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GREETINGS FROM THE SHAKER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION!

Here we are, nearing the end of 2008, having survived a remarkable and memorable autumn. Your friends at the Shaker Schools Foundation thank you for your loyal and ongoing support and wish you the happiest of holidays. You are receiving this newsletter because you believe in our mission, and we hope you enjoy hearing from us periodically. Thank you again for expressing your commitment to the Shaker Heights City Schools through gifts to the Foundation.

Shall We Save a Seat to Help with Your Holiday Shopping?

The Shaker Schools Foundation invites you to endow a seat in the High School's Large Auditorium. It's a great gift for "the person who has everything," and it supports the Auditorium Campaign. Many donors endow seats in honor or memory of favorite Shaker teachers, family members, children, or friends. Others do so in their own names. 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 tax-deductible. To date, 306 seats have been endowed. More information is available at www.shaker.org or by calling 216-295-4329.



Happy Holidays!!

The Shaker Schools Foundation extends all best wishes for the December holidays to our friends and donors and a Happy New Year!

Raider Women Extend Their Reach

Congratulations to three Shaker Women's Raider teams for participating in district and state finals this year! Shaker sent the first woman golfer in its history, junior **Caitlin Kempton**, to the Division I state tournament. **Lauren Holloway** and **Amanda Polster** represented Shaker in the Division I district tennis tournament, and the girls' soccer team made it to the final four in regional play – as far as they've ever gone. Led by captain **Lizzie Goldsmith**, they pushed the game into overtime with nationally rated Strongsville, eventually losing 2-1. Brava! And, to make their accomplishments all the nicer, the *Plain Dealer* named their coach, **Tom Fowler**, "Coach of the Year".

Regional Reunion - Save the Date!

Please mark your calendar for Saturday evening, **February 28, 2009**. The Shaker Schools Foundation is hosting a Regional Reunion for Shaker graduates and friends in the newly remodeled High School Cafeteria. Dinner begins at 7 p.m., followed by a short program at 8 p.m. and tours of the school. Watch our website for additional information, including the cost, and please plan to join us.

Annual Fund News

The Shaker Schools Foundation launched its 2009 Annual Fund in September, and we are grateful to our fall and end-of-year donors for your 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!

Did You Know?

- The Shaker Schools Foundation Board of Trustees voted to allocate \$11,520 for teacher enrichment grants. These will support activities during the 2008-2009 school year.
- A record 144 Shaker Heights High School students have been named Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their outstanding performance on three or more AP examinations through May 2008.
- Congratulations to Class of 1971 graduates **Marcia Fudge** and **Peter Lawson Jones**, and 1985 graduate, **Lance Mason**, for their successful election to public office. Ms. Fudge will succeed Stephanie Tubbs Jones and represent the 11th district in the House of Representatives. Mr. Jones was re-elected as a Cuyahoga County Commissioner. Mr. Mason was elected judge in the County Court of Common Pleas.

How to Give

The Shaker Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and gratefully accepts contributions to its 2009 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>.

New tax legislation 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 donors and will provide much-needed support to the Foundation. Those who qualify for such a benefit should contact their IRA custodians.

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!

A Night for the Red & White

The popular annual benefit, *A Night for the Red & White*, sponsored by the Friends of the Shaker Schools Foundation, will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at the InterContinental Hotel, starting at 7 p.m. Since it began in 1992, this event has raised a total of \$1.6 million to support arts, humanities, technology, and health and fitness in every building of the Shaker Heights City Schools. Co-chairs **Lauren Bowen**, **Bethany Einstein**, **Cathy Mitro**, and **Jean Albrecht** are working with their committees to plan a wonderful evening, and we hope to see you there. Invitations will be mailed in January. For more information, please visit <http://shaker.org/foundation/redandwhite>.



Geoff & Pam Caldes at A Night for the Red & White

Match that Gift!

The Shaker Schools Foundation is the happy recipient of matching gifts from the following employers: BP, Eaton Corporation, GE, Kaiser, Key, Lubrizol, National City/PNC, Progressive, SIFCO, and Sprint. If you work for any of these organizations, your gift to the Shaker Schools Foundation can be doubled! That's a win-win for all involved.

For More Information

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