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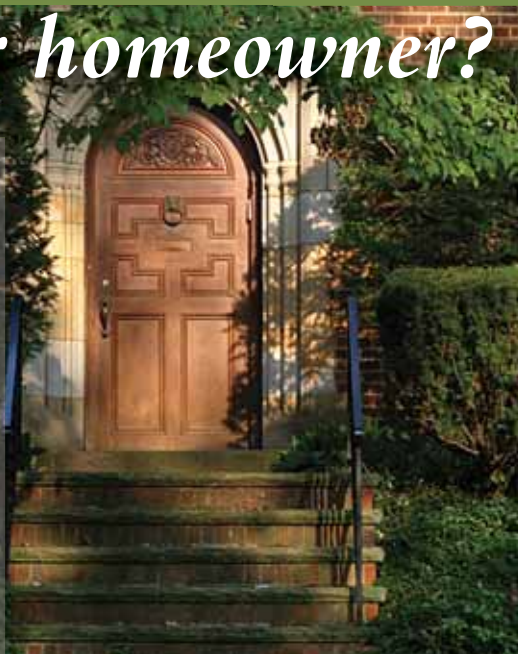
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From our Readers

I just received the October-November issue of Shaker Life with the article about the Hanna Perkins Center's community garden. Beth Friedman-Romell did a wonderful job pulling together all of the information and really wrote a great article about the whole program. Thank you so much.

Karen Goulandris

Hanna Perkins Center for
Child Development
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Election Results

Brian S. Gleisser, Lynn Ruffner, and Rob Zimmerman were reelected to four-year terms on Shaker Heights City Council in November.

Gleisser is Council's senior member, having been appointed to Council in April, 1999. He holds a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, a master's in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University, and a law degree from Cleveland State University. He most recently served as chair of the Landmark Commission and as a member of the City Planning Commission, Community Life & Health Committee, and First Suburbs Consortium.

Ruffner is a founding board member of Family Connections (formerly Shaker Family Center). She holds a master's degree in Education from Cleveland State University. Recently she chaired the Fair Housing Review Board, Human Relations Commission and was a member of the Neighborhood Revitalization and Community Life & Health committees, and the Economic Development Task Force.

Zimmerman is a partner at Benesch Friedlander, where he specializes in liti-

gation and government relations law. Recently he was chair of the Safety & Public Works Committee and a member of the Finance Committee. He also worked with the City's Young Leadership Development initiative.

Norman A. Bliss, Jennifer P. Mearns, and Annette Tucker Sutherland were elected to four-year terms on the Shaker Heights Board of Education, commencing January 1. This will be the first term for Mearns and the second for Bliss and Sutherland.

Bliss (SHHS '83) is senior vice president and manager for First Merit Bank. He is a graduate of Howard University with a bachelor's in economics. He has been involved in the PTO and the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Committee. He and his wife, Maricelly Bliss, are the parents of two Shaker students.

Mearns is a graduate of Bryant University with a bachelor's degree in business. She has been active in A Night for the Red and White, the PTO, and the Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights. She and her husband, Geoffrey Mearns, are the parents of five children who attend the Shaker schools.

Sutherland (SHHS '77) earned her law degree from Vanderbilt University. She has taught at Case Western Reserve Law School and at Notre Dame College. She has twice led League of Women Voters committees on school finance. She and her husband, Mark Sutherland, are the parents of three Shaker students.

The 2010 Census is Coming

The U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount of every man, woman, and child residing in the United States, every 10 years. Beginning in March of 2010, watch your mailbox for a Census questionnaire that must be filled out and returned. Households that do not return a questionnaire after a second request

will receive a phone call or a visit from a Census worker. Census workers will be identified by an official badge.

Why Fill Out the Census?

It's Important – Census data affects our community's representation in Congress, and also directly affects the amount of funding we receive for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation, and much more. Filling out the Census helps to ensure we receive our fair share of state and federal funding.

It's Easy – The questionnaire contains only 10 questions and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Questions include name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home.

It's Confidential – Your responses are protected by law. All Census bureau employees have taken an oath to protect confidentiality. All responses are used for statistical purposes only.

It's Required by Law – All United States residents must be counted, including people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens.

More information about the Census can be found at www.census.gov/2010.

With New "Rec Rewards" Program, It Pays to Play

Now there are more reasons than ever to take advantage of recreational programs offered through Community Life: beginning December 1, participants can earn one point for every dollar spent in registration fees. A \$10 gift certificate will be awarded to residents when they accumulate 1,000 points, and to non-residents when they reach 1,500 points. Points carry over from year to

year. Gift certificates will be awarded on a monthly basis. All registrations made on or after December 1 will automatically be included in the Rec Rewards program. To check out the latest offerings or to register online, visit shakeronline.com. For additional information, call Community Life at 216-491-3204.

Free Counseling Offered to Avoid Foreclosure

The Housing Advocates, Inc., in cooperation with the City of Shaker Heights, offers free housing counseling to Cuyahoga County residents every Tuesday from noon to 4 pm at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, 3450 Lee Road. HAI is approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to offer comprehensive housing counseling. Homeowners who are delinquent on their mortgage, are concerned about their ability to continue to pay their mortgage, or are currently in foreclosure, are encouraged to take advantage of this service. Counselors can assist homeowners in negotiating forbearance agreements, loan modifications, and other options that may be available. To qualify for assistance, homeowners must meet the following criteria:

- Live in Cuyahoga County
- Property must be the primary residence
- Owner must be on the loan
- Owner must still own the property

Please note that HAI cannot assist with homes already sold at Sheriff's sale. Appointments are required; call the Save Our Homes from Foreclosure (SOHF) hotline, 216-370-2283. Please bring copies of all loan closing documents to expedite the process.

Winterize Your Home Safely

As you prepare for the winter months, the Shaker Heights Fire Department wants you to keep these important safety tips in

mind.

Water pipes can burst in extreme weather. To prevent this from happening, consider installing insulation around water supply lines. Open kitchen or bathroom cabinets below sinks to allow warmer air to circulate around water lines. If you will be away from home for an extended period of time, do not set the thermostat below 55 degrees. Have someone check your home occasionally while you are gone.

Furnaces should be inspected and cleaned professionally each year. Make sure that all furnace and emergency shut-off controls are in proper working order. Never attempt to make furnace repairs yourself. Inspect the ceiling and walls near your furnace along with the chimney line. If the walls are discolored or hot, additional clearance or pipe insulation may be required.

Electric space heaters should be placed away from anything flammable, and should be plugged directly into an outlet, not an extension cord. Never block a room exit with a space heater, and never leave the house unattended when they are in use. The SHFD does not recommend using kerosene heaters. They use a combustible liquid and are not vented, which can cause dangerous levels of carbon monoxide to build up in the home. The use of self-contained liquid petroleum heaters is dangerous and prohibited.

Fireplaces should have a metal or glass screen in front of them to prevent sparks from starting a fire in your home. Burn only dry, seasoned wood in the fireplace. Burning paper (especially wrapping paper) can ignite creosote in the chimney. Never go to bed before the fire is extinguished.

Check smoke detectors to make sure the batteries are working. Smoke detectors must be installed on each level of the home. Homeowners should also establish and practice a home fire escape drill that includes two escape routes out of the home.

Fire Fighters Thank Residents for Giving Generously

It's a familiar Labor Day sight: fire fighters at busy intersections with boots in hand, collecting donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This year, the Shaker Fire Fighters Union Local 516 collected over \$3,000 from Shaker residents for the MDA. Terry Cowoski, President of the Association, wants residents to know that their "generosity does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. MDA is truly a worthwhile charity, and I would like to offer a sincere thank-you to Shaker residents for their generosity."

Vital Statistics Fee Increase

The Ohio Department of Health has mandated that all Ohio Local Registrars increase the price of each certified copy of birth and death records by \$5. The new fee for birth and death certificates is now \$24 per copy. Four dollars of the increase goes toward the ODH and one dollar to the Shaker Heights Health Department. To request a certified copy of a birth or death certificate, residents can contact the Health Department at 216-491-1480.

New "Wayfinding" Signage at Shaker Square, University Circle

Tourists – and locals – now have an easy time exploring the local cultural scene, thanks to new "wayfinding" signage at Shaker Square and University Circle. Studio Graphique at Shaker Square designed the distinctive signage to be highly visible, with a cohesive look and contemporary, bold colors. Signage at Shaker Square includes designated public parking areas, map kiosks directing visitors to restaurants and retail venues, and light pole banners lining Shaker Boulevard. For University Circle, the firm designed a series of modern sculptural signs that guide pedestrian and vehicular traffic to cultural institutions and landmark destinations.

Shaker News Briefs

- The American Planning Association of Ohio has awarded Shaker resident **David B. Hartt** its 2009 Outstanding Planner Award for his “outstanding achievement and sustained contribution to the profession through distinguished service.”

Hartt is the President and founder of D.B. Hartt, Inc. Planning and Development Consultants, and is a long-time member of the Shaker Heights Planning Commission. He provides consulting services in comprehensive planning, zoning consultation, and zoning code development. He has served on numerous boards, including the Ohio Planning Conference, the Ohio Planning Foundation, and the Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation.

Shaker City Council member Brian Gleisser, who also sits on the City Planning Commission, says “David Hartt is most deserving of this award. His experience, perspectives, and creativity as one of the state’s leading city planners adds immeasurably to the professionalism of the City Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Shaker Heights is a better place because of David’s commitment and involvement.”

- Shaker resident **Carter Strang**, a Partner with Cleveland law firm Tucker Ellis & West LLP, was sworn in as President of the Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter. (Another Shaker resident, U.S. District Court Judge Dan Polster, performed the swearing in.) Under Strang’s leadership, the FBA Chapter will provide coaching for a Cleveland Municipal Schools team to compete in the 2010 Cleveland Mock Trial Championship. Strang also plans to help the Chapter expand its reach by partnering with law schools throughout the district it serves, which includes Toledo, Youngstown, and Akron. Strang recently received the Ohio Association of Civil Defense Attorneys 2009 Distinguished Contributions to the Community Award.

- The Ohio Library Council has selected the **Friends of the Shaker Library** as the recipient of the 2009 Ohio Friends of the Library Recognition Award. The Award was created in 1987 to recognize Friends groups that perform imaginative and effective activities that increase community awareness of their library.

“In addition to the financial support of the library, the Friends has helped to increase the public’s awareness of the library through creative programming and collaborative cooperation with other groups in the City of Shaker Heights,” said Margaret Simon, public relations coordinator for the Shaker Library.

The Friends have provided extensive financial support to the library through working to pass levies and bond issues, selling merchandise, organizing semi-annual book sales, and holding membership campaigns. The group funds two major literacy campaigns: the Homework Center at Shaker Main Library, and the annual Summer Reading Program.

Seasonal Reminders

What’s Your Number? In an emergency, would the police or fire department be able to find your house number? City ordinance requires residents to display their address in a way that is clearly visible from the street – either above the door, upon the door frame or door step of the entrance, or upon a sign in the yard or tree lawn directly in front of the home. Check to be sure your house number is easy to spot in every season; homeowners should trim shrubbery as needed and remove any snow that may obscure a sign placed in the ground.

Bicycle Licensing: Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, December 5 and January 9 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

Child Care Seats: Is your child buckled up safely? The Fire Department offers

free safety checks. Call 216-491-1200 for information or to make an appointment.

