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Upcoming Events November

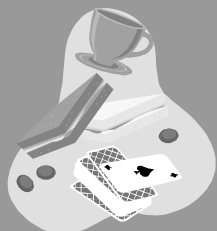
November 13

Bridge

"Party of Note"

Sue Neckers,

Hostess



November 19

General Board

Meeting

UAW Arrowhead

Administration

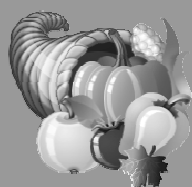
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1691 Woodlands

Dr.

Maumee, Ohio

9:30 a.m.



HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

Dear Symphony League Friends,

Fall has arrived with cooler weather, but the beautifully colored red, yellow and green leaves brighten one's spirits. Thoughts may begin to focus on the upcoming Thanksgiving Day; a time for families and friends to gather and share food but also memories of those people and events who have become special in their lives.

Myrna Bryan is one of the special people in my life for having "gifted" me with a Toledo Symphony League membership upon my retirement from Toledo Public Schools. She not only provided the gift, she was named my duette, the person who would mentor me as I became acquainted with League members and events. This was a gift that kept on giving. She would call and invite me to sit at her table at an event. Even being single, I felt comfortable with the warm and cordial members I had met which encouraged me to volunteer for various activities.

As you look at the upcoming events, perhaps you can invite a friend to accompany you or even call several and

create your own table if available. If you are a Bridge Player, **Sue Neckers'** "Evening of Party Bridge" on Friday evening, November 13, would be a great way to meet other members and friends with the same interest. She will award prizes and provide many delectable foods and wine on her grazing table. She has room for 24 people. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Of course, the "Holiday Fashion Show and Purse Auction" will take place on Tuesday, December 8, at Fat Fish Blue on Levis Commons Blvd. This is a new venue and should prove exciting for all those in attendance. **Lynda Gilbert, Beverly Zielinski** and their committees have been working hard to make this an event not to miss! This is another event to call a friend or two and plan to attend. The invitations will be arriving shortly. Plan to mail your reservation right away.

Another December Party of Note is **Joanie Barrett's** "Holiday Tea with a Flare". This was so well received last year, Joanie graciously agreed to host it again. So

call a friend or two and begin the Holiday season enjoying "an array of teas, scrumptious sweetbreads and savories" with holiday music adding to the festivities. Joanie has a limit of 25 reservations. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

The Parties of Note are hosted and underwritten by the hostess. 100% of the proceeds go to fund the League's children's programs. As you can see, space is limited so reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **Trina McGivern** will receive your reservation and check made out to Toledo Symphony League (TSL). Her address is 614 Kingsborough Ct., Perrysburg, OH 43551, 419-874-6050.

I encourage each member to participate as her personal/professional schedule allows.

Of course, I welcome your comments and questions to strengthen our League's mission.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Sincerely,
Ann Randolph, President

Mission

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.



Upcoming Events December

December 8
Holiday Fashion Show
and Purse Auction
Fat Fish Blue
Levis Commons Blvd.



December 15,
Holiday Tea
with a Flare
"Party of Note"
Joanie Barrett,
Hostess



ADMINISTRATION

Helen Relation, Vice President of Administration

A BIG congratulations is due to **Sue Byerly** and **Pam Pilz** for making an \$882.18 profit from our Opening Luncheon. Usually, this event breaks even financially -- but not this year, thanks to Sue and Pam!

The September 17 luncheon at Belmont Country Club drew 65 members and 4 guests and was a wonderful afternoon of fun with a Hollywood theme and friendship. Five raffle baskets were won by the following:

Judy Maurer- Paul Newman basket
Fran Darcy - Francis Coppola basket
Sandra Laas - Marilyn Monroe basket
Rosalie Hinde - Elvis Presley basket
Barb Topping- English Chick Flick basket

This Hollywood-themed basket raffle earned \$440 for the League, and the gorgeous centerpieces, fashioned with Peace Lilies and Ivy in black and white woven baskets, were all sold, adding \$150 to our profit for the day.

