



THE
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CLUB of TOLEDO



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Member News

Jack Tongring, long-time Club member, past president, past VP, and past newsletter editor (!) was inducted into the DeVilbiss Hall of Fame during a dinner, on Oct. 11th, at the Inverness Club. Jack taught and led the band during the 1950s and 60s. Way to go Jack!

In Memoriam

We have learned that our Scandinavian Club of Toledo has lost three members of long standing, **Diane Nelson**, **Doris Larson** and **George Taoka**, and our condolences go out to the families of each of them.

Past Club treasurer (and president pro tem) Richard Nelson has lost his wife, **Diane M. Nelson**. She died at home in March of last year at the age of 74. She married Dick in 1969, has many grandchildren, loved animals, and worked for several years as a legal secretary. There were no services, but memorials were suggested to Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet.

Long-time Club member, **Doris T. Larson**, died last month at Kingston of Sylvania. She was 91. She met our past Club treasurer Ken Larson at Denison University where she was a Delta Gamma. They were married in 1943, and followed Ken's career in the Navy, before settling in Perrysburg to raise their family. She had a thing for numbers and music, loved Bridge, and was a member of Zoar Lutheran Church, where services were held. Their 67 years together produced many great-grandchildren. Ken died in 2010.

Past Club member **George M. Taoka**, professor emeritus of international business at UT, died late last month at Swan Creek Retirement Village. He was 97. After being interned with other Japanese-Americans during WWII, George enlisted in the Army, served in the Pacific Theater in intelligence, and retired as a Major. He went on to earn his doctorate at Columbia. After his first wife of 37 years, Matsuye, died, Dr. Taoka was married to E. Jane Johansen, a UT mathematics professor, until she died in 2003. Through everything, he was always very positive, loved golf, and was a committed teacher. He has two children and a number of grandchildren. He was a charter member of Christ Presbyterian.

October

*Our October Meeting
will be held at
The Grape Leaf Diner
on Friday, Oct. 25th, at 6 PM.*

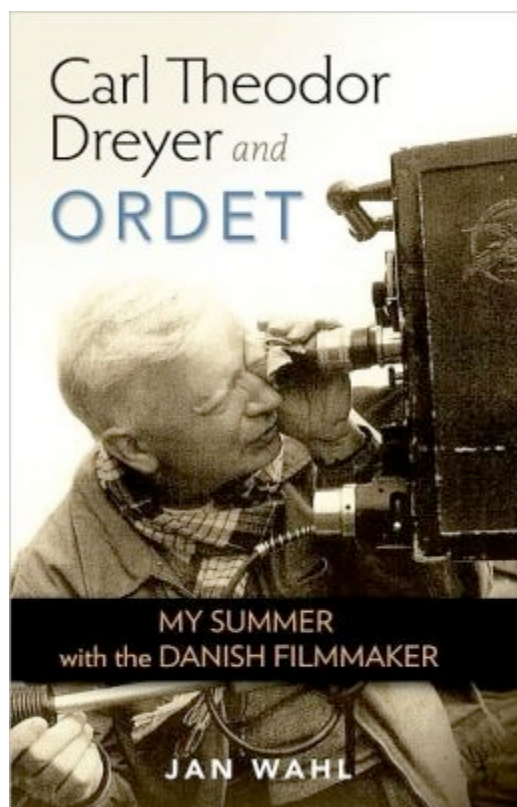
Program :: Long-time Club member **Dr. Jan Wahl** will discuss his recent book about working around the set of the 1955 Danish film **Ordet** (*The Word*) directed by **Carl Th. Dreyer**. Program will follow dinner.

Menu :: We will enjoy a family-style buffet of wonderful Lebanese food of kababs, rice, vegetables, pita, hummus, etc. Also included are light beverages.

Reservations :: Please contact our treasurer, Kris Johnson, at cjohnson143@woh.rr.com or at 419-836-7637. **Reservations are due Thursday, Oct. 24th, by 3:00 PM.** Please leave your **name** and **number attending**. Price is **\$20 per person**, and includes tax and tip. You may pay Kris by check before dinner.

Location :: **The Grape Leaf Diner**, is located 909 S McCord Rd #6, Holland, OH 43528.

DIRECTIONS: The restaurant is located at the corner of **McCord Rd. and Angola Rd.**, just north of Spring Meadows shopping center and Airport Hwy. From I-475, exit at Airport Hwy., and head west for less than a mile. Turn right onto McCord Rd. (at the BP station), and go almost a mile to Angola Rd. Restaurant is on the right, before the stop light. As you walk in, we will be in the meeting room to the left.



Dr. Jan Wahl spent a summer in Denmark, as a young man, on a prestigious Fulbright scholarship, where he seized upon the chance to document the making of the classic film *Ordet*. By taking copious shorthand notes of his conversations with director Carl Th. Dreyer over that summer, Jan has been able to reconstruct the events and mood — behind the scenes — of the making of a great film, by one of film history's great directors.