Nominations for Customer Service:

The City appreciates nominations from residents for outstanding customer service – above and beyond expectations – provided by City employees. Nominations are accepted all year long for recognition in the spring of 2010. Instructions can be found in the Human Resources section of the City website, shakeronline.com, as well as at the reception areas of City Hall, Shaker Community Building, Court, Police, Fire, Public Works and Thornton Park.

Contractors: While the City cannot recommend contractors, lists of contractors registered with the City can be viewed at shakeronline.com. Lists are updated regularly.

Dogs: Dogs are not permitted to run at large, and owners are required to immediately remove all waste deposited by their dogs on public or private property that is not their own. Dog waste must not be put in City waterways, sewers or on the curb-side, as it poses a health hazard. Nuisance dogs should be reported to the Public Works Department, 216-491-1490.

E-News Updates: Don’t miss a thing! Sign up to receive emailed news about your community. Visit the homepage of shakeronline.com and enter your email to select the information you wish to receive.

Go Green Program: Learn how best to reduce your energy consumption. The City’s discounted energy audit can help determine how to save energy costs in your home. Price: \$400 (homes with one heating system), \$475 (homes with two heating systems), and \$250 (condos). Call 216-491-1370 for more information.

Jogging: Street joggers may not obstruct traffic and are required to wear reflective

clothing at night.

Lost Pets: If you have lost a pet, call the Public Works Department at 216-491-1490 (after hours or emergencies, 216-491-1499).

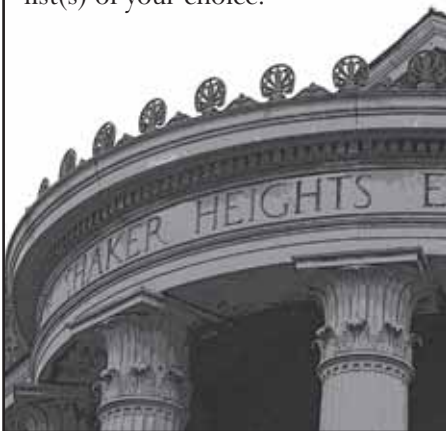
Noise: The playing of radios, television sets, musical instruments, and similar devices is prohibited between 11 pm and 7 am weekdays and 11 p.m. and 9 am Saturdays and Sundays, if they create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.

Domestic Power Tools: Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawn mower or other similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment, outdoors between the hours of 9 pm and 7 am, or on Saturday or Sunday before 9 am is prohibited.

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Parking Ban: There is no parking permitted on Shaker streets between 2 and 6 am.

Power outages: Please call CEI, not City Hall: 888-544-4877.

Rubbish pickup: Collections scheduled on or after the following holidays, will be one day late: Christmas, New Year's Day, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Call the Public Works Department, 216-491-1490, to report a missed pickup. Calls must be received the next business day. To receive an email reminder when pickup is delayed a day, sign up for the City's email list at shakeronline.com.

Safe City Hotline: To anonymously report any suspicious activity, call 216-295-3434.

Security: The Police Department reminds residents leaving town on vacation to lock securely all windows and doors and to make arrangements for the house to be checked periodically, the newspapers and mail to be picked up and the lawn to be mowed regularly.

Sewer Safety: Prevent sewer problems before they begin!

- Do not flush paper towels or commercial wipes (baby, household, automotive, etc.) down toilets. Discard with trash only.
- Do not wash grease down the sink or toilet. To safely discard, put into a container, allow to harden, then include with trash.
- Do not place trash, debris or grass clippings in catch basins located along street curbs.
- When you hire a plumber to snake your property lateral, please contact Public Works afterwards. The City will inspect the public side of the line to be sure that both sides remain clear.

To ask a sewer-related question or report a problem, call the Public Works Department at 216-491-1490. For emergency

service, the City will attempt to provide temporary relief by accessing the test tee on the property. If the City is unable to locate the test tee, it becomes the homeowner's responsibility (per City ordinance) to hire a private contractor or plumber to locate the tee.

Snow Policy: Residents are asked not to park their cars in the street when snow reaches a depth of two inches or more. Please remember that residents are responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks fronting their property when snow is less than six inches deep. The City plows sidewalks only if the snowfall is deep and when scheduling allows. The City does not plow residential driveways. Snow removal contractors must be registered with the Police Department and their permit clearly displayed. Do not push snow into the street, onto sidewalks, or displace it onto another person's property.

Wood-burning Stoves and Fireplaces: These should be cleaned and inspected regularly. Burn wood only and do not use accelerants to light a fire.

Wood Chips: Wood chips are available year round at the Canoe Club on South Park Blvd. Residents must bring their own containers and shovels.

Yard Waste: October 15 to December 15 is Leaf Collection season. City Crews are equipped to pick up leaves, grass clippings, hedge trimming and garden waste from tree lawns (never in the street). Brush collection is suspended temporarily during leaf collection. When crews are busy with snow removal, brush collection is maintained as weather permits only. Landscapers should be advised to remove any brush collected during this time period.

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REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between July 1 and July 31, 2009 appear below. The first list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale **within the last 10 years**. Excluded are “quit claim” transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

| ADDRESS | 2009 SALE PRICE | PRIOR SALE PRICE |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2713 BELVOIR BLVD | \$ 330,000 | \$577,500 (2004) |
| 3120 CHADBOURNE ROAD | \$ 185,000 | \$195,000 (2000) |
| 3280 DALEFORD ROAD | \$ 168,500 | \$168,000 (2000) |
| 22539 DOUGLAS ROAD | \$ 336,250 | \$356,500 (2008) |
| 24037 DUFFIELD ROAD | \$ 287,000 | \$291,000 (2004) |
| 20875 FAIRMOUNT BLVD | \$ 105,000 | \$109,778 (2008) |
| 3104 FALMOUTH ROAD | \$ 345,000 | \$340,000 (2007) |
| 17321 FERNWAY ROAD | \$ 245,000 | \$253,000 (2007) |
| 3578 GLENCAIRN ROAD | \$ 99,000 | \$160,000 (2000) |
| 20849 HALWORTH ROAD | \$ 130,000 | \$143,500 (1999) |
| 2908 HUNTINGTON ROAD | \$ 315,000 | \$287,000 (2002) |
| 3716 LYTLE ROAD | \$ 208,000 | \$140,598 (2008) |
| 3185 ONAWAY ROAD | \$ 325,000 | \$346,500 (2003) |
| 18000 S PARK BLVD | \$ 820,000 | \$675,000 (2006) |
| 19806 SCOTTSDALE BLVD | \$ 186,500 | \$168,300 (2002) |
| 3621 SUTHERLAND ROAD | \$ 115,500 | \$145,000 (1999) |
| 3150 WARRINGTON ROAD | \$ 205,000 | \$161,635 (2008) |
| 2921 WEYMOUTH ROAD | \$ 183,000 | \$230,000 (2001) |
| 2720 WICKLOW ROAD | \$ 565,000 | \$610,000 (2007) |
| 23521 WIMBLEDON ROAD | \$ 192,000 | \$250,000 (2006) |
| 3690 WINCHELL ROAD | \$ 148,000 | \$170,000 (2005) |
| 23651 S WOODLAND ROAD | \$ 230,000 | \$205,000 (2005) |

LIST OF HOUSING TRANSFERS WITH A PRIOR SALE WITHIN 15 YEARS:

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|----------------------|------------|------------------|
| 24139 SHELBURNE ROAD | \$ 242,000 | \$164,000 (1994) |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|

LIST OF HOUSING TRANSFERS WITH A PRIOR SALE WITHIN 20 YEARS:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 3305 INGLESIDE ROAD | \$ 228,000 | \$170,000 (1990) |
| 16700 PARKLAND DR | \$1,500,000 | \$800,000 (1989) |

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

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Newly Certified and re-Certified Shaker property addresses and their owners’ names are listed in this publication. The listings represent the best rental properties the City has to offer. For a complete list of Certified properties and to find out about vacancies, call 216-491-1332 or check the City’s website, shakeronline.com.

Learn how to qualify by calling Jacqueline Patterson the Housing Specialist at 216-491-1333.

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2560 N Moreland Boulevard
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Greg Goldberg
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3561 Daleford Road,
Owner, Grace Scales
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3459 Glencairn Road,
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3714-16 Latimore Road,
Owners: Zak & Elizabeth Sowle
Certified 2009

3434 Lynnfield Road,
Owners: George & Andrea Clark-Holt
Certified 2009

15804 Scottsdale Road, Owners:
Dominick Liberatore & Andrea Beight
Certified 2003, 2004, 2009

18012 Winslow Road,
Owners: Harry and Michael Graham
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19606 Winslow Road,
Owners: Bill & Carol Lindow
Certified 2003, 2009

19621 Winslow Road,
Owner: Sandy M. Jones
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Shaker Renovator Program Encourages High-Quality Renovations

In order to encourage investors and rehabbers to perform high-quality renovations on properties they buy in Shaker Heights, the City has developed a special incentive program for qualified participants.


Who can participate: Investor buyers/rehabbers of Shaker Heights properties who are currently registered as a general contractor with the City of Shaker Heights and have done at least two qualified renovation projects in the City within the past 18 months. Qualified renovation projects are ones that include upgrades beyond the correction of code violations, and where the interior work met Certified Shaker quality standards.

Requirements: Must be in good standing with the Housing Inspection and Building Departments, do not owe any property or income tax to the City of Shaker Heights, do not own any properties in Shaker that are in foreclosure, and have favorable references.

Incentives: Rehabbers are required to put 100 percent of estimated repair costs in escrow, as opposed to 150 percent. No interior drawings will be required, unless structural changes are made. Completed homes will receive free marketing through the City's website.

To apply: Rehabbers must complete an application (downloadable from Forms & Permits at shakeronline.com) or by visiting the Neighborhood Revitalization

Department, 3450 Lee Road. Rehabbers must receive written confirmation that the property is eligible before beginning work. Rehabbers must maintain City standards throughout the project in order to qualify. Rehabbers may have no more than two homes enrolled in the program at one time.

For questions or more information, contact the Neighborhood Revitalization Department, 216-491-1374. 



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Check-Out Challenge

In 2009, Shaker Library received two prestigious designations, one as a five-star library by the 2009 Library Journal Index, the other as a Top Ten Library by the Hennen American Public Library Rankings 2009 Index, which placed the library among the top 100 public libraries in the nation.

The Library continues its tradition of excellence and seeks the community's help to surpass last year's circulation of 1,365,000 items. The Library is currently behind last year's circulation. Adding a degree of difficulty to this year's circulation goal is the fact that budget cuts have forced the library to close for furlough days in November and December, as well as the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Residents can help the Library keep its five-star rating by checking out books, movies, and music to help the Library surpass last year's circulation.

Are you up for the challenge?

Call for Memories

Did you get your first library card at Bertram Woods? Do you have a fond memory of children's storytimes? How did the library branch affect your life? Bertram Woods Branch will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2010 and the Library seeks personal stories to include in a memory book that will be published to honor the occasion. Residents with memories to share can send them to memories@shakerlibrary.org.

Meet-the-Author Series Continues at Woods Branch

The Library's meet-the-author series continues at Bertram Woods Branch this winter with appearances by Joseph Sestito in December and John Tidyman

in January.

Wednesday, December 16, at 7



Sestito

pm, Joseph Sestito, author of *Write for Your Lives: Inspire Your Creative Writing with Buddhist Wisdom*, will speak about how to write a persuasive book proposal for agents and publishers, how to inspire writers to stick with their projects, and how to write with creativity and enjoyment.