After expenses were paid - including the

live plants for the arrangements, postage for 255 invitations, the printing of invitations by Maumee Quick Print, and the Belmont meals - Sue and Pam were able to announce a profit of \$882.18 from this very lovely, successful Opening Luncheon.

Contributing to the Luncheon success were: **Beth Bowman** who wrote descriptions of the raffle basket contents, **Trina McGivern** who manned the Cookbook table, **Myrna Bryan** and **Mary Decker** who took charge of the reservation check-ins, and the raffle ticket sellers, **Sue Potts** and **Pam Pilz**.

The first Toledo Symphony Orchestra Classics concert on September 25 featured mezzo-soprano **Suzanna Guzman** and she received our first "Welcome to Toledo" basket for the season.

Norene Drewicz, chair of Artist Hospitality, reports that the second welcome basket will be given to **Ignat Solzhenitsyn**, conductor/pianist, on October 23. **Brenda Seiple** has graciously hand written all the hospitality notes that accompany the baskets.

REMEMBERING ALDA HADDAD 1923-2009

Janet Keener

Alda Haddad became Chairperson of the Remembrance Fund in the early 80's and continued until the end of 2005. She was very conscientious in accepting contributions from donors in memory of loved ones or to honor a special occasion, acknowledging the contributors, arranging scholarship auditions in March for Toledo Junior Youth Orchestra (TJYO) and Toledo Youth Orchestra (TYO) and best of all presenting the scholarships to the winners at the May concerts of TJYO and TYO. The Robert Haddad Memorial Scholarship will now be known as the Robert and Alda Haddad Memorial Scholarship.

The Toledo Symphony League recognized Alda for her years of dedication as a chairman and volunteer work by awarding her a Medallion. For her outstanding gift of time, talent, and effort she was named a Crescendo, the highest honor given by the League. She also found time to help new members become acquainted with the League by being a duette.

Alda became involved with the Toledo Youth Orchestra while her three boys were members. **Ted** played cello, **Rob** violin and viola, and **Dale** viola. Alda was named the Assistant Manager in the late 60's and early 70's. She always gave special attention to details of fund raisers, bus trips and hotel arrangements.

We will always remember Alda for her love of music and the dedication to the young musicians of TJYO and TYO.



ARTS ADVOCACY

by Nancy Phlegar

At the end of September during the G-20 summit, Michele Obama hosted a concert at the Pittsburgh Creative & Performing Arts School for the students and spouses of international leaders deliberating the G-20 economic summit. Performances by Sara Bareilles, Yo-Yo Ma and Trisha Yearwood followed a short address by Mrs. Obama in which she stated that “the arts aren’t somehow an ‘extra’ part of our national life but are at the heart of our national life. It is through our music, our literature, drama and dance that we tell the story of our past and express our hopes for the future...even though many kids living in Washington, D.C. and in cities across the country, just minutes away from the centers of culture and power and prestige, many of them feel like these resources are really miles away, far beyond their reach. The president and I are determined to help bridge that distance....”

Something to Ponder

A recent blog of the Partners in Performance website, John McCann wrote “Why do we have so many free-standing, poorly-funded national 501c3 service organizations in the arts field? It seems that as each discipline matured, each created its own support entity. Now as a mature sector, with the arts providing almost \$200 billion in finance activity annually, we must become much more strategic and more influential on the national stage than the current structure allows. Having a service organization catering to each discipline and sub-discipline is expensive and redundant, while providing little leverage---the exact opposite of what is needed. If the numerous national discipline-specific arts service organizations could be consolidated into one robust, influential and vital American Institute of the Arts---the arts could stand alongside education, energy, health and other national priorities. However, the idea of a cabinet level designation for arts and culture is a pipedream without a compelling and unifying message that articulates the ways in which the endeavors of America’s artists and arts organizations can have optimal impact.”

For Your Enjoyment

If you can find a few minutes, you might enjoy going to this website for a smile and interesting thought for the day.

