautiful trees were glittering everywhere.

The party began with our president, **Cathy Fifer**, presenting the second installment of our pledge to The Toledo Symphony Orchestra, President and CEO, **Zak Vassar**. Goodwill quickly became the theme of the evening.

On behalf of the co-chairman**, Kim Kearns** and myself, we thank our generous attendees and all our over the top committee chairs: **Joan Fought** and **Pam Pilz,** silent auction, **Susan Lang,** auction items writer, **Kathy Scheer**, auction set up and decorating, and **Trina McGivern**, for orchestrating the fabulous gift card "Birthday Tree." The generosity continues with our underwriters. We appreciate so much the generous support of **Beth Bowman, Joan and Tom Fought, Cardinal Staffing Services, Kathy Scheer, Kim and Doug Kearns, Yark Automotive Group, Zak and Emilie Vassar, and Lynda Gilbert.**

A big round of applause goes to **Richard Leonard**, the evening's auctioneer. Richard did a fabulous job holding such an exciting live auction! He had the room raising their hands and raising the bids with fury. We also thank artist **Kelly Heck**, from Petoskey, MI, who donated her time and talents, offering us a framed painting of musical Jazz for our live auction…that brought a price tag of $825! What a fabulous night and a great party!

**Jane Wurth** was our grand hostess again this year! The Parties of Note, Holiday Brunch was more than wonderful! Jane and her gorgeous home was the setting for 47 lucky sit down guests. The menu of champagne punch, mimosas, a delicious array of holiday foods and decadent desserts were sinful, but no one seemed to mind! The League is so grateful for **Jane's** generosity, planning, and hard work that goes into such a lovely event. We could all feel the love.

Wednesday, January 25, our NEW members present our Chick Flick & Brunch Matinee, featuring West Side Story. Hopefully, you read the adorable flyer, enclosed in your December Score and you are planning to attend and bring a friend or neighbor! **Kris Young** and her committee members are chairing this event, so please say yes if you get a phone call to bring a dish to share or help to volunteer.

Time: 10:a.m. – 2 p.m.Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Conant Street,Price: $30.00

It is very hard to think spring right now, when winter had just ascended on us…but, do it anyway! **Joan Fought** and **Pam Pilz** have graciously and willingly agreed to chair our next big event, Rite of Spring! They make a great team and we hope many of you will join in and volunteer to help make this another great event. Circle your calendars now for April 4, because we want to see everyone at the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons.

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## Tune in Tuesday

Merwin Sui, wife, Kimberly Kefalas, and Barbara Brown

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## Tux and Trees

Cathy & Kevin Fifer, Marlene Uhler, and Kris Young

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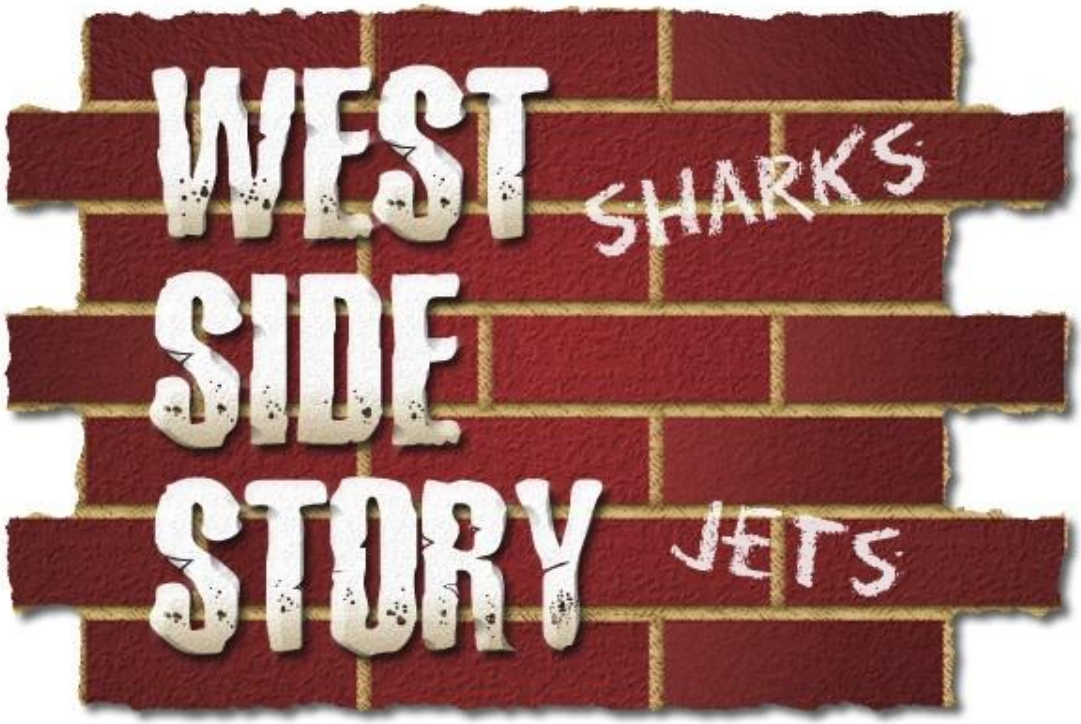
**THE NEW TSL MEMBERS PRESENT**
**Party of Note Four……Number of Guests: 80**

# CHICK FLICK & BRUNCH

## Featuring




Wednesday, January 25th Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. $30.00
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**"Feel pretty, oh so pretty" while you enjoy a delicious brunch, complete with desserts, coffee, soft drinks and wine. Win a raffle! Enjoy Natalie Wood and the Grammy Award winning music of Leonard Bernstein with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. This 1961 movie, adapted from the Broadway play, was inspired by William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet!**

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**Number of guests_____ @ $30.00 each Total enclosed $_____**
**Make checks payable to TSL with "Chick Flick" on memo line.**
**Send checks to Beverly Zielinski, 4901 Lake Breeze Ln, Maumee, OH 43537**

# 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.

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**CLASSICS-ORGAN, ORCHESTRA, AND XANADU**
**January 13 & 14, 2017-Toledo Museum of Art-8:00 p.m.**

**MOZART & TCHAIKOVSKY-WELLTOWER, MOZART AND MORE**
**January 21, 2017-Lourdes University-7:30 p.m.**

**THE ANDERSON'S FAMILY SERIES-SCORE! THE SOUND OF SPORT**
**January 22, 2017-Valentine Theatre-3:00 p.m.**

**THE TOLEDO BLADE CHAMBER-MUSICAL DIVERSIONS**
**January 29, 2017-The Toledo Club-7:00 p.m.**