Sestito completed his Master of Science in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University in 1992. He has more than 20 years of experience working with adults as a psychotherapist or coach. Most recently he has focused on coaching aspiring authors and writers who want to reach a higher level in their careers. He is an expert in helping people overcome writer's block and other creative dilemmas. According to Sestito, "You only fail permanently if you stop writing and submitting your material."

Wednesday, January 20 at 7 pm, John



Tidyman

Tidyman, author of *Gimme Rewrite, Sweetheart!* will speak about the glory days of Cleveland newspapers, the men and women who reported the news, and the photographers who snapped the action in the 1950s, '60s, and '70s when fierce competition between the *Cleveland Press* and *The Plain Dealer* made daily newspapers the most exciting business in town.

Ordered by his father to take a touch typing class the summer before high school, Tidyman often cites that incident as the reason he became a writer.

After graduating from Lakewood High School, he was drafted into the army and fought in the Vietnam War. He returned as a "buck sergeant." Before he joined the *Cleveland Press* as a reporter, Tidyman worked as a waiter, a warehouseman, and an airfreight agent. He is the author of eight books and has written for almost every area publication.

Following both author talks, books will be available for sale and signing. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the books goes to the Library's Endowment Fund.

Poetry Back in the Woods

*Here is where people,
One frequently finds,
Lower their voices
And raise their minds.*

— *The Library* by Richard Armour

Take a break from the hectic holiday pace and enjoy an evening of poetry at 7 pm Tuesday, December 15 at Woods Branch when Grace Butcher and David Hassler read their poetry.

Grace Butcher is the editor of *The Listening Eye*, a national publication featuring the work of some of the finest writers in the United States and Canada. She is the author of six books of poetry including *Child, House, World*, for which she was awarded the Ohio Poet of the Year 1992. Her poems have appeared in *Rising Tides: 20th Century American Women Writers*, *When I Am an Old Woman, I Shall Wear Purple*, *American Sports Poems*, *Best American Poetry 2000*, and *The Poetry Anthology: 1912-2002*.

A professor emerita from Kent State-Geauga where she taught English for 25 years, Butcher is a horsewoman and lifelong competitive runner. Her sports articles have been published in

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PLAY AND LEARN STATION

AT MAIN LIBRARY

A free preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with children, ages birth to five years

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

6-8 pm Tuesdays

No registration required.

(Closed Thursday, December 24 & Thursday, December 31.)

PLAY AND LEARN BABIES

A special room filled with literacy-based activities just for babies from birth to 18 months with parents or caregivers

10 am-noon Thursdays & Saturdays

No registration required.

(Closed Thursday, December 31.)

PLAY AND LEARN STATION

FOR CAREGIVERS

A preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for caregivers to explore with children, ages birth to five years

10 am-noon Wednesdays

One-time registration is required; call Family Connections at 216-921-2023.

Play and Learn programs are offered in collaboration with Family Connections.

SATURDAY PRESCHOOL STORIES IN THE PLAY AND LEARN STATION

Stories and fun for preschoolers

11 am Saturdays

No registration required.

(Closed Saturday, November 28.)

NESTLINGS

It's never too soon to begin sharing books with babies! Enjoy songs and rhymes, books and bounces in this class for babies 5 to 15 months with a grown-up.

Winter session: Jan. 12–March 3

9:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

9:30 am Wednesdays at Main Library

Child must be target age by January 11.

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning December 14.

FLEDGLINGS

Experience the wonder of words through stories and songs, movement, puppets and fun in this story time for children 15 to 24 months with a grown-up.

Winter session: Jan. 12–March 3

10:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

10:30 am Wednesdays at Main Library

Child must be target age by January 11.

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning December 14.

TERRIFIC TWOS

Stories, songs and movement for 2-year-olds with an adult

Winter session: January 11–March 4

10 am Mondays or Wednesdays at Woods Branch

10 am Tuesdays or Thursdays at Main Library

Child must be 2 years old by January 11.

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Monday, December 14.

PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories, rhymes, and fun for children 3 through 5 years

(Fall Session ends Thursday, December 10.)

Winter Session: January 5–March 25

1:30 pm Tuesdays and 10 am Thursdays at Woods Branch

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library

No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.

PAJAMA STORIES

AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories for children ages 3 and up, with or without an adult

7:15 pm Monday, December 21

Registration begins December 7.

7:15 pm Monday, January 11

Registration begins December 28.

FREE FAMILY FLICK

AT MAIN LIBRARY

2 PM Wednesday, December 30

G-Force (Rated PG)

A valiant squad of guinea pigs attempts to stop a sinister billionaire from taking over the world in this hilarious Disney family feature. Thanks to Friends of the Shaker Library, which underwrites the movie licensing rights.

AFTER-SCHOOL ADVENTURES

(Grades 1 & up)

Looking for something to do after school? Drop by the library for stories, crafts, games, and more. No reservations required. Fun guaranteed!

Winter session: Jan. 11–March 4

4:15 pm Mondays at Woods Branch

4:15 pm Thursdays at Main Library

WRITERS CLUB AT MAIN LIBRARY

(Grades 2–4)

An enriching program that encourages children to express themselves using their imagination and words. Poetry, creative fiction, letters, postcards and newsletters, menus and maps are just some of the literary forms that young writers will explore.

Winter session: Jan. 12–March 2

4:15 pm Tuesdays

Registration begins December 15.

MEET AMERICAN GIRL DOLL**SAMANTHA**

(Grades 1–5)

Listen to a passage from the first book in the doll's series, play a game, make a craft, and enjoy a snack from Samantha's era.

2–3:30 pm Saturday, December 12 at Main Library

Registration began November 30.

2–3:30 P.M. Saturday, January 9 at Woods Branch

Registration begins December 26.

THE HOMEWORK CENTER**AT MAIN LIBRARY**

(Grades 2–6)

Free homework help provided by teachers under the supervision of Mrs. Cheryl Darden, Special Education Supervisor, Cleveland Public Schools funded through MyCom.

4–6:30 pm Mondays & Wednesdays in Meeting Room F (second floor)

Closed Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King Day

(The Homework Center will be closed December 21 until Monday, January 4.) *An adult must be present to register the student at the first visit. Students must be picked up by 6:30 pm.*

Sports Illustrated, *Runner's World*, and *Ohio Runner*. Also an actor, Butcher recently won a best supporting actress award for her performance as Birdie in *Girls of the Garden Club*, produced by Geauga Lyric Theatre.

David Hassler is the director of the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State University and author of two books of poems, most recently *Red Kimono*, *Yellow Barn*, for which he was awarded Ohio Poet of the Year 2006. With photographer Gary Harwood he is the author of the documentary book, *Growing Season: The Life of a Migrant Community*, which received the Ohioana Book Award, the Carter G. Woodson Honor Book Award, and was a finalist for the Great Lakes Book Award.

He is co-editor of *Learning by Heart: Contemporary American Poetry about School*, *After the Bell: Contemporary American Prose about School*, and *A Place to Grow: Voices and Images of Urban Gardeners*. He has received an Individual Artist Fellowship and an Artists and Communities grant from the Ohio Arts Council.

Hassler received a B.A. from Cornell University and an M.F.A. from Bowling Green State University. His poems and essays have appeared in *Prairie Schooner*, *The Sun*, *DoubleTake/Points of Entry*, *Indiana Review*, and other literary journals.

Poetry programs are generously sponsored by Friends of Shaker Library.

Seeking a Senior Project? Look to the Library

The Library's Local History Collection has copies of some outstanding Shaker Heights High School senior projects that focus on Shaker Heights history and architecture. In some cases, the Local History librarian served as mentor for the seniors, or helped by providing material from the Local History Collection. In other cases, students donated copies of their projects to the Local History Collection.

These senior projects not only add important insights and detail to our under-

standing of Shaker Heights history, but also demonstrate the many talents of high school seniors. All of these projects are available for interested researchers to peruse on-site.

One of the most recent additions to the collection is Natalia Cabrera's 2008 video, *Looking Back: Reflections on Shaker*, which includes interviews of SHHS alumni, including Peter Lawson Jones, as well as teachers such as Dr. Terry Pollack. The video captures their memories of the school from years past.

Qi Wang's 2006 photographic project, *Through the Lens: Shaker Houses Then and Now*, incorporated the Local History Collection's photos of Shaker Heights houses from the 1920s and 1930s. Wang used old photos as the basis for his project and took contemporary photographs from the same angles. The result is a fascinating then-and-now comparison that reveals changes in landscaping, painting, and other features.

Brian Math's 2004 project on the architectural history of SHHS describes the original 1931 building and its many additions. Full-color photographs not only reveal the high school's many beautiful features, but also catalog which original details remain and which changed in the various iterations.

Chris Sweeney's 2004 senior project is a series of photographs documenting the historical sites in Shaker Heights, most of which relate to the former location of workshops, mills, and other buildings of the North Union Shakers.

Andrew Henoch's 1999 project on architect Munroe Walker Copper, Jr. stemmed from a personal connection, as the famed architect designed his family home. His resulting photo essay examines several of Copper's outstanding designs in Shaker Heights.

Other senior projects date back to the 1980s and 1970s, including Jill Nagusky's 1983 essay on houses, businesses, and parks, and Stewart Fink's and Victor Ptak's 1974 project on sites in Shaker Heights

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they felt merited designation as local landmarks. Since then, many of the sites they highlighted have been so designated by the City's Landmark Commission.

Seniors interested in history, architecture, or other aspects of our unique city are welcome to contact Local History librarian Meghan Hays for assistance or mentoring in their projects.

Library Sponsors 12th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Student Writing Contest

The library invites young people in grades 3 through 8 to enter its 12th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest. Students are asked to answer the question, "What are some things that you are able to do to help people of different races, religions, nationalities, and cultures learn to get along?"

Winners in each category (grades 3 and 4, 5 and 6, and 7 and 8) will receive a U.S. Savings Bond, and their works will be incorporated into a commemorative poster.

Contest rules and application forms are available at both libraries. The deadline is Friday, December 11. Winners will be notified in January and will read their winning entries at the Library's Awards Ceremony on January 15.

Sample Blue Food at Camp Half-Blood

Move over Harry Potter. Make room for Percy Jackson. In February, the film adaptation of the first book in Rick Riordan's series, *The Lightning Thief*, will open at local theatres. To celebrate the excitement, the Library will set up Camp Half-Blood from 7-8 pm Thursday, January 28 at the Main Library.

Families can sample blue food (Percy's mother is always cooking up some type of blue food) and join in games and tournaments for fun and prizes. Register beginning January 14 in person, online, or by

calling 216-991-2030 ext. 3141.

Rick Riordan writes the popular series. The former teacher mixes mythology with mayhem in the person of Percy Jackson, the son of the Greek god Poseidon, and Sally Jackson. Books in the series include: *The Lightning Thief*, *The Sea of Monsters*, *The Titan's Curse*, *The Battle of the Labyrinth*, and *The Last Olympian*.

Book Discussions

10 AM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Book Buzz: *The Double Bind* by **Chris Bohjalian**. A 26-year-old social worker becomes obsessed with a box of photographs that belonged to a deceased homeless client.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Mystery Book Discussion: *What Was Lost* by **Catherine O'Flynn**. Nearly 20 years after the disappearance of 10-year-old Kate Meaney, a sighting and new information combine to reopen the investigation into a cold case.

2 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

AT BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

Mosaic Book Discussion: *Palace Walk* by **Naguib Mahfouz**. While engaging in nightly trysts with his mistress of the moment, a duplicitous Cairo merchant rules his family according to the Koran.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion: *The Old Man and the Sea* by **Ernest Hemingway**. This magnificent fable of an old man, a boy, and a giant fish won the 1954 Nobel Prize for Literature.