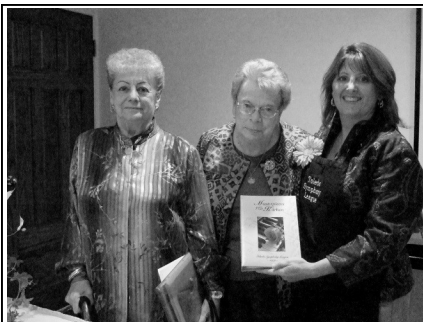
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lXh2n0aPyw>

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(L-R) Fran Darcy, Barb Topping and Trina McGivern with our new cookbook *Masterpieces from our Kitchen.*

(L-R) Norma Kelling and Carol Mohler chat before the Opening Luncheon





Upcoming Events January

January 10, 2010
Chamber Concert
Toledo Club
7:00

January 13, 2010
Dinner and a Movie
Julie & Julia
"Party of Note"
Maumee Indoor
Theatre,
601 Conant St.
Maumee, Oh.
Trina McGivern,
Hostess



January 17, 2010
Junior Youth
Orchestra Concert
3:00 p.m.
Museum of Art
Peristyle



EDUCATION

by Jettie Sansbury, Vice President of Education

Plans are still in progress for the Showcase of the Arts. **Mary Miller** and **Jettie Sansbury** are working diligently. Hopefully, a location will be finalized and flyers mailed to schools and teachers before the December, 2009 Score.

The holiday season is upon us and **Dorothy Coates** reminds us that we can begin our holiday celebrations by attending the Toledo Youth Orchestra Holiday Concert on November 23, 2009.

Janet Keener, Remembrance Fund Chairman, reports recent changes to the Scholarship regulations. Under previous regulations a member of the Toledo Junior Youth Orchestra (TJYO) or members of the Toledo Youth Orchestra (TYO) could receive a total of four scholarships – with the fourth being a senior scholarship. Under new regulations, a TJYO member may receive two merit scholarships during their tenure and receive an additional two merit scholarships during their tenure as a TYO member (grades 9-11). A member can receive a total of five merit scholarships with the fifth occurring during the senior year.

The Remembrance Fund, a project of the Toledo Symphony League, provides merit scholarships for talented members of the Toledo Junior Youth Orchestra and the Toledo Youth Orchestra. It is funded by individuals who wish to honor the memory of or celebrate other special occasions.

The donors to the Remembrance Fund from January, 2009 through September, 2009 are the following:

Ann Lieder	Dona F. Sgro
TSL Executive Board	Frances Renzi
In honor of Dr. Joanie Barrett	Peg Werner
William Wiseman	Julie Shanks & Alex Parker
Genette Foster	Greta Ullman
Martin Richey	Toledo Symphony League Members
Dorothy Coats	In memory of Diane Churdar
Janet & Rex Keener	Mary Ann Kline
Amy Alexander	Samagama Club of Presidents
Cameron Mitchell Restaurants	E. Wanda Quay
Judith Elser	Marjorie Szor
Barbara & William Anderson	Taurus Queens Birthday Club
Sue A. Sgro	Beth Bowman

The Education Chairmen thank you for your continuous support and wish each member and their families a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Masterpieces from our Kitchen

Correction

In "Appetizers & Beverages" page 14, **Pizza Dip**, shared by Fran Darcy should read:

Layer 1: (2) 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese

Please feel free to share this correction with people you know purchased the books.



EDUCATION TYO/TJYO

by Dorothy Coats, TYO/TJYO Manager

HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT WILL SPARKLE

The glitter of the holiday season will begin at 8 p.m. on Monday, November 23, when the Toledo Youth Orchestra and the Toledo Youth Orchestra Sinfonietta take the stage at the Perrysburg High School Performing Arts Center. A wide variety of music will be presented by both groups.

The Sinfonietta, conducted by **Wasim Hawary** and assistant **Bryan Troutman**, will begin the concert with three selections: the opening theme (Mozart's Symphony #25) from the film Amadeus, "Hoedown" by Aaron Copland and themes from Walt Disney's Aladdin.

The Toledo Youth Orchestra (TYO), under the direction of **Kenneth Thompson** and assistant conductor **Mark Irwin**, will perform Tschaikowsky's "March Slav," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach, Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" and selections from the Broadway shows "Wicked" and "Phantom of the Opera". Sousa's "Stars and Stripes March" will conclude the program. As the major fund raiser for the Youth Orchestra, tickets will be available from orchestra members and at the door; adults \$8:00 and students \$5.00 . Launch your holiday celebrations by attending this concert and supporting these fine musicians, all 130 of them!

