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Score

From the President

Dear Symphony League Friend,

September is here and time to share with you the many exciting events and programs planned for you by our very busy Vice Presidents, their chairmen, and committee members.

Following our closing luncheon on May 21, the Annual Retreat was held at Sylvania St. Joseph's Middle School Meeting Rooms on June 25. This working retreat was planned to allow each VP to meet with members interested in her particular event and share ideas and invite members to volunteer their time and talent to facilitate the event.

This informal gathering allowed more than 30 members to enjoy fellowship, help with fund raising and be nourished with a light lunch.

Another highlight of the summer was the arrival of our cookbook, **Masterpieces from our Kitchen**. Distribution Chairman, **Trina McGivern**, began the needed process. The committee had eagerly awaited her call to gather to see the finished product. We were extremely pleased as she handed us each a copy. Along with **Trina**, the

committee included **Beth Bowman, Fran Darcy, Rusty Phlegar, Sue Potts, Helen Relation, Barb Topping** and me. We had all enjoyed our monthly meetings throughout the year to bring this fund raiser to completion. We applaud all those who took time to share their special recipes. Some came from family favorites; others were given **Encore** status having come from the first cookbook produced in 1998.

One of the special recipes is noted in the forward. This "**Recipe for Musical Outreach**" is beautifully written by **Beth Bowman** sharing the history of the League based on material gathered by Toledo Lucas County Local Historian **Irene Martin**. This "recipe" provides the reader insight on **Mrs. Ward Canaday** and other civic minded men and women who formed "Friends of Music" in 1940, which is the precursor of our Toledo Symphony League. As **Beth** quotes **Mrs. Canaday**, "we want to make music available to everyone" which is our mission today.

Of course, the most important ingredients in this musical outreach are the enthusiastic

individual members who volunteer their time and talent to make the various programs and activities available to the community.

I realize that support can be shown in various ways. Some are able to be active, while others can be helpful through membership dues, fundraising efforts, event attendance, TSO subscriptions, as well as contributions to the Remembrance Fund which is used to further and encourage our musicians through scholarship assistance.

I sincerely appreciate the tremendous commitment of time and talent of the Executive Committee, as well as the General Board who continue to provide support, insight and leadership to the team.

I look forward to working with the entire membership as we continue the mission of our founders to "make music available for everyone" through the various means of support available. **Each individual member's contribution does make a difference!**

Sincerely,
Ann Randolph, President

Upcoming Events

September 17
General Board Meeting

Belmont
Country Club
10:00 a.m.

September 17
Opening Luncheon

Belmont
Country Club
Social Hour
11:15 a.m.
Lunch
12:00 noon



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.



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(pu-blis'-i-te)
n.

1. a. Information that concerns a person, **group**, **event**, or product and that is disseminated through various media to **attract public notice**.

b. **Public interest**, notice, or notoriety achieved by the spreading of such information.

c. The act, process, or occupation of disseminating information to **gain public information**.

Please let me spread the word! Any event or League happening, big or small, please call **419/872-2386** or email **Lynda Gilbert** at LMG1940@aol.com and I will be glad to be your publicity chairman.

Here's to a great year!

ADMINISTRATION

SCORE INFORMATION

Ann Randolph, President

The Toledo Symphony League has a new SCORE Editor for the 2009-10 program year. We are happy to announce that **Mrs. Vicki "Dee" Howard** was selected. **Dee** is an elementary school secretary who prepares the monthly school newsletter as well as designs the website. She began her job August 1st in preparation for our September issue.

We were very pleased with **Jamie Orians'** work for the past 2 years, but due to budget constraints, we needed to produce the SCORE at a lower price which Jamie was unable to meet. Jamie was very cordial during my call to her and offered to provide Dee with the needed logos and other things which are part of our signature.

Here is the needed timeframe which everyone should follow so as to keep things

moving: Beginning **August 1st and continuing until May 15th**, each Vice President, along with those in her departments who have news to report, must submit a typed report by e-mail to both **Dee Howard**, cokedee43@aol.com and me, **Ann Randolph**, aerandolph@bex.net by the **15th of each month**. A **maximum of 500 words is suggested** as we strive to **contain costs**. I also recognize that sometimes a major event may require a longer article. I am sure Dee can balance those times with shorter articles in many situations.

Please take the time to proof read your own article and check on the correct spelling of names, events, as well as dates. As in the past, should anyone have questions/concerns, please contact me, not Dee. I look forward to working with all of you as we begin our program year together.

TSL OPENING LUNCHEON

The Opening Luncheon "Hollywood and Vine" will be held September 17, 2009 at Belmont Country Club, 29601 Bates Road, Perrysburg OH 43551. The social hour begins at 11:15 with lunch at 12 noon. The menu will honor the Brown Derby restaurant tradition (the first restaurant was opened at Hollywood and Vine). Celebrity wine gift baskets will be raffled and cookbooks will be available both if preordered or you want to purchase one. The cost of the lunch is \$25.00 and reservations should be sent to **Sue Byerly**, 9989 Ford Rd Perrysburg OH 43551.