NOON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Reflections Book Discussion: *Holidays On Ice* by **David Sedaris**. A collection of humorous stories provides a behind-the-scenes look at America's sacred Christmas traditions.

NOON SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Reflections Book Discussion: *Run with the Horsemen* by **Ferrol Sams**. This coming-of-age story is a young man's account of growing up in the South during the Depression.

2 PM SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

AT BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

Mosaic Book Discussion: *Dance Hall of the Dead* by **Tony Hillerman**. Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn of the Navajo Nation Tribal Police searches for two missing boys.

10 AM TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Book Buzz: *Still Life* by **Louise Penny**. When Miss Jane Neal's body is found in the Canadian woods, Montreal Surete's homicide investigator, Armand Gamache, quickly determines that her death was no hunting accident.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Mystery Book Discussion: *The Lizard's Bite* by **David Hewson**. Exiled to Venice by his superiors in Rome, detective Nic Costa investigates the apparent murder-suicide of a prominent glassmaker and his wife.

7 PM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Business Book Discussion: *Eat That Frog! 21 Great Ways to Stop Procrastinating and Get More Done in Less Time* by **Brian Tracy**. This humorous and practical look at common-sense time management techniques is written by a prolific author of books on personal and professional development.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion: *Les Misérables, Part One* by **Victor Hugo**. This classic tale is set amid the political upheaval in 19th century France.

The Bookshelf: Giving and Caring throughout the Year

Creating a World Without Poverty: Social Business and the Future of Capitalism by **Muhammad Yunus with Karl Weber**. PublicAffairs, 2007. A Nobel Peace Prize winner and Grameen Bank founder discuss social businesses, companies that turn a profit while helping to ease poverty, homelessness, and hunger.

Do Your Giving While You Are Living: Inspirational Lessons on What You Can Do Today to Make a Difference Tomorrow by **Edie Fraser and Robyn Spizman**. Morgan James Publishing, 2009. Inspiring entries show how an individual or an organization has made a difference and suggests simple ways that readers can do the same.

The Giving Family: Raising Our Children to Help Others by **Susan Crites Price**. Council on Foundations, 2001. Practical examples help you show your children the pleasures of helping those in need.

Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World by **Bill Clinton**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2007. The former president's stories of people and organizations changing lives near and far demonstrate that service and activism have the power to make the world better.

Grassroots: A Field Guide for Feminist Activism by **Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005. Find ideas on how to move from the passive activism of donating money to making a more personal impact.

International Voluntary Work by **Victoria Pybus**. Vacation Work, 2007. This guide to international volunteer work includes both long and short-term opportunities for rewarding projects in the U.S. and abroad.

The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty by **Peter Singer**. Random House, 2009. This thoughtful and com-

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elling book challenges readers to consider their responsibilities to the impoverished people of the world, and to give more to help them.

The Power of Kindness: The Unexpected Benefits of Leading a Compassionate Life by Piero Ferrucci, translated by Vivien Reid Ferrucci. J.P. Tarcher/Penguin, 2006. A transpersonal psychologist suggests everyday ways to help others and to gain a personal sense of happiness and accomplishment.

Practice Random Acts of Kindness: Bring More Peace, Love, and Compassion into the World by The Editors of Random Acts of Kindness. Conari Press, 2007. This course in kindness uses meditations, quotes, and true stories to show how a simple act of kindness can make the world more peaceful.

Saving the World at Work: What Companies and Individuals Can Do to Go Beyond Making a Profit to Making a Difference by Tim Sanders. Doubleday, 2008. A former Yahoo! executive offers solid examples of how the workplace can make a difference locally and globally.

The Senior Volunteer: Where and How Retired Americans Can Give Back by Charles C. Sharpe. McFarland, 2005. This guide discusses the rewards and the benefits of volunteering while focusing on the productive activities of retired and older Americans.

Values-Driven Business: How to Change the World, Make Money, and Have Fun by Ben Cohen and Mal Warwick. Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2006. A Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream co-founder and a Social Venture Network chair team up to demonstrate how to run a profitable and socially responsible business.

Volunteer Vacations Across America: Immersion Travel USA by Sheryl Wolff Kayne. Countryman Press, 2009. Find the perfect volunteer vacation for you, your teen, or your family. A geographic index

of opportunities, including helping people; serving communities; working with wildlife; protecting the environment; or preserving national parks and treasures, is included.

Teen Scene

Teen Center Hours

(Ages 12-17)

3:30-8 pm Monday through Thursday

WINTER BREAK:

Schools are closed for winter break, but the Teen Center is open!

3:30-7:30 pm Mondays, December 21 & 28

3:30-7:30 pm Tuesdays, December 22 & 29

3:30-7:30 pm Wednesdays, December 23 & 30

Winter Movie Marathon in the Teen Center

Watch holiday classics on the big screen - TV that is! Enjoy a different holiday movie each week. Check out the list in the Teen Center. Refreshments will be served. No registration needed.

4:30-7:30 pm Wednesday, December 2

4:30-7:30 pm Wednesday, December 9

4:30-7:30 pm Wednesday, December 16

4:30-7:30 pm Wednesday, December 23

4:30-7:30 pm Wednesday, December 30

Get Gaming! at Woods Branch

(Ages 12-17)

Whether you're a first-timer, a beginner or a pro, spend some time on our Wii, Xbox, or PS3!

2:15-3:15 pm Saturday, December 5

Registration began November 21.

TAB I Meeting at Main Library

Final Meeting for TAB I members

7:30-8:15 pm Tuesday, December 15

Game On! in the Teen Center

(Ages 12-17)

Grab your friends and boogie on down to the library for the latest in board games, video games (Wii & Xbox) refreshments, and more!

4-7:30 pm Wednesday, January 13

Registration begins December 30.

Free Book Swap for Ages 12-17 at Woods Branch

Stop in with up to three books (in good condition) that you've read, and exchange them for something new. Help your unwanted books find new homes and score new titles FREE while enjoying hot chocolate and cookies. Books not chosen will be donated to Friends of the Shaker Library Book Sale.

2:15-3:15 pm Saturday, January 16

No registration required.

TAB II Meeting at Main Library

First Meeting for TAB II members

7:30-8:15 pm Tuesday, January 19

Hey Demigods! Camp Half-Blood Wants You!

Calling all Percy Jackson and The Olympians fans, mythology fans, demigods and their families! We're setting up our Half-Blood Camp with games, tournaments, food, fun and prizes in celebration of the February 12 movie release date.

7-8 pm Thursday, January 28 at Main Library

Registration begins January 14.

Free Computer Classes at Main Library

Make a resolution to end the old year or to begin the new one with new or enhanced computer skills. The Library offers free training in a small class setting. For more information or to register, call 216-991-2030 ex. 3185.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

GOOGLEMANIA™

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Registration began November 23.

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Registration begins December 28.

Learn searching strategies, tips and tricks for finding better information using Google™.

BASIC WORD PROCESSING

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Registration began November 23.

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Registration begins January 18.

Learn to format documents using Microsoft Word software.

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

Registration began November 23.

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Registration begins December 28.

Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, including formatting and design, printing options, and using basic formulas.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

GOOGLE DOCUMENTS™

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Registration began November 30.

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Registration begins January 11.

With just a web browser, work on documents, spreadsheets, and databases over the Internet. Invite others to edit the documents and work collaboratively.

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7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Registration began November 30.

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Registration begins December 28.

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INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT ®

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Registration began November 30.

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Registration begins January 11.

Learn to create a slide show with text and graphics, to edit slides, and to add sound and animation.

HOW TO BUILD A WEB PAGE

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Registration began November 30.

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Registration begins January 11.

This 90-minute class explores HTML, the language used to create many of the web pages found on the Internet.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:**ONLINE JOB HUNTING**

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Registration begins December 7.

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Registration begins December 28.

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Registration begins January 4.

This class can help job seekers develop Internet and computer skills needed for online job hunting.

MOUSE CLASS

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Registration begins December 7.

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Registration begins January 4.

Learn to use the computer mouse in ninety minutes.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:**SCAMS AND SPAM**

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Registration begins December 7.

Criminals and thieves use the Internet to bilk people out of money. Learn to recognize and avoid the scammers and spammers.

WEB EMAIL

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Registration begins December 7.

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Registration begins January 18.

Learn to create and access a web email account and to send and receive messages.

WINWAY RESUME WRITING

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Registration begins December 21.

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Registration begins January 11.

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, JANUARY 25

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GameGirlz

Calling all girls from 8 to 108! Drop in to learn how to play Wii and Sony Playstation 3 games or to improve your skills. Games will be set up from 4 to 7:30 pm Thursday, January 21 on the second floor of the Main Library.

Bring your girlfriend or bridge the generation gap and challenge your mother or grandmother to a game of Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, and PS3's LittleBigPlanet. Register online or call 216-991-2030.

**Shaker Arts Council and
Library Collaborate on
Art Gallery**

Shaker Arts Council has joined with the Library and Friends of the Shaker Library to collaborate on the Shaker Art Gallery, located on the second floor of the Main Library.

In keeping with the Shaker Arts Council mission and the Library's purpose to enrich the Shaker community and provide a venue for Shaker artists, the Shaker Arts Council will curate, install and manage four exhibits each year in the Shaker Library Art Gallery and will also help the library with its Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition.

Their first exhibit, entitled *Of Shaker By Shaker*, features the art of Shaker residents and is on display through January 10, 2010.

All artwork is available for sale and a portion of the proceeds is shared with Shaker Arts Council and the Shaker Library Endowment Fund.

**'Tis the Season...
to Value the Library**

Residents value the library for many different reasons: for children's programs from story hours to homework help, for teen programs that offer young adults

constructive out-of-school-time activities, for Internet access and free computers, for book discussions that help to keep community members connected, and for art and poetry programs that refresh the soul. Indeed, the Library is a retreat with resources.


At a time when Library trustees are watching the budget more closely than ever, a gift to the Library is highly valued. The Library's income is dependent on a variety of sources. Local taxes provide approximately 66 per cent of the library's income. Friends' contributions through volunteer fund-raising events, such as their semi-annual book sales, help to bring in additional funding. Other sources of support come from generous community members in the form of donations of like-new books, the purchase of books to honor friends or loved ones, or a gift to the Library Endowment Fund.

A unique new way to help support the Library is through the purchase of one or more \$3 fine free cards to give to a youngster to help clear his or her Library Card, or as a gift to a friend who never finishes the book on time. Residents can also purchase gift cards and donate them to the library to use at their discretion to forgive fines for those who may not be able to afford to pay their fines.


Recent Gifts to the Library

The Library has received gifts to the Marilyn Kammer Memorial Fund in honor of Randy Kammer and Jeffery Wollitz's marriage from Mary and Christopher Anderson, Beverly Bailey and Kevin McCarty, Darryl Deaktor, Alissa and Henry Gruner, Suzanne and Mark Horne, Anne and Charles Joseph, Margaret Melzer, and Betsy Amster.

Randy Kammer donated to her mother's memorial fund in memory of Anna Barrett, John Gaus, and Carol Keating, and to honor Sharon Jones, Jenny Maurisak, Macy Wadford, Nadine Smith and Andrea Hildebran,



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Onaway resident Mary Ann Hall, executive editor of Rockport Publishers/Quarry Books, donated five books published by her company that the Library would not have been able to purchase. The new book titles are: *Jewelry With Hardware, Gems, and Beads* by Nicole Noelle Sherman, *100 Ideas for Stationery, Cards, and Invitations* by Laura McFadden, *Wedding Journals & Keepsake Gifts* by Tammy Kushnir, *Altered Paper Jewelry* by Jenn Mason, and *True Vision: Authentic Art Journaling* by L.K. Ludwig.