TYO online address is: www.tyo.org

Numbering 90 members, the Toledo Junior Youth Orchestra (grades 6-9) is settling in for their 32nd season. Under the direction of **David Oliver** and assistant **Betsy Bennet-Barth**, the orchestra is busily preparing for their January 17 concert. Although there is a waiting list for violins who wish to join the orchestra, Mr. Oliver says they could use another Bassoon or two and more French Horns. For more TJYO information go online at www.tyo.org.

A Message from the Corresponding Secretary

Please contact me if you know of a League member who has suffered the loss of a family member, is sick or in the hospital, or just needs a special remembrance. You can email me at slaas@bex.net so that a note can be sent from the League membership.

-Sandra Laas, Corresponding Secretary



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FINANCE

by Pam Bettinger, Vice President of Finance

We have several Parties of Note to choose from for the upcoming year. Starting out the year is the party at the home of **Sue Neckers** on Friday, November 13th. Make sure that you check out the schedule and get your reservations in! Many of the parties have limited seating. Stay tuned, as there are more parties to come!! If you are interested in hosting a party of note, please feel free to call me, **Pam Bettinger** at 419 833-8465 or email your party information to Pamb@Amplex.net.

Rite of Spring will be held March 25, 2010 at the Toledo Hilton. Chairman, **Barb Waite-Shenk** had her first organizational meeting with her committee. **Michael O'Rourke** will once again be our guest speaker as he was such a success last year. If you are

interested in being a part of the Rite of Spring team, give Barb a call at 419 270-6049.

We had some interest in a potential bus trip to either Sommerset Mall in Troy, Mi or to Detroit for a day at the Casinos. If you have interest in attending either of these events, please e-mail me at Pamb@Amplex.net or call 419 833-8465. We would need at least 55 interested members in order to cover our cost for the bus.

The Toledo Symphony League is now on Facebook!! If you use Facebook, check us out under Tsl League. Become our friend and receive updates on events coming up. It will be fun to post all the photos from these events as well! Come join the fun!

MEMBERSHIP

by Beth Bowman, Vice President of Membership



Welcome to our three newest Toledo Symphony League members: **H. Denise Tinney-Rowley**, **Carol Philbin**, and **Karen Fruth**! One of the best "jobs" of being Vice President of Membership is welcoming new members into our organization. It is a treat to know that "newbies" will forge bonds of friendship with current members while exploring the volunteer opportunities the League offers. **Barb Waite-Shenk** already has Karen rolling up her sleeves working on the Rite of Spring Luncheon and Vendor Event! Look for her IN the December 8 Fashion Show.

December 8, 2009 will be "Orchestrate Your Holidays", the 4th annual TSL Holiday Fashion Show and Purse Raffle and Auction. Please use this as an opportunity to introduce your friends to the League! The venue, Fat Fish Blue at Levis Commons, has "**fun**" written all over it! Grab some of your friends and make plans for a lighthearted afternoon. There will be a "Show and Tell" exhibit about the Toledo Symphony League at the show and plenty of our signature hot pink membership forms. This is your League! Be loud, be proud, and show "your crowd" why TSL membership is valuable in your life and to the life of the Toledo area! I am looking forward to seeing you (and your guests) December 8. I would like to unveil a new membership information board at the show. I would like to include sentences from TSL members about "**Why I Love The League.....**" It could be a special moment, activity, event, ANYTHING which makes League membership significant to you. It may be "the thing" which captures someone's imagination about how League membership could impact them! Our Toledo Symphony League has an active life. Let's tell our stories to our guests!



If you would like me to drop a membership form in the mail to someone, please call me at 419-865-5036 or e-mail me at Bowsmom50@sbcglobal.net. If you are looking for the perfect holiday gift, I can send our gift memberships! "Membership Factoid": **Ann Randolph**, current TSL President became involved with the League thanks to a "gift membership" from past TSL President **Myrna Bryan**.



