



SHAKER FOUNDATION NEWS

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GREETINGS FROM THE SHAKER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION!

What a lot has happened since our last issue! Our prolonged autumn has ended in the inevitable winter, Shaker's students and faculty have been working diligently during the first half of the school year, and the High School's large auditorium is nearly finished. The Shaker Schools Foundation has been busy too, raising funds to help continue the tradition of excellence in the Shaker Heights City Schools. You are reading this newsletter because you support our mission, and we hope you enjoy hearing from us periodically. Thank you for expressing your commitment to the Shaker Heights City Schools through gifts to the Foundation.

Auditorium Campaign Update

December marks the final month of construction in the High School's large auditorium. As of this writing, the refurbished seats and new carpeting have been installed and the curtain is going up. Each is a deep red, and the presence of these new elements makes a beautiful difference in the appearance of the large auditorium. Please visit our website for photographs of the renovation at <http://shaker.org/foundation>. Soon the restored chandeliers will arrive, as will the equipment for the new theatrical lighting and sound systems.

To date, more than 400 donors have contributed more than \$900,000 to the Auditorium Campaign, for which we are exceedingly grateful. The October 5th performance by Jim Brickman (SHHS 1979) and Anne Cochran (SHHS 1977) was a tremendous success and added \$36,000 to the campaign! Special thanks to Katie Emerson, Benefit Committee Chair, and Eileen Callahan (SHHS 1979), Mary Gray, Donna Jackson, Robin Johnson (SHHS 1979), Nancy Karr, and Kiki Stout (SHHS 1973) for planning this wonderful event. We also appreciate our benefit sponsors: Great Lakes Publishing Company; Kara Consulting; Pearl of the Orient; Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P., and USA Insulation Co., Inc.

If you would like to make a gift, please visit our website or call (216) 295-4329. Contributions from alums will be matched by a challenge grant from the Jonathan Lewis Foundation.

Grand Reopening – Save the Date!

Please mark your calendar for Saturday evening, February 2, 2008. The grand reopening of the restored and renovated large auditorium at Shaker Heights High School will begin at 7:30 p.m. and include a ribbon cutting ceremony and student performances. Details are forthcoming, and we hope you will be able to celebrate with us.

In addition, a special event for all donors to the Auditorium Campaign is being planned for an evening in January. Invitations will be sent to donors when we know the exact date and time. We are pleased to offer this opportunity to "tour" the new space to the generous individuals and foundations whose gifts helped pay for this major capital improvements project.



New carpeting and refurbished seats being installed in the large auditorium.

Shall We Save a Seat for You?

The Shaker Schools Foundation invites you to support the Auditorium Campaign by endowing a seat in the High School's large auditorium. Many donors are endowing seats in honor or memory of favorite Shaker teachers, family members, or friends. Others are doing so in the names of their children or in their own names. Each endowed seat will have its own nameplate. One seat can be named for a donation of \$500, and your gift will be fully tax-deductible. Payment can be made by check (to the Shaker Schools Foundation) or credit card.

We are very pleased that 200 seats have been endowed. To ensure that your name is included by the time of the reopening, please make your gift by December 27 of this year. A form is available online, or you may call us at (216) 295-4329.

A Night for the Red & White

The popular annual benefit, A Night for the Red & White, will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the InterContinental Hotel. This event has raised a total of \$1.3 million to support arts, humanities, and technology in every building in the Shaker Heights City Schools. Co-chairs Heather Fisher and Jean Koznarek are working with their committees to plan a wonderful evening, and we hope to see you there. Invitations will be mailed in January. For further information, please visit the event's web page at <http://shaker.org/foundation/redandwhite>.

Annual Fund News

The Shaker Schools Foundation launched its 2008 Annual Fund in September, and we are grateful to our fall and end-of-year donors for their support. The Annual Fund goal is \$100,000, which will help cover the Foundation's modest annual operating expenses. All gifts to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible and support our efforts to provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of Shaker's students. If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so. Thank you!

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>.

The Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007 allows individuals who are 70½ or older the option of making charitable contributions directly to public charities, such as the Shaker Schools Foundation, from their IRA accounts. Distributions are tax-free to you and will provide much-needed support to the Foundation. If you qualify for such a benefit, please contact your IRA custodian.

The Shaker Schools Foundation is extremely grateful for the support it receives from a large community of donors who believe in the Shaker Heights City Schools. Thank you!

For More Information

Please visit our website at www.shaker.org/foundation.

We are pleased to welcome Cathy Mitro and Holly Wang to the Foundation staff!

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Happy Holidays!

**The Shaker Schools Foundation extends all best wishes
for the December holidays to our friends and donors
...and a happy new year!**