Barbara Mandel donated assorted boxes of knitting catalogs and books.

For information about giving, contact Library Director Luren Dickinson at 216-991-2030.

Hats Off to Knit Night Knitters and Caps for Kids

Again this year, Shaker Library staff and members of the Library's Knit Night are working on the community service project, Caps for Kids. Volunteers will knit or crochet hats, scarves, or mittens, which will be donated to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Project ACT for distribution to homeless children. Last year, more than 100 caps were donated.

Residents can knit or crochet a hat, scarf, or mittens from one of their favorite patterns, or they can pick up a basic hat pattern at either library or download instructions online.

All caps should be brought to Bertram Woods Branch by December 9 so they can be delivered to Project Act to distribute the evening of December 10.

Library Appreciates Friends

The Library will hold a Friends Appreciation Luncheon from noon to 2 pm Wednesday, December 9, on the second floor of the Main Library. At that time, Friends will also be honored by the Ohio Library Council for being the 2009 Ohio Friends Group of the Year.

Friends Sells Book Lover Calendars and Kicks Off 30th Anniversary with a Notable Books Contest

Friends of the Library sells Book Lovers calendars for \$6 at the Circulation desks at both libraries. The cost is \$6, but Friends members can purchase them for \$5. Supply is limited. Buy your book lover a calendar soon.

Each year, the American Library Association's Notable Books Council selects a list of 25 important fiction, nonfiction, and poetry books for adults published during the previous year. The Notable books will be announced January 17 at the midwinter American Library Association meeting.

As a kick-off to the Friends of the Shaker Library's 30th anniversary, they want to know what books *you* think are notable. Please list up to five books and their authors published in 2009 that you feel deserve the distinction.

Entries that include one or more titles also on the ALA list will be entered into a drawing for a \$30 gift card to Barnes and Noble Bookstore. Entry forms are available at both libraries and online. The contest ends January 15 and winners will be notified January 22.

Library Closings

Both libraries will be closed Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. The Library will be closed Thursday, December 31

for a Furlough Day and January 1 for New Year's Day. Both libraries will have a delayed opening at 10 am Friday December 11.

Both libraries will be closed Monday, January 18, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Weather Reminder!

The Library will close when the snowfall, wind chill factor and road conditions make travel hazardous. During blizzard conditions when travel advisories are in effect, please be sure to call ahead to make sure that the library is open.

In the event of a weather emergency, please make contingency plans for your school-age children, who may be at the library and need a ride home. Rest assured that no fines will be charged for material returned a day late due to a Library closing.

End Notes

- **Knit Nights** will be held from 7-8:45 pm Thursday December 10 and January 14 at Woods Branch. Bring a project. Get or give help at these sessions moderated by master knitter Fern Braverman.
- Artists interested in entering the library's **11th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition** are encouraged to pick up an entry form online or at the Circulation desks at either library after January 1. Submission and prize information is included on the applications. For more information about the art contest, please call the library at 216-991-2030.
- **The Library Board** meets at 6:30 pm Tuesday, December 15 and January 12 in the Main Library Board Room.
- **Friends of the Shaker Library** meets at 7 pm Tuesday, December 15 and January 19, at the Main Library.







Wine Story

The combination of Marianne Frantz's love of wine and teaching has made her one of Shaker's most successful entrepreneurs.

BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON
PHOTOS BY JANET CENTURY

Shaker resident Marianne Mortimer Frantz was born to run a wine school.

With a bachelor of science degree from Wright State University in her hometown of Fairborn, Ohio, she taught chemistry at Bellbrook High School. Then she became an expert in organizing special events in New York, where her growing interest in wine led her to study at the International Wine School Center run by the London-based Wine and Spirit Education Trust.

During the '90s, while living in New York, she worked for American Express, managing events that featured the foodie elite – Julia Child, Emeril Lagasse, Robert Mondavi, Jacques Pepin – before the Food Network catapulted them to \$75,000-a-day culinary superstar stipends.

She also befriended Kevin Zraly, one of the world's premier wine experts and author of the best-selling *Windows on the World Complete Wine Course*, whom she assisted with special events at the *Windows on the World*, atop the World Trade Center.

"And her last name sounds like 'France,'" Zraly, says with a laugh.

The man who gave her that name, however, husband Jerry, a managing venture partner at Jumpstart, Inc., a venture development organization that invests in early-stage businesses in Northeastern Ohio, urged her to start her own wine school.



At the wine school, Marianne Frantz and husband Jerry chat with Shaker residents (from left) Mike Harvey, Jim Harris, Penny Harris, Barb Weltman-Gonick, and Gary Weltman. **Opposite page:** Shaker residents Edward Hemmelgarn and his wife Jan Hammond.

Both had worked for Ohio's famed Kenley Players, a touring summer theater group founded and owned by Jerry's uncle, John Kenley, and later met in New York, where Jerry was earning his MBA at Columbia University, when his aunt set them up on a blind date.

By 2001, Jerry, originally from Brecksville, had already moved back to Cleveland, while Marianne divided her time between Manhattan and Cleveland, until 9/11 destroyed the World Trade Center and changed everything for her industry.

"After 9/11, for a long time it wasn't appropriate to do anything frivolous" Frantz says. "Asking someone if they wanted to pay money to see a chef was just too silly." Fortunately, she already had fallen in love with Shaker Heights after touring it with her husband.

"I told him that if we can live in Shaker, I'll move to Cleveland," she says. "I've been all over the world, and I had never seen anything like it. Our friends who come to visit just fall in love with Shaker, too."

There was another factor in her decision to move to Shaker. Eager to continue her wine studies, she had been searching for a Master Sommelier somewhere in the Midwest to apprentice with, and expected to end up in Chicago or Detroit. But she found one in Cleveland in the person of the late John Unger from Parma, who was in the process of reopening Lockkeepers restaurant in Valley View.

Jerry continued to encourage her to open her own school. Then their sister-in-law Darlene, who lives in Shaker and works at Boulevard Elementary School, informed Marianne that some of the teachers were interested in learning how wine could be a healthy part of one's diet.

In early 2002, a group of 20 teachers met at the Frantz home, not far from the school. Marianne taught the group about wine; a doctor friend of hers explained the health benefits. Then they all gathered around her dining room table and “shared food and wine.”

“When that was finished, I said, ‘You’re right, Jerry. I should start a wine school.’”

History in A Bottle

For the next few years, Marianne offered classes at Lockkeepers, and then moved the school down the road to Independence. Then in 2007, she bought her current location in Beachwood, on Richmond Road in Science Park. This fall, she changed the name from the Cleveland Wine School to the American Wine School – Cleveland, since she has started to open branches in other cities, including Columbus and Chicago.

“I told my husband that if we can live in Shaker, I’ll move to Cleveland. I’ve been all over the world, and I had never seen anything like it. Our friends who come to visit just fall in love with Shaker, too.” – Marianne Frantz



Affordable Wines that Bring Good Cheer

(All of the wines mentioned here are available at the American Wine School-Cleveland. If you need help selecting wines for your holiday menu or you are looking for special holiday wines and gift baskets, contact Marianne directly at mfrantz@americanwineschool.com)

BY MARIANNE FRANTZ

When selecting wines for holiday gatherings, versatility drives the choice making medium-bodied, approachable wines your best bet. So how do you know if you've got one? First, check out the alcohol content on the label. Dry wines with 12.5-13.5 percent alcohol are typically medium bodied and will pair well with most buffet fare. Second, look for wines crafted in warm regions. Ripe fruit often creates a juicy flavor profile resulting in a fun and festive wine. Cheers.

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2007 Four Vines Naked Chardonnay, Santa Barbara, California (\$12)

This wine is 100 percent Chardonnay "au naturel." Fermented in stainless steel, the wine has not seen oak making it crisp, clean, and yummy with food.

2008 Susana Balbo de Crios Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina (\$16)

Malbec grown in the warm growing region of Argentina offers juicy aromas of strawberry, cherries, and spice. Perfect partner for wintry meat dishes.

2008 Skouras Zoe Rosé, Peloponnese, Greece (\$13)

Cranberry hue with ripe raspberry, cherry aromas, and a hint of spice. From starter salads to the main course, this rosé is the perfect partner for dishes crafted using berry sauces.

2005 Juan Gil, Jumilla, Spain (\$17)

Made using 100 percent old vine Monastrell, this wine is bursting with dark sweet aromas of cherries, vanilla, and candied fruit. Concentrated in flavor and aromas, the wine can stand up to fuller bodied dishes such as stews and roasts.

“I will always keep the headquarters in Cleveland,” she declares. “But I definitely want other locations.”

Patrons have several options to enjoy the classes and activities at the Beachwood location. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 6 pm to 8 pm, in the earthy and warm ambiance of the school, Frantz offers Wine and Spirit Education Trust beginner and intermediate classes. She also offers the Trust’s professional courses for people who work in the restaurant and hospitality industries. Frantz is currently the only person certified to teach WSET courses in Ohio.

Thursday evenings are set aside for special events for nonprofit organizations or company party rentals. Friday and Saturday nights are open to the public. On those nights, the school functions as a Napa Valley-style tasting room, not as a wine bar. Although the approach is always relaxed and fun, visitors are there to learn about different wines and their components. They may also bring and share food, with bread and cheese being favorite staples, so there is a definite social element, too.

“My whole reason for getting into the industry is education,” Frantz explains. Frantz and her staff are the “anti-snobs” of wine. She even keeps a bottle of Mogen David 20/20, better known as “Mad Dog” 20/20, on a shelf behind the bar to keep everyone grounded.

“I’m not into making people insecure,” she says. “We want to turn people on about wine.”

Jim and Penny Harris, regular patrons at the school and Frantz’s Shaker neighbors, find it unique to Cleveland.

“With a wine tasting at Marianne’s, you not only taste the wine, but you really understand virtually everything there is about the wine,” Jim says. “It makes it much more interesting than just going to a regular wine bar.”

Frantz has trained approximately 50 so-called wine captains, including her husband, Jerry, to assist with events at the school itself as well as other locations — such as The Fabulous Food Show at the IX Center, held every November.

“Marianne explains things in a way that’s easy to understand,” says Tiko Kokhreizde, a native of the country of Georgia who moved to Shaker Heights with her husband, Rezo, in 2008, took Frantz’s wine classes, and became a wine captain.

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Yvonne Hathorn of Private Affair Caterers (right) frequently works with Marianne in matching food with wine at the American Wine School-Cleveland.





Luren Dickinson in his element.

Library Leaders

Love Living in Shaker

BY RITA KUEBER

PHOTOS BY CAYDIE HELLER

Shaker Heights has an embarrassment of riches in many quality-of-life categories. Add librarians to the list. Shaker is the epicenter of where librarians love to live, as the leaders of four of the area's most prominent systems call Shaker Heights home. They are a diverse and dynamic group who know each other professionally, and see each other around the neighborhood.

But should you have the idea they come together to sip tea and discuss Great Novels, think again. Today's library leaders have positions as tough and rigorous as the most deeply entrenched corporate executives.

Now if they just had a little more time to read....

Luren Dickinson

Director, Shaker Heights Public Library

Favorite authors: Mark Twain, James Thurber, Edgar Allen Poe, Richard Wright

Luren Dickinson has worked in libraries in California, Texas, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Ohio, in Findlay and Toledo. No matter the location, he's made it a personal policy to live where he worked and to be active in the community. Shaker is no exception.