“ORCHESTRATE YOUR HOLIDAYS” WITH FUN, STYLE AND DELICIOUS FOOD!

by Lynda Gilbert

This year our annual holiday luncheon, style show and fantastic purse auction will be taking place at Fat Fish Blue and home of the Funny Bones Comedy Club located in Levis Commons, Perrysburg.

The fun begins at Fat Fish Blue Restaurant, where the “bar” will become the center of attention, not only for drinks, but will display a fabulous sampling of irresistible handbags and purses available for silent auction. In addition, there will be raffle tables offering delicious baskets and more tantalizing items that you won’t be able to resist! Once again, **Beth Bowman** has put her expertise to perfection and has been working hard collecting one-of-a-kind goodies you will only find on Tuesday, December 8. What a grand shopping Mecca for all of us and what a terrific opportunity to begin orchestrating *your* holidays.

The Funny Bones Comedy Club will entice us in for a seat to watch the show offering some ‘must have’ styles along with great seasonal fashions modeled by league members. We are excited to be able to showcase some of Levis Commons best including, Brighton Collectibles, Chico’s, Christopher & Banks, C.J. Banks, Lane Bryant, Second Sole and Talbot’s. I “guarantee” you will enjoy this new venue. The atmosphere, lights, and sound the club offers, creates an excitement of its own and the show will become alive!

Lynda Lieto, league member and Mary Kay representative, will be assisting with make up the day of the show along with the expertise of Results Salon & Spa of Levis Commons.

Food will then take “center stage” immediately following the show where you will enjoy a delicious luncheon, personally created to make a perfect ending to this important fundraiser. (If you have never eaten at Fat Fish, the food is yummy!)

We are offering a “*Levis Commons Loves the League*” super- colossal drawing opportunity available only to those purchasing **Sponsor tickets**. As a Sponsor, you will have preferred seating *and* your name will be entered for a chance to win. This prize is intended to keep you eating, shopping and playing with the merchants at Levis Commons for a long time to come!

Your special invitation will be arriving soon, so please make your reservations for you and a friend early, as space is limited. Believe me you are not going to want to miss a thing!

For additional information phone **Lynda Gilbert**, 419-872-2386 or **Beverly Zielinski**, 419-740-2251 or visit the League’s web site @ www.toledosymphonyleague.com

CAN YOU HELP?

WGTE, Channel 30, has asked the T.S.L. to volunteer to answer phones and take pledges on Sunday, November 29th from 8 to 11 p.m. The League will be recognized as a moving force in Northwest Ohio. It will be a chance to let people know what T.S.L. is and does. We need 15 volunteers. If you can help, contact **Rusty Phlegar** at 419-874-3792 - or Email her at redhead@bex.net as soon as possible.



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The Toledo Symphony Concert Schedule

MOZART & MORE SERIES - THE MAGIC FLUTE... PLUS, BEETHOVEN'S 4TH

Saturday, November 14, 2009 | 7:30 pm | Franciscan Center, Sylvania | Tito Muñoz, conductor*

Mozart — Overture to The Magic Flute , Wagner—Siegfried Idyll, Beethoven Symphony No. 4

CLASSICS SERIES - AN AMERICAN IN PARIS

Friday and Saturday, November 20, 21, 2009 | 8:00 pm | The Peristyle | Stefan Sanderling, conductor | Stewart Goodyear, piano

Ives orch. Schuman—Variations on "America", Gershwin—Piano Concerto in F, Ives—Symphony No. 3 – The Camp Meeting, Gershwin—An American in Paris*

TOLEDO YOUTH ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY POPS

Monday, November 23, 2009| 8:00 p.m. | Perrysburg High School| Wasim Hawary and Ken Thompson, conductors
Program TBA

KEYBANK POPS SERIES - CANADIAN BRASS HOLIDAY POPS

Saturday, November 28, 2009| 8:00 pm | Stranahan Theater| Chelsea Tipton, II, conductor

The world-renowned Canadian Brass returns to Toledo to celebrate the sounds of the season with holiday favorites, classics, musical surprises and the beloved brass quintet's famous antics.

*Toledo Symphony Premiere / Debut. Programs and artists subject to change