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GREETINGS FROM THE SHAKER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION!

Summertime is such a treat for most of us in Shaker, and we look forward to this season with anticipation. As the school year ends, we reflect on the extraordinary students, faculty, and staff who are the Shaker Heights City Schools. We also are grateful and proud that the Shaker Schools Foundation receives such generous support from a wide community of donors. You are reading this newsletter because you support our mission, and we hope you enjoy hearing from us periodically.

Endowed Funds

The Shaker Schools Foundation manages 75 endowed funds, which help enhance the educational experiences of Shaker's 5,500 students in a variety of ways. For the 2007-2008 school year, fund proceeds provided \$12,461 in 22 enrichment grants to 31 teachers, resulting in 7,128 enrichment opportunities for Shaker students, staff, and parents. These include new resources for teaching math at Fernway and vocabulary at Boulevard, and for bringing an author-in-residence, Shelley Pearsall, to the Middle School. Other endowed funds provided \$5,448 in support for activities such as women's athletics at the High School and special education at Onaway. Finally, 51 students received awards in recognition of their academic and co-curricular activities this school year. Over the past 12 months, new awards were generated by the **Nikki Babbit Memorial Fund**, **M. Evelyn Dilley Fund**, **Eric and Susan Lindquist Memorial Fund**, and the **Rosewater Family Fund**.



The **David M. Berger Memorial Fund** was established in 1984 in memory of David, a 1962 Shaker graduate and Olympic weight lifter, who was slain while participating in the 1972 Munich Olympic Games. In addition, the David Berger Weight Room was dedicated in tribute to David in 1986. Twenty-two years and several relocations later, 300 to 450 students use the facility daily during the school year. A recent anonymous gift to the Shaker Schools Foundation enabled the purchase of new equipment, such as the Hurricane, on which senior Jefferson Ajayi demonstrates Olympic lift.



Peter's Garden was created in tribute to Peter Morgenstern-Clarren, a 1999 Shaker graduate. With contributions to the Shaker Schools Foundation, a beautiful new garden was established at Onaway School in celebration of Peter's passion for the environment and for the education of youth.



Photos by Cathy Mitro

Shall We Save a Seat for You?

The Shaker Schools Foundation invites you to endow a seat in the High School's Large Auditorium – by making a tax-deductible gift of \$500. Seats can be named in honor or memory of favorite Shaker teachers, family members, or friends. Payment can be made by check (to the Shaker Schools Foundation) or credit card. To date, 295 seats have been endowed. Please help us reach 350 by calling the Foundation at 216 295-4329 or visiting <http://shaker.org/foundation/auditorium>.

Fundraising Updates

- The large auditorium at Shaker Heights High School is fully renovated and functioning beautifully, as anyone who has attended an event there this spring can attest. To date, nearly 480 donors have contributed \$1.12 million to the Auditorium Campaign, for which we are exceedingly grateful. With a goal of \$1.2 million, the Foundation continues to need support. To participate, please visit our website or call (216) 295-4329.
- The Shaker Schools Foundation launched its 2008 Annual Fund in September, and we are grateful to our fall and end-of-year donors for your support. Letters were sent recently to spring donors, and we look forward to hearing from you by the end of our fiscal year on June 30! If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so.
- Despite blizzard conditions, nearly 500 dedicated and hearty Shaker supporters attended *A Night for the Red & White* on March 8th. Thanks to all involved, the event raised \$104,222 for the enrichment of arts, humanities, technology, health, and fitness in each of Shaker's schools.

How to Give

The Shaker Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and gratefully accepts contributions to its 2008 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>.

Foundation Welcomes New Trustees

At its Annual Meeting on May 18, the Shaker Schools Foundation welcomed three new trustees: Derek Green, Matt Lehman, and Robin Weaver.

Derek Green is an executive vice president of National City Bank and the chief credit officer for Northeast Ohio. He and his wife live in the Malvern neighborhood with their six-year-old twins. Derek is a 1981 graduate of Shaker and was inducted into our Hall of Fame last fall. He earned his undergraduate degree at Indiana University and master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. He also serves on the boards of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Shaker's Fund for the Future, and the Diversity Center.

Matt Lehman returned with his family to Shaker in 2005, having graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1987. He and his wife live with their two children in Fernway. Matt is Director of Web Experience at Progressive Corporation and serves on the Finance Committee for the City of Shaker Heights, the Cleveland Hillel Foundation, and the marketing committee of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. His B.A. degree is from Colby College, and he earned an M.B.A. at Cornell University.

Robin Weaver is a partner at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey and a member of the civil litigation department there. His wife Valerie teaches English at the Middle School. They live in Mercer and are the parents of three grown daughters. Robin earned his bachelor's degree at Ohio State University and his law degree at the University of Michigan. He is a fellow of both the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers.

The Shaker Schools Foundation's new officers are **John Murphy**, President; **Larry Pollack**, Vice President; **Craig Stout**, Treasurer; and **Stevie Turner**, Secretary. Nancy Karr was honored and thanked for her leadership as President for the past three years, and Edward Hemmelgarn, Deborah Ratner, and Judith Stenta rotated off the board. They were thanked for their combined 26 years of service to the Shaker Heights City Schools through their work as trustees of the Shaker Schools Foundation.

For More Information

Please visit our website at www.shaker.org/foundation or call us at 216-295-4329.

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