Toledo Symphony League June Retreat



(L-R) Pam Bettinger, Lynda Gilbert, Mary Miller, Helen Relation, and Phyllis Wadley.



(L-R) Trina McGivern, Jettie Sansbury, Beth Bowman, Randi Dier, and Claudia Trombla.



ARTS ADVOCACY

by Nancy Phlegar

SUMMER RECAP

IRA Charitable Rollover—On December 31, 2009, the IRA Charitable Rollover provision will expire. This provision spurs increased giving to thousands of non-profit organizations. Donors are allowed to make tax free charitable contributions from their IRA accounts. Currently included in a budget resolution before Congress is a two-year extension that would serve only as a temporary reinstatement.

Artist Visa Act—Last spring, several bipartisan sponsors reintroduced the Arts Require Timely Service Act (ARTS) which would aid orchestras and performing arts organizations in the navigation of the artist visa process. The National League is partnering with the Performance Arts Alliance and the American Federation of Musicians in urging the passage of this bill. The ARTS act passed the House in 2008 but had not cleared the Senate before the end of the year. This bill will provide relief that is desperately needed to offset the significant delays which occur as artists work through the visa process.

NEA Grant Update—The NEA awarded federal grants totaling \$2.6 million to 64 orchestras nationwide. These federal funds will preserve full and part-time administrative and artistic positions that were in jeopardy of being eliminated due to the struggling economy. Orchestras which did not receive direct NEA grants may be eligible to apply for support from state and regional arts agencies that have received NEA stimulus funds.

Nation's Arts Report Card—Results of the 2008 Nation's Arts Report Card were released in mid June, the most direct and supportive statement from the federal government regarding arts education in recent years. These results, officially known as the National Assessment of Educational Progress in the Arts (NAEP) reveal significant gaps to student achievement in the arts. Considerations in these results include racial/ethnic, gender, and socio-economic issues. Responding to the release, the U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, stated that "...the arts are a core academic subject and part of a complete education for all students. The arts are also important to American students gaining the 21st century skills they will need to succeed in higher education and the global marketplace – skills that increasingly demand creativity, perseverance and problem-solving combined with performing well as part of a team. The results also remind us that learning in the arts can and should be rigorous and based on high standards. We can and should do better for American students."

A MESSAGE FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Sandra Laas

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. I have a supply of stationery, envelopes, and note cards. Please contact me if you should need any. Since becoming your new corresponding secretary, cards have been sent to the following League members:

Fran Darcy—get well
 Margery Shinkle—sympathy for loss of husband, Ted
 Zana Sandys—sympathy for loss of son's fiancé, Leslie Wunder
 Beverly Zielinski—get well from surgery
 Jenny Barlos—sympathy for loss of grandmother, Helen Dunbar
 Kim Danes—sympathy for loss of aunt
 Margery Shinkle—sympathy for loss of brother, Carl Hatker
 Zakie Dulbs—thinking of you
 Dorothea Baum—get well from surgery



**CALLING
ALL
PURSES!!!**

Lynda Gilbert

&

Bev Zielinski

will co-chair the

Holiday Luncheon/

Style Show

&

Purse Auction!!!



EDUCATION

by Jettie Sansbury, Vice President of Education

The Education Committee of The Toledo Symphony League is preparing for the 2009 – 2010 program year. I am pleased to announce that most chairmen and managers will remain in their respective position held during 2008-2009. Our new committee members are: **Mary Miller**, Chairman - Showcase of the Arts; **Phyllis Wadley**, Reception Chairman - Showcase of the Arts; and we welcome back **Claudia Trombla**, Co-Chairman of Young Artists' Competition.

The Education Committee looks forward to the upcoming season and encourages members to volunteer and/or attend the many concerts and activities planned for this year. The Young People's Concerts are wonderful listening treats and The Toledo Youth Orchestra has always been inspiring. **Check out the dates for the concerts!!**

Plans are in progress for the Showcase of the Arts which will be held spring, 2010. If any Toledo Symphony League member is interested in assisting **Mary Miller** as Co-Chairman, please contact **Jettie Sansbury** at 419-882-8246 or **Mary Miller** at 734-854-0329. Additional information for Showcase of the Arts will be in the October issue of **SCORE**.