When he and his wife, Shawn, and their college-aged son and daughter moved here in 2005, they first rented, then bought a house so close to the Main Library that Dickinson walks to work every day. He is quick to point out, however, he does not walk the two miles to and from Bertram Woods branch as did one of his predecessors, Barbara Luton, the director from 1975 to 1994.

An affable man with a ready smile, Dickinson talks about the authors he's met, including John Updike, Judith Viorst, and Elmore Leonard, and some of the programs and interactive workshops he's created.

But "the higher you get in library administration, the less your job is about books and reading," he says with a touch of regret. As the "CEO" for the library, he oversees 125 employees housed in two buildings serving 33,000 residents with a budget of more than \$5 million. And Shaker Heights libraries are busy places: The system is in the top 10 in the country in terms of materials checked out, with an average of well over 40 items per person per year.

Asked about the close proximity to his fellow library directors he laughs, and points out his office window. "See that house? That's Felton's."





Felton Thomas and daughter Marissa.

Felton Thomas

Director, Cleveland Public Library

Favorite authors: J. D. Salinger, James Baldwin, Malcolm Gladwell and other authors writing about leadership

When Felton Thomas talked about moving to Cleveland, invariably his co-workers at the Las Vegas-Clark County library system would mention Shaker Heights. The same thing happened to his wife, Linda. So when Thomas was named director of the Cleveland Public Library in January 2009, Shaker was on his mind.

As director, Thomas oversees the historic Main Library, its 28 neighborhood branches, the CLEVNET consortium for automation and online services for 30 library systems in nine counties, the federally-assisted Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the Ohio Center for the Book, and two mobile libraries.

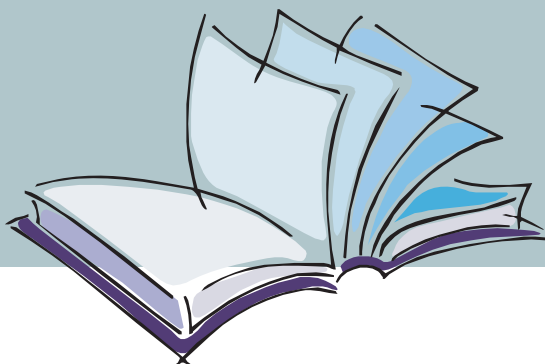
While living in a Cleveland apartment waiting for his daughters Marissa and Kayla's school year to end, Thomas asked people about places to live. "The leader was always Shaker Heights," he says. The family looked briefly at other communities, but ended up here. It was the right decision.

"We love our house. The kids love the community. We go exploring every day, getting to know the people in the community and the different businesses. We're very happy with the choice we made," Thomas says.

Since moving in, Thomas mentions he's been by Luren's house and Sari's, but didn't realize Nancy lived in Shaker as well. "Sari and I have been to lunch and she eased that thought about living where you direct. She's a big proponent of Shaker and of finding the house that best suits your family," he says.

And with his house a stone's throw from the Shaker Main library, where does his family go for books? "I've banned my kids from crossing the street," he jokes. "Actually, my kids do go there – Shaker is part of our CLEVNET system, and they have a great staff."

But what Thomas is really looking forward to is a gathering of all four leaders. "We've talked about getting together with our families so everyone could meet each other," he says, and he expresses confidence that such a meeting will happen soon.



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Nancy Levin and her daughter Joanna.

Nancy Levin

Director, Cleveland Heights-
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Favorite authors: Annie Dillard, Barbara Kingsolver, Joseph Ellis. and young adult authors John Green and Sherman Alexie

Since 1991, Nancy Levin has lived in Shaker Heights on Rolliston Road, Chalfant Road, Parkland Drive, Norwood Road, and Normandy Road. With each move, she recalls thinking “this is my chance to move to the country.” But she never took advantage of the opportunity and opted instead to raise her three girls, Allison, Claire, and Joanna in Shaker Heights. In fact, when she was interviewing for her current position, she was asked if she would move to Cleveland Heights. Her response was she would – as soon as her children were out of the Shaker Heights schools.

Levin, an Ohio native who graduated from Kent State University, worked as a librarian’s assistant for the CH-UH system. After a stint at the Rocky River library system as deputy director, Levin accepted the role of director for the merged CH-UH system in 2008.

Levin oversees three neighborhood branches on Cedar, Coventry, and Noble roads, plus the main library on Lee Road with its new annex across the street (formerly a YMCA), which houses library programs and the new Dobama Theater. CH-UH is an award-winning system recognized for its programming, circulation, and service to its more than 60,000 residents, or as Levin points out, their “customers.”

Of her neighborhood, Levin mentions she sees Luren walking to work, knows Sari Feldman, and sent a long welcome letter to Felton on his arrival.

“I just love having next-door neighbors who care and help each other out,” she says. “I just love the idea that someone would notice if something was wrong.”

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Sari Feldman and her 10-year-old rescue dog, Roy.

Sari Feldman

Executive Director,

Cuyahoga County Public Library

Favorite authors: David Wroblewski, Toni Morrison, Anne Tyler, Pat Conroy – but the list is always changing.

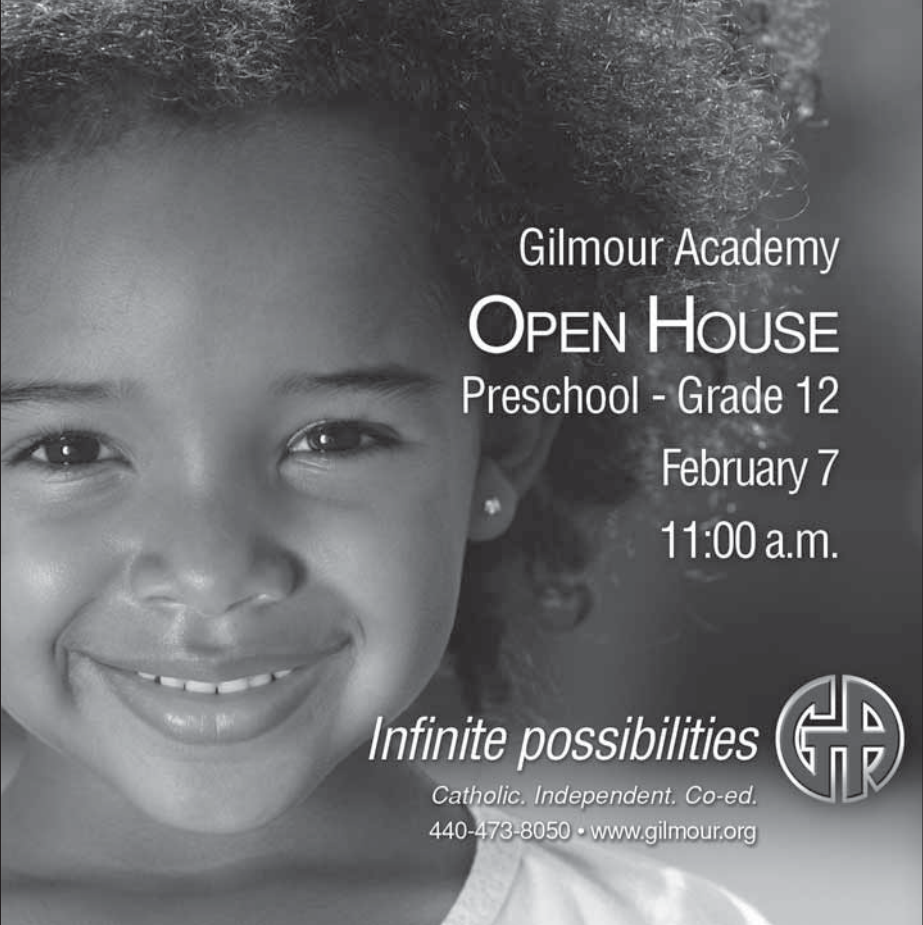
Of her 12 years in Cleveland, Sari Feldman spent five years as Cleveland Public Library's Deputy Director and the past five years at the helm of the county system. When she, her husband Matt, and daughters Bridgette and Meg moved into town, not knowing a soul, they rented a house on Winslow so they could explore the lay of the land. It was Meg's tour of Lomond School that convinced them to purchase a house in Shaker.

While the girls, both graduates of Shaker Heights High School, are now grown, Feldman remains dedicated to Shaker as a "comfortable place for a library director, because the residents so obviously love and respect the printed word. There's a value placed on education here," she says.


Cuyahoga County's system is as stellar as Shaker's, albeit on a larger scale. Feldman oversees 28 branches serving 47 communities, with a circulation of more than 16 million items for over seven million patrons. Additionally, this past July Feldman began a one-year term as president of the Public Library Association, which has over 11,000 members nationwide. As part of her duties, in November she spoke at a summit on public libraries – in China.

Of her neighbors, she says she sees Luren walking his dog, sees Nancy at Heinen's, and she spotted Felton downtown last summer. But the four leaders tend to communicate most often with emails and phone calls, recently working on a unified response to threatened budget cuts to libraries throughout the state.

"We have our controversies," Feldman says. "Just not with each other."



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A Passion for Helping Others

How two Shaker High grads – “just two friends with two suitcases” – are changing the world.

BY NANCY O’CONNOR

PHOTOS BY JANET CENTURY

Get involved in extracurricular activities at Shaker High and you will “have more fun and get more out of your high school years,” students are promised at the start of the school year. With more than 60 clubs and activities to choose from and given the extras that they offer – from finding new, like-minded friends to leadership opportunities – many parents encourage their children to join up.

But even in-the-know adults might be surprised at the impact a high school club can have on the course of a child’s life. The Slive and Lawrence families surely didn’t foresee what was to come when their daughters joined the Model U.N./Junior Council on World Affairs as Shaker freshmen in 2001.

“That club was our first introduction to larger-scale issues and problems in the world,” says Lauren Slive, now a law student at Emory University in Atlanta, who is also working on a Master’s degree in public health.

“It totally opened our eyes to what was going on in the world beyond Shaker Heights,” adds Emma Lawrence, who is headed to medical school with plans to practice in underdeveloped countries.

What the close friends (both class of ’05) learned through the Model U.N. not only opened their eyes, it touched their hearts and ignited their determination to help. They started an International Volunteering Club at Shaker High and traveled to Costa Rica to volunteer at a school for children with disabilities. Later, as students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, they founded Project HEAL, a nonprofit organization dedicated to facilitating health outreach projects in Ghana, West Africa (www.projectheal.net).

Now Lauren and Emma have launched MedPLUS Connect (www.medplusconnect.com), as they describe it, a “green, sustainable enterprise that serves to connect underserved

health systems in developing countries with recovered medical supplies from the United States.”

