



SHAKER FOUNDATION NEWS

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GREETINGS FROM THE SHAKER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION!

Spring, what a welcome concept! The trustees and staff of the Shaker Schools Foundation send warm and sunny wishes to you, along with appreciation for your loyalty and support. We are grateful that Shaker's graduates, parents, neighbors, friends, and organizations continue to express their commitment to the Shaker Heights City Schools, and support our mission to provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of Shaker's students. Thank you again, and happy spring!

Corporate Salute!

The Shaker Schools Foundation is very grateful for the contributions it receives from the corporate community. In this issue of our newsletter, we are pleased to acknowledge our 2010 sponsors. Special thanks go to **Hahn Loeser + Parks LLP**, our *Benefactor* and most generous contributor. We also extend appreciation to the following *Patron Sponsors*, who contribute at the next highest level: **Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP; Jerry Bruno Productions; Forest City Enterprises, Inc.; Hogan Bus Service, Inc.; KeyBanc Capital Markets, Inc.; Northern Trust; Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.; Tucker Ellis & West LLP; Ulmer & Berne LLP; and Wojcik Builders, Inc.**

The Foundation also is grateful to our *Fellow Sponsors*: **Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield; Cleveland State University Foundation; Developers Diversified Realty; The Floor Show; Independence Business Supply; Maestro; National City, now a part of PNC; Neville Architects; and Thompson Hine LLP.**

As sponsors of the Shaker Schools Foundation, these twenty organizations receive recognition at *A Night for the Red & White* and at Foundation events throughout the calendar year. Thank you for your generous support! Visit our website at <http://shaker.org/foundation> for a listing with logos.

An Affair to Remember

The eighteenth *A Night for the Red & White* was held on March 13 at Landerhaven. The event combined the best of its traditions and featured a number of wonderful changes. Technology played a big role this year, both in the Silent Auction and a new video program. The former involved Tech-Stravaganza, which accepted contributions toward Smart Boards, document cameras, flip video cameras, and other technology products used in Shaker's classrooms. Partygoers also had a chance to see photos of each entry in the student art exhibit and of Shaker's students and faculty, as well as the logos of the generous corporate sponsors who support the Shaker Schools Foundation. Thanks to the 750 individuals who attended the *Red & White*, the event was a fantastic success and will support educational enrichment focusing on the arts, technology, health, and fitness in all of the Shaker schools.

Congratulations and thank you to Executive Committee chairs **Jean Albrecht, Cathy Mitro, Janice Harris, and Nancy Jackson**, and to the more than 100 volunteers who worked together on behalf of the Shaker Schools. Brava!



Executive Committee chairs left to right: Jean Albrecht, Cathy Mitro, Janice Harris, and Nancy Jackson

Legacy Gifts

The Shaker Schools Foundation encourages graduates, parents, employees, and friends to consider making a gift to the endowment. Your bequest, trust, or other planned gift will help sustain the Foundation for the long term and ensure its ongoing service to Shaker's students.

We are especially grateful to former Shaker teacher, **Helen Ittner**, for including the Foundation in her will. Her very generous gift will continue her own legacy as an educator, and affiliate her name with the Shaker Schools in perpetuity. We hope Ms. Ittner's example will inspire others to remember the Shaker Schools Foundation in their estate planning.

2009 Annual Report

The Shaker Schools Foundation's most recent Annual Report is now available online at <http://shaker.org/foundation/annualreport>. It recognizes donors whose gifts to the Annual Fund, Auditorium Campaign, *A Night for the Red & White*, and endowment total more than \$35. The most recent Annual Report includes a review of the Foundation's activities during its 2009 fiscal year. The Foundation is also pleased to report that it received a "clean" audit of its financial activities during FY2009.

Have a Seat - Make a Gift!

The Shaker Schools Foundation invites you to consider a very special gift for the "person who has everything" – a seat in Shaker Heights High School's Large Auditorium. Perhaps your child is a member of the Class of 2010, or you want to thank a Shaker faculty member or principal. You can endow a seat in their honor, in your own name, or in the name of other family members, friends, or (if you are an alum) your Shaker graduating class.

Each endowed seat has its own nameplate, and one seat can be named for a donation of \$500. Payment can be made by check (to the Shaker Schools Foundation) or credit card, and your gift is fully tax-deductible. To date, 340 seats have been endowed. More information is available at www.shaker.org/foundation or by calling 216-295-4329.

How to Give

The Shaker Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and gratefully accepts contributions to its 2010 Annual Fund, High School Auditorium Campaign, and endowment. Bequests and memorial gifts are welcome, and donors also have the option of establishing or contributing to a special fund within the Foundation. All gifts are tax-deductible. Complete details are available at <http://shaker.org/foundation/giving>. Thank you!

News of Note

- Fernway School hosted the January 25th meeting of the Shaker Schools Foundation's Board of Trustees. Principal Chris Hayward and fourth grade teacher Katie Settle provided a fascinating glimpse at how technology is used in the classroom. This was particularly relevant because the equipment was purchased through combined funds from the Shaker Heights City School District, *A Night for the Red & White*, and the Shaker Schools Foundation.
- This year, the Shaker Schools Foundation distributed grants totaling \$13,072 to 43 teachers, providing 5,373 opportunities for students to enrich their educations.
- High School seniors **Alison Boyd** and **Rose Egelhoff** have been selected as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. The program was established in 1964 to recognize the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.
- High School senior **David Wemer** won the Regional Shakespeare Competition, and will represent the area at the English-Speaking Union's national competition in New York City at the end of April.
- Fifty High School students will advance to the state-level **National History Day** competition after capturing 30 of the 36 slots at the regional contest on March 13.
- Two teams of High School students qualified for the Third Annual VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas, in late April. They include **Branden Henning, Bridget Mearns, Brian Redline, Christian Warzecha, and Tyler Wiest**; and **Samantha Goldfarb, Maxwell Haber, Geoffrey Hirsch, and Maeve Willis**.
- Thirty-five members of the High School and Middle School **Latin Clubs** brought home more than 180 awards from the 2010 Ohio Junior Classical League Convention held February 26-28, winning the Academic Per Capita (first place) trophy for the first time.
- High School and Middle School **Science Olympiad teams** advance to the state tournament after strong performances at their respective regional competitions, with a fifth place finish for the SHHS team and second place for the SMS team.

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