CHAMBER CONCERT USHERS

by Ann Lieder

The 2009-2010 Toledo Blade Chamber Concert Series are held at the Toledo Club on Sunday Evenings four times a year. The Blade Chamber Series offers listeners an opportunity to hear individual TSO musicians perform selections of classical music. The dates are:

September 13 October 18 January 10 May 2

Toledo Symphony League members volunteer as hostesses to meet and greet concert goers as they enter, collecting tickets, and handing out programs. Each volunteer will receive a free ticket to attend the designated concert. The atmosphere of the Toledo Club is like that of a European Manor House, giving intimate warmth. Special thanks to the Fall Volunteers:

September	Jettie Sansbury, Faye Fenwick and Susan Mason
October	Barbara Brown, Carol Mohler

There are still openings for the last two series. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Ann Lieder at 419/874-8639.



EDUCATION TYO/TJYO

by Dorothy Coats, TYO/TJYO Manager

YOUTH ORCHESTRA NEWS

TOLEDO YOUTH ORCHESTRA (TYO) ADDING SECOND ORCHESTRA - To accommodate the large number of talented high school string players in the area, a second youth orchestra has been created. To be known as the Toledo Youth Orchestra Sinfonietta (TYO Sinfonietta), this additional orchestra will follow the same schedule as the TYO for rehearsals and concerts; TYO will rehearse from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Peristyle and the TYO Sinfonietta will rehearse at Symphony Space from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wasim Hawary, orchestra director at Start High School and former assistant conductor of the TYO, will lead the new orchestra. **Brian Troutman** and **Mark Irwin** will continue on as assistant conductors. By the time you read this, these orchestras will have begun rehearsals for their October 18 Peristyle concert.

TOLEDO JUNIOR YOUTH ORCHESTRA, under the direction of **David Oliver** and **Betsy Bennet-Barth**, will begin rehearsals at Bowsher High School on September 21 for their January 17 Peristyle concert. A complete schedule of all the youth orchestras concerts are listed in this issue of the “Score”. Mark your calendars and plan to attend—you will be glad you did! Most concerts are FREE.

REMEMBRANCE FUND SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS were announced and presented at the TYO concert held May 21. Winners were:

Alex Biniker, cello
Andrea Darmahkasih, violin
Lauren Oberle, violin

Michael Everhart, bassoon,
 won the Robert Haddad Memorial Scholarship for Toledo Public Schools students only.

TOLEDO YOUTH ORCHESTRAS 2009—2010 CONCERT DATES TYO and TYO SINFONIETTA

Sunday, Oct. 18	3:00 p.m. Toledo Museum Toledo of Art Peristyle
Monday, Nov. 23	Pops Concert—8:00 pm. Perrysburg High School
Sunday, Feb. 7	3:00 p.m. TMA Peristyle
Sunday, March 28	Side-by-Side with Toledo Symphony, 4:00 p.m. TMA Peristyle
Sunday, May 9	3:00 pm TMA Peristyle

TOLEDO JUNIOR YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

Sunday, January 17	3:00 p.m. Museum of Art Peristyle
Sunday, May 2	3:00 p.m. TMA Peristyle





FINANCE

by Pam Bettinger, Vice President of Finance

Wow!! The summer has flown by and fall is quickly approaching. This means back to school shopping, physical appointments, the start of football season, and the beginning of our fundraising year for the TSL. It looks to be an exciting year starting with our cookbooks. We have the cookbooks in and are selling away!! If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook or would like to help sell, please contact **Trina McGivern** at 419-874-6050. She is our distribution chair for cookbooks.

We have a great line up of events for Parties of Note, but would love to add to our list. If you are interested in hosting a Party of Note, please feel free to contact me, **Pam Bettinger**, at 419-833-8465 or Pamb@amplex.net.

Other events for the year include our December Holiday Luncheon and Style Show. **Lynda Gilbert** will chair this event. She has a lot of great ideas for a show you won't want to miss!! As always we will be having our purse auction. We are taking donations of new or gently used purses. If you have one to donate, please call me, **Pam Bettinger**, at 419-833-8465 and I will arrange to pick it up.

Back by popular demand will be our Rite of Spring event on March 25th. Last year there were wonderful "Lunches in the Garden" purchased and held this summer. **Myrna Bryan** had a lovely proper British tea for 8! She was asked by her guests to repeat it next year because it was "fabulous". **Joni Fought** entertained on her patio overlooking the Maumee River on a perfect July day. Guests raved about her food, hospitality, and personalized recipe book given as a favor to each guest. **Marlene Uhler's** Eagle Point Colony Pergola glowed in a "dinner in the garden". Guests enjoyed marvelous food paired with Pimm's Cups and Sangria that livened the conversation considerably! Seven Mermaids enjoyed **Sue Potts' Splash Party**. While the salad buffet was wonderful, the "hit" of the afternoon was the peach sangria. Still to come is the lunch to be hosted by **Joanie Barrett** at her farm. This was a wonderful way to raise funds for the League with the benefit of keeping TSL members in touch over the summer. Perhaps you'd like to offer a party in your patio, garden, farm, dining room, or kitchen at the Rite of Spring 2010!!!