Project HEAL

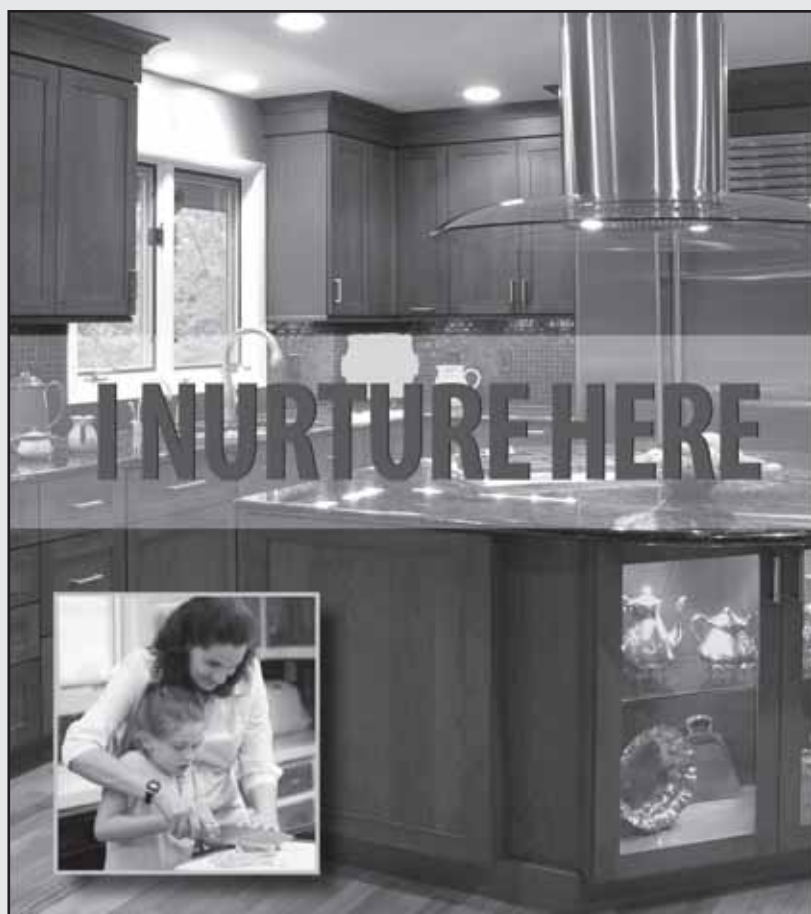
The impact of MedPLUS Connect will undoubtedly be great; Project HEAL’s is already immense. It is because of Project HEAL that shoeless boys and girls in the rural farming village of Lawra, Ghana, now have adhesive bandages on the ever-present cuts and scrapes on their feet. Fewer now suffer the severe infections that were so commonplace before their families lacked basic first aid knowledge or supplies. Project HEAL is also why the lone doctor and handful of nurses at the underfunded Lawra District Hospital now have surgical gloves, vital signs monitors and other medical essentials, and computers for maintaining patient records and accessing medical research and training online.

It was Emma who first witnessed the health care needs in Lawra. She spent several months in the region with a volunteer program during the summer after her freshman year at UNC.

“I’d never before imagined ordinary cuts becoming such a problem,” she says. “It seems so simple – you get a cut on your foot, so you go to the medicine cabinet and get a bandage. But these children in Ghana would have these horrible wounds on their feet from walking miles to school or playing soccer barefoot. We had to take several of the kids to the hospital for care.” She learned some parents followed the local custom of rubbing coal into open wounds, and sterile bandages were practically nonexistent.

Back at UNC, she shared what she had seen with Lauren and another friend, Elliott Miller of Canton, Ohio. The three

Emma Lawrence, Lauren Slive, and her mother Harriett at the Slive residence, September 2009.



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decided to take action and Project HEAL was born.

“We wanted to take a preventive approach,” explains Emma, “so we developed the idea of workshops taught in collaboration with local nurses and Lawra residents. We wanted to teach parents how to treat scrapes and wounds using the first aid supplies we would provide.”

Lauren’s mother, Harriett, an attorney, helped the girls establish Project HEAL as a nonprofit organization; Emma’s younger brother, Jack, created a website for the new entity. The students returned to Ghana the following summer with two suitcases of basic first aid supplies and began laying the groundwork for Project HEAL initiatives.

They met with hospital personnel to determine their most pressing needs and arranged host families for future student volunteers. Meanwhile, outreach got un-



Opposite page: Emma and Lauren collecting medical supplies at MedWish in Cleveland.

This page: Lauren Slive among schoolchildren in Ghana. PHOTO COURTESY PROJECT HEAL.

The students received contributions from many Shaker residents and organizations to help build a playground at a children’s home in Ghana. “It’s been incredible for us to connect our project back to the Shaker community,” says Emma.

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Project HEAL's Source: MedWish

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

The son of a prominent doctor, Lee Ponsky grew up to become a prominent doctor: chief of the Division of Urologic Oncology at University Hospitals Case Medical Center.



It wasn't so much the science of medicine that lured him, "but the way people looked to my dad to help them navigate a difficult situation," he says. "That was the appeal."

That principle still

guides his work.

After graduating from Shaker High in 1989, Lee studied at the University of Rochester in New York. During a summer break, he took a life-altering trip to Nigeria as a medical volunteer.

"I worked alongside a missionary surgeon as his scrub technician," he says. "We started each day washing out the rubber gloves we'd used the day before and making sutures from fishing line. I saw the need for basic medical supplies and decided to help fill it."

In 1993, while a student at Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine, he started MedWish International in his garage. With the help of family and friends, he began recovering and recycling medical supplies that area healthcare providers had to discard. MedWish, in turn, donated the materials to those providing medical care in developing countries throughout the world.

"We began as a mom-and-pop operation with no funding and no employees. My younger brother Zac helped pick up supplies

from hospitals to earn community service hours at Shaker High," Lee says. MedWish now collects a million pounds of medical supplies a year from Cleveland's major hospitals as well as from medical supply companies nationwide. Individuals, mission groups, and charitable organizations like Project HEAL distribute the supplies to more than 80 countries worldwide.

"We're literally saving lives with the equipment we send, such as dialysis machines that still operate well but have been replaced by newer models," says Lee, who now serves as MedWish's president while a staff of five runs the operation. "We're also saving the environment – all of the materials we collect would probably have ended up in landfills."

Lee is currently working with his brother Zac's organization, MedWorks, to bring free health care services to uninsured Cleveland-area residents. At its first mass health care clinic last July, hundreds of people received medical, vision, and dental treatments from volunteers.

On behalf of MedWish International, Lee received Special U.S. Congressional Recognition for his dedication to the international health community and commitment to quality health care and volunteerism. In 2005, he was recognized as a Cleveland City Year Community Champion for his ongoing commitment to serving the greater Cleveland community.

He invites readers to visit MedWish's warehouse in the Cleveland Clinic Parker Building on Euclid Avenue.

"You'll be blown away. It's like a Home Depot – aisles and aisles of medical supplies." The organization also welcomes donations of money and time. "We're a home-grown organization that, like other nonprofits, struggles in today's depressed economy. Or, if anyone could help connect us with foundations or help write grants, get in touch."



Emma Lawrence in Ghana. PHOTO COURTESY PROJECT HEAL.

derway back at home.

“We definitely had it in our minds from the outset that in addition to leading trips for other U.S. students, we wanted to educate people at home and engage them in helping to make a difference,” says Lauren. Project HEAL volunteers began making presentations and conducting fundraising and first aid kit drives in the Chapel Hill area and their hometowns. Getting Shaker students and families involved was especially important to Lauren and Emma. They visited Shaker schools, churches, temples, and clubs to talk about their experiences in Ghana and solicit support.

“Children at Woodbury and Onaway have led Band-Aid drives and made over 500 first aid kits,” Lauren reports. “University School donated nearly a dozen computers to help set up a medical re-

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Marketing Shaker Heights

The City's current advertising campaign showcases the talents and achievements of Shaker residents.

BY JENNIFER COILEY DIAL

Lieutenant Colonel Clarence Jamison arrived at Green Street Studio on a sunny Tuesday last summer, sporting a brown leather bomber jacket covered in various badges representing a 22-year career in the United States Air Force. The retired Colonel, a Tuskegee Airman in World War II, came to Green Street to participate in the City's newest ad campaign showcasing the accomplished residents who have made their homes in Shaker Heights. Colonel Jamison was joined by Sari Feldman, Executive Director of Cuyahoga County Public Library, and Dr. Linda Bradley of the Cleveland Clinic.

The campaign, steered by the Communications and Outreach Department, showcases the wealth of talent and achievement of Shaker residents. Old and young, of every race and ethnicity, from all parts of the country and the world, the residents of Shaker are our best salespeople. The underlying message of the campaign: Look at who has found a dream home in Shaker Heights; you can too.

The eye-catching ads are displayed on the walls of Concourses A and C at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, as well as in various publications including Crain's Cleveland Business, Currents, Ohio magazine, JStyle, and The Plain Dealer's SOHO magazine. Other aspects of the marketing plan include pitching stories to local and national media, and outreach to realtors and area employers.

This was the fourth shoot for the advertising campaign at Green Street Studio, whose principals, Jeanne Van Atta and Bill Meckler, are Shaker residents. The first group included four-time Grammy winner Elaine Martone, Dr. Charles Modlin, a transplant surgeon with the Cleveland Clinic, and author and activist Loung Ung. The second group consisted of Jennifer Skirball-Amato, who makes one-of-a-kind jewelry, the first woman cantor of a Cleveland temple, Sarah Sager, and Pulitzer-nominated author and professor at Case Western Reserve University, Ted Steinberg.

Rounding out the list of participants is nationally known immigration attorney Margaret Wong, Donita Anderson, director of the North Union Farmers Market, and Dr. Michael Roizen, chief wellness officer of the Cleveland Clinic, co-founder of RealAge and bestselling author.

When asked to appear in the campaign, all of the participants gave enthusiastic and affirmative responses. Some have since reported that they were contacted by friends and neighbors who spotted them in the airport billboards.

Jeanne Van Atta captures a photo of Sari Feldman, Lt. Col. Clarence Jamison, and Dr. Linda Bradley. PHOTO BY JANET CENTURY



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"I was flattered to appear in the ad campaign," says Sari Feldman, a 12-year resident who moved to Shaker from Syracuse, New York with her husband and two children. "The ads are great and I think they show the wonderful diversity of the community."

Surveys have shown that Shaker residents choose to live here for an assortment of reasons: the school system, incredible housing stock, rapid transit lines, natural beauty, and proximity to surrounding destinations. But the City hears most often about its people.

"We've always known that there are some pretty fabulous people who make their homes here," says Marketing Communications Manager Vicki Zoldessy, a 17-year resident. "We decided to look deeper to see if we could identify who some of them were. We didn't have to look very far before we found numbers of people who are achievers in their particular fields – and on a really broad spectrum."

Crickett Karson, a principal with Lief & Karson Communications, a public relations firm that works with the Communications and Outreach Department agrees: "Whether you are an extraordinary teacher or an extraordinary heart surgeon – it's pretty much the same thing in Shaker. You're good at what you do."

The City's proximity to downtown Cleveland and to University Circle is a definite plus for new residents. "We've clearly seen a large number of doctors move into the area, but Shaker has a tradition of attracting many types of professionals," says Mayor Earl Leiken. "There are a tremendous number of people from the arts and education too and our proximity to University Circle is a great asset."



The first planned community in north-east Ohio, Shaker has always been a trend-setter, and it continues that tradition with this advertising campaign. "I think the word that comes to mind is unique," says Karson, a 32-year resident who works with various media outlets to pitch stories that promote Shaker. "I discovered as a homeowner and parent that I was part of an extraordinary neighborhood, and that's what I try to get across to people when I pitch a story. You think that the house is why you're buying in Shaker, but what you get is so much more."

If you know of anyone who may be interested in participating in this or future campaigns, please contact the Communications and Outreach Department at (216) 491-1412 or email communications@shakeronline.com.



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A record producer, **Elaine Martone** won her first two Grammys – classical and jazz – at the same ceremony in 2005. She was so excited that she did a little dance in the aisle. Two short years later, she won another classical award – this time at the Latin Grammys. “The Latin Grammys are a spectacular event with amazing music.” That same year, she won the biggest one: Classical Producer of the Year.

