

A Night for the Red & White Tops \$2 Million Mark



With this year's proceeds, A Night for the Red & White has now raised more than \$2 million over its 20-year history for enrichment in the Shaker schools. About 750 guests attended the fundraiser this year, enjoying dining, dancing, and a silent auction. The gala event attracted a record number of corporate sponsors, and yielded net proceeds exceeding \$108,000. Shown from left are Red & White executive committee members Marisa Matero-Maury, Robin Eisen, Kathy Connors, and Irene Meyerhoefer with Christine Auginas (center), executive director of the Shaker Schools Foundation.

Dollars and Sense

What does money mean to you? What would you save money for? Why were cows first used as money?

A group of Shaker Middle School students had a chance to expound on these and more thought-provoking questions about money when they were asked to appear in an educational video for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. The video, called "Money Visions," explores people's various attitudes and perceptions about money.

The film will be used as part of an interactive display at the Bank's Learn-

ing Center and Money Museum, which is adjacent to the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Cleveland. Students from John Koppitch's English class and Jennifer Weisbarth's math class participated in making the video.

"We have established an excellent relationship with the Community Relations and Education department at the Federal Reserve Bank," said Koppitch, whose classes have toured the Fed every year since 2007. The project is scheduled for completion later this summer. Watch for a link to the video at shaker.org.

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They're Off

Members of the Class of 2012 have been accepted to a diverse array of colleges and universities, including all the Ivy League schools, Ohio public institutions, and private colleges. Here's a sampling of the more than 130 schools that have accepted Shaker seniors:

American University
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Bates College
Berklee College of Music
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Oberlin Conservatory of Music
The Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Ohio University
University of Pennsylvania
Pomona College
Princeton University
Smith College
Spelman College
University of Virginia
Washington University in St. Louis
College of William and Mary
Yale University

On Labor Day Weekend, Come Back to Shaker!

Calling all Shaker grads: the Shaker Schools Foundation invites you to “Come Back to Shaker” on Labor Day weekend for a special Regional Reunion, celebrating the Centennial of the Shaker Heights Schools and community. This special event also coincides with the 30th anniversary of the Shaker Schools Foundation, one of the first of its kind in the nation.

The Regional Reunion takes place on Saturday, September 1, from 12 to 2 pm at Shaker Heights High School, with a cookout on the front lawn, tours of the High School, and a football game at 2 pm. Lunch reservations are \$10.50 for adults, and \$6 for children up to age 12. For questions or to make reservations, call 216-295-4329 or visit shaker.org/foundation. Graduates from all classes, and their families, are welcome.

The City of Shaker Heights is hosting a number of family-friendly events throughout the weekend, including a Rockin’ Party at Thornton Park from 7 pm to midnight on Saturday; a Shaker Homes Tour from 1 to 5 pm on Sunday, September 2; and a Family Movie Night at Chelton Park at 7:30 pm on Sunday. Additional information on these events will be posted at shakeronline.com.



Shaker's Got That Swing!



Student musicians from Woodbury, the Middle School, and the High School delighted a packed house at the Centennial Evening of Jazz concert. For the fourth consecutive year, Shaker has been named a “Best Community for Music Education” by the NAMM Foundation.

Alumni in the News

Jamie Babbit, '89, a Los Angeles based writer, director, and producer, recently directed an episode of the popular NBC show “Smash,” about actresses who vie for the lead role of a hit Broadway musical.

Hilary Beard, '80, is co-author of *Health First!: The Black Woman's Wellness Guide* (with Eleanor Hinton Hoytt). The book addresses black women's most pressing health concerns from adolescence through maturity. A Princeton graduate, Beard worked for 13 years in sales, marketing, and management with Procter and Gamble, Johnson and Johnson, and Pepsi, before leaving the corporate world to pursue a career as a writer. She is an award-winning health journalist and the New York Times best-selling author of *Friends: A Love Story*; *21 Pounds in 21 Days*; *The Martha's Vineyard Diet/Detox*; and *Venus and Serena: Serving from the Hip*.

Michael Cowett, '09, who just completed his junior year at Harvard, ran successfully for Republican State Committeeman for the Middlesex and Suffolk state senatorial district, serving sections of Cambridge and Boston. In addition to Cowett's new role as a political representative, he is editor-in-chief of the Harvard Salient, a journal of political thought. A classics major, he is a recipient of the Bowdoin Prize, one of the highest commendations Harvard University bestows on its students.

Audrey Gyurgyik, '07, a recent graduate of Davidson College, was awarded a \$25,000 fellowship from the Thomas J. Watson Foundation to pursue a full year of independent, purposeful exploration and travel. Gyurgyik will explore a holistic approach to actor training, a form that incorporates the body, soul, and mind. She

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Sara Levine, '88, is the author of the novel *Treasure Island!!!*. Hailed by the New York Times as “a rollicking tale, shameless, funny and intelligent,” the novel features an unnamed 25-year-old woman, working at a dreary job as a pet librarian (yes, you read that right), who finds sudden inspiration in the Robert Louis Stevenson classic of the same name (minus the punctuation). Levine studied English at Northwestern University and earned a doctorate in English from Brown University. She has taught nonfiction writing in the MFA program at the University of Iowa, and is the chair of the Writing Program at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Ari Maron, '96, a partner with MRN Limited in Cleveland, has attracted national attention for the transformative changes he has effected in the Cleveland landscape. He is largely credited for re-creating East Fourth Street as a popular, pedestrian-friendly destination for fine dining and entertainment, as well as the city’s new Uptown area, a booming retail and residential development near University Circle. A serious violinist who initially considered a career in music, Maron joined the family-owned business upon

graduating from the prestigious music program at Rice University.

Geoffrey S. Mearns, '77, has continued his fast ascent in higher education as the newly appointed president of Northern Kentucky University, a rapidly growing public university just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati. The former federal prosecutor served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Cleveland State University beginning in February 2010. Prior to that, he was dean and professor of law at Cleveland State’s Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

David Simmons-Duffin, '02, was named by Forbes Magazine as one of the “30 Under 30” in the field of science. The list recognizes leaders in their field who “aren’t waiting to reinvent the world.” Simmons-Duffin was recognized for his work creating mathematical models of the similarity between quantum particles known as “super-symmetry.” He received his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Harvard in May, and is moving into a new role as a postdoctoral member of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton.

Robyn Minter Smyers, '87, was recently named to the board of trustees of the George Gund Foundation. She is a partner at the law firm of Thompson Hine. Smyers received her undergraduate degree from Harvard and her law degree from Yale. She is also a board member at the City Club, the Museum of Contemporary Art-Cleveland, and the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio. ↗