FINGER LICKIN' GOOD

by Trina McGivern

After a year of planning, the wait is over; the 2009 Toledo Symphony League cookbook "Masterpieces from our Kitchen" is printed and ready for distribution. If you have pre-ordered a cookbook, THANK YOU! They will be available for pick up at the opening lunch on September 17. If you would like to have yours before the opening lunch do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a pick up. Masterpieces could be our biggest fund-raiser of the season, but we need your help. We will be selling them in the lobby at all the Toledo Symphony's November concerts. The TSL is also going to be a Community Sponsor for the Opera Guild's House Tours in December. We need

volunteer sellers at the concerts, as well as, the House Tours which is December 10. If you are able to help please contact me: **Trina McGivern**, 419-874-6050 or trina@mcgivern.com. "Masterpieces" contain over 300 recipes submitted by our own members. It is a gorgeous 3-ring binder style book with everything from Appetizers to Desserts, History and Hints. They would make wonderful gifts! You may also take some on consignment to sell to friends, co-workers or other groups (book club, garden club, sorority, etc.) and I would be happy to deliver them to you. I would also welcome any suggestions for venues to sell our wonderful cookbook. Thank you for your support.

MASTERPIECES FROM OUR KITCHEN

Correction

In the Soups & Salad Section, page 27, Ribbon Jell-O Salad shared by **Janet Keener** should read:

1 - - 8oz. SOUR CREAM.

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



MEMBERSHIP

by Beth Bowman, Vice President of Membership

The first "Membership Begins with Me" initiative through the Membership department was 2 meetings, August 24 at 10:00 a.m. and August 26 at 7:00 in my home. Members attending included those who had indicated an interest in response to their dues' receipt postcard and members selected for their longevity (or "newness") to the League. Topics ranged from recruitment to retention, especially ways to make gatherings accessible to women who work full time. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me at bowsmom50@sbcglobal.net.

I am pleased to welcome back **Marti Heupenbecker** as Duets Chair, **Carol Mohler** for tracking volunteers' interests, **Barb Topping** as New Member Chair, and **Fran Darcy** who will chair membership recognition. **Trina McGivern** has returned as Pink Book editor. **Rusty Phlegar** is taking the helm as Chimers Chair. Each one of these women is giving the League the gifts of their time and talent to make the organization efficient.

September 17 will be the Opening Luncheon at Belmont Country Club. This is an important date for "membership". It is the kick-off for TSL Year 2009-2010! It is also the event when the newest class of Crescendos will be announced. For those unfamiliar with this designation, a Crescendo is awarded to an exemplary member of the TSL. Guidelines are stringent. She must have been an active member at least 5 years. Each Crescendo must have also been a chair of a major project or aided the Toledo Symphony League in an equivalent fashion. Each time a League member volunteers, she is awarded a "point".

The points are recorded and through painstaking review, the 4 League members with the highest point totals are awarded the Crescendo honor and special pin. Please keep your ears perked up when the inductees are introduced! They will be announced through their TSL accomplishments. It's always fun to see when the honoree realizes that SHE's a new Crescendo.

Vice President of Membership is a new job for me. I will need each member's help to make my tenure one of growth and health for the Toledo Symphony League. Our mission of financial, educational, and volunteer support to the Toledo Symphony plus our efforts in educational outreach has always been important to the community. In these difficult times, firm commitment is more of a necessity than ever!

My Suggestion Box is currently empty. Please call or e-mail me with ideas, suggestions or concerns. Women working together can do great things!

Beth Bowman, V.P. Membership

P.S. A special tip of the "Membership" hat to **Fran Darcy**! **Fran** was honored as the Grand Marshall of the 2009 Labor Day Parade. Although retired, **Fran** has remained a vital force to her union ties, while holding down 3 volunteer jobs for the League and raising major dollars for the Old Newsboys (with her partner **Barb Topping**). Did I say retired????

USHER CALL!!

Thank you to everyone who so graciously gave of themselves at last season's Young People's Concerts. We appreciate your devotion to the students in our region, ensuring safe and quick seating for thousands of school children, their teachers and chaperones.

It seems that cutbacks are everywhere and our YPC's are no exception. There are only 2 concerts this season, October 29 and February 18.

Greet, meet, and seat. In addition to a smile and a love for children and music, that's all there is to ushering (plus a few organization or traffic-directing skills). I have loved being involved as an usher and, for the last 4 years, as Chairman. What's not to like...a delightful and interesting concert played by one of the finest symphonies in the country, nice people to work with, and the knowledge that you are facilitating a fabulous educational experience for thousands of children. If you have been on my mailing list, look for your 'yellow' reminder card late September and please respond. If you would like to join the fun, please contact me. I'm looking forward to seeing familiar faces and making new friends within the TSL as you volunteer!

Lynda Lieto, Usher Chairman

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