A native of Long Island, New York, Martone earned a Bachelor of Music in performance from Ithaca College. Because Elaine wanted to further her study of the oboe, and loved the wind playing in The Cleveland Orchestra, she moved to Cleveland in the late 1970s. In 1980 she began her career at Telarc, a record label in Beachwood.

At Telarc, Martone digitally edited recordings and was the production manager. Over time, she became director of production, vice president of production, and in 1988, she began producing records. At Telarc for 29 years, Elaine estimates that she produced 155 records and assisted with 700 or more.

Elaine is currently the interim artistic administrator for The Cleveland Orchestra, and her responsibilities include planning the musical programming for the season (she was planning 2010-11 this past fall) and working with guest artists, guest conductors, and in-house artists. Martone loves what she’s doing. “I was honored that The Cleveland Orchestra called me.” She will be in the position until December 31, and, she hopes, thereafter.

Martone and her husband, Telarc co-founder and 13-time Grammy Award winning producer Bob Woods, recently founded a new production company, Sonarc Music, where they work on freelance recordings and other aspects of the entertainment business.

“I love our Shaker Heights neighborhood. The street has flipped over since I moved here 17 years ago; we have many young families.” says Martone, a fitness enthusiast and an avid walker of the Mercer neighborhood.

When asked to participate in the campaign, Elaine recalled: “I was flattered, and I had no idea it would be so present, with almost life-sized posters at the airport.” Being able to live almost anywhere, Martone and Woods are very happy in Shaker. “The houses are so beautiful where we live. The value that you get for your money is incredible compared to other cities like New York or Chicago. Now if we could just adjust the weather...”



PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO

Loung Ung was only five when the Khmer Rouge under the despot Pol Pot took over Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, in April 1975. Along with millions of others, Ung's family was forced to leave the city and live in villages that resembled labor camps. The government controlled every aspect of their lives: They were no longer permitted to attend school, listen to music, practice religion, or form friendships. From sun-up to sun-down, they dug trenches, built dams, and grew crops. They teetered on the verge of starvation daily.

The Khmer Rouge planned a utopian agrarian society, and determined to eliminate anyone who could be a threat. Teachers, doctors, lawyers, civil servants, politicians, police officers, and many others were rounded up and executed. Ung estimates that two million people were killed; her father, a former high-ranking military officer, her mother and youngest sister were among the victims. Another sister died from food poisoning.

In 1980, Loung, the youngest of her siblings, left Cambodia with her older brother and sister-in-law. After six months in a Thai refugee camp, the three made their way to Vermont. Fifteen years passed before Loung was reunited with her sister Chou and the rest of her family left behind in Cambodia.

Ung attended St. Michael's College in Vermont, where she earned a degree in Political Science. She worked on an international anti-land mines campaign in Washington, DC, where she gave talks and presentations to Congress about land mines and the effects of weapons systems. But Loung felt she needed more credibility as an activist. Using her journal, she crafted and published her book, *First They Killed My Father*, in April, 2000. The book became a bestseller.

"I expected all of 10 people to buy it – my husband, his siblings, and my two brothers," she says. "It was really surprising that people picked it up, but it was also healing because Cambodia – for decades – was described by journalists only as a side show to Vietnam. People were protesting the Vietnam War and we felt no one knew what was happening in Cambodia, even though it was a direct result of what was happening in Vietnam." Loung's second book, *Lucky Child*, parallels her life as a child here in America, with that of her sister Chou's in Cambodia.

Loung moved to Shaker Heights from Washington, DC in 2001 to be with husband Mark Premier, whom she met in college. She loved how tranquil and beautiful it is here, and the City had all of the amenities she desired.

"What I need from a community is coffee shops, cool bars and restaurants, and world-class museums, and we have all of that for a fraction of the price of New York, DC, or Chicago." Loung particularly loves the fact that she doesn't have to drive to get where she wants to go. She not only enjoys her proximity to the Rapid, but she and her husband own five bikes, one of which is a tandem. "We spend a lot of time riding along the city's beautiful bike trails, to the libraries, the farmers market at Shaker Square, the Cedar Lee theatre in Cleveland Heights, downtown, and to Whiskey Island."

Loung was honored when asked to participate in the City's ad campaign. "It's a wonderful community. I love Shaker because it's family-oriented and has a big-city feel."

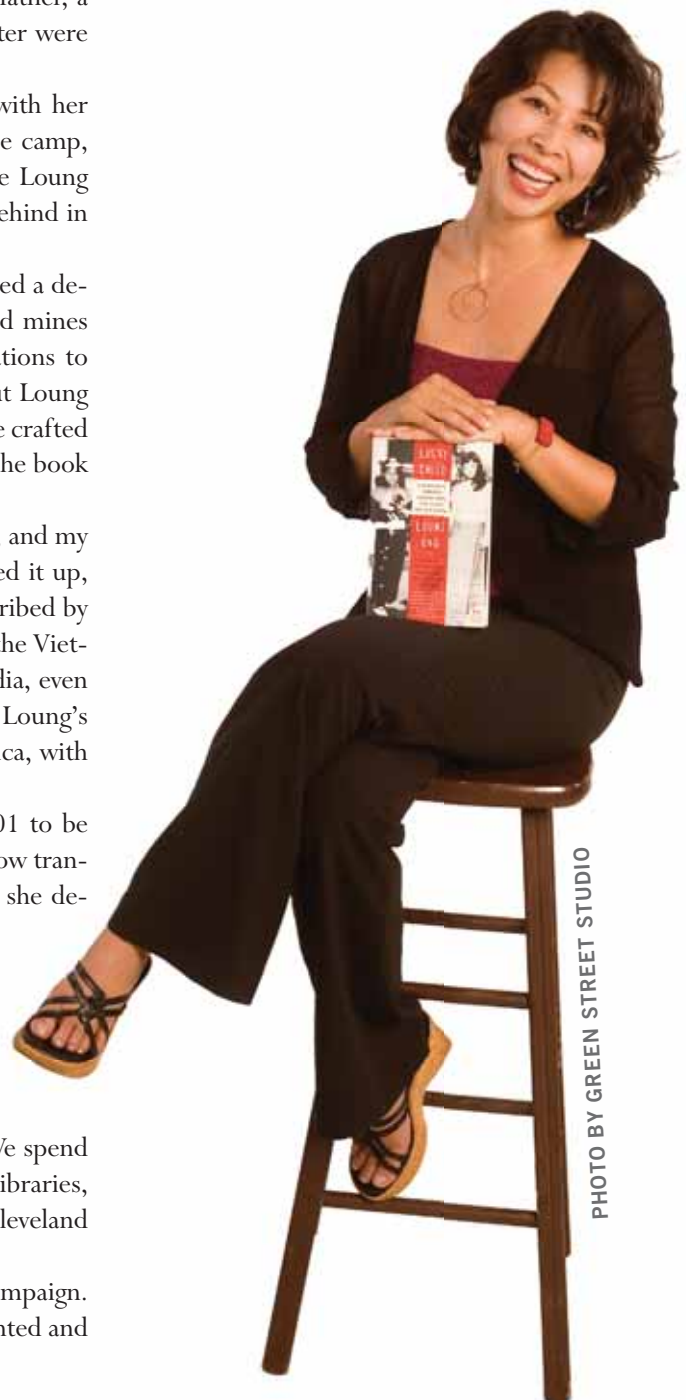


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Clarence Jamison in Tuskegee, Alabama, 1941. Images were taken of pilots for promotional materials. PHOTO COURTESY CLARENCE JAMISON.

Clarence Jamison loves two things: his family and being a fighter pilot.

A pre-med student at the University of Chicago during the late 1930s, “Jamie” planned to become a doctor, but became interested in a civilian pilot training program offered at school. When World War II began to heat up in Europe, there was talk around campus about the U.S. getting involved, and he concluded that if he had to go to war, he wanted to do it as a pilot.

Jamie completed the program and had a private pilot’s license when he learned about a new, all-black, fighter squadron that would train in Tuskegee, Alabama in 1941. He was already well-qualified; he had a license, and for more than a year piloted the plane the Army was using to train cadets. After he passed the rigorous test, weeks became months as Jamie waited for acceptance. He was disheartened by reports in the newspapers that the military was desperate for pilots – and had been accepting less-experienced ones – yet he didn’t get the call.

Instead he got an idea. He wrote a letter to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, asking for assistance to get into the program. Though she never responded to him directly, within a few weeks he was accepted as an aviation cadet, and was off to the Tuskegee Institute. The training was rigorous, but Jamie had an aptitude for flying. He graduated with the second class of cadets on April 29, 1942, and married Phyllis Piersawl, his girlfriend from the University of Chicago, the next day.

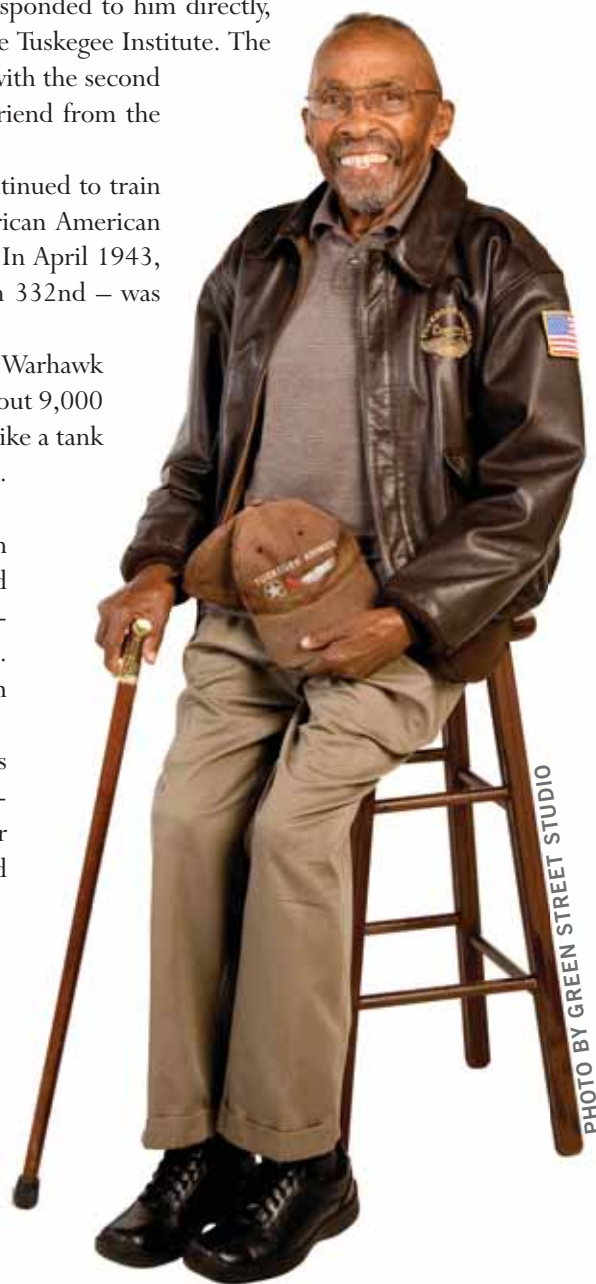
The commissioned officer and his wife lived in Tuskegee where he continued to train for more than another year, waiting for the ranks to fill with enough African American men to form a squadron. The military was still segregated in those years. In April 1943, the 99th Pursuit Squadron – which would later become the well-known 332nd – was finally formed and going to war.

Jamison arrived at Casablanca, Morocco, where he received his P-40 Warhawk fighter jet. “It was beautiful and said ‘Jamie Boy’ on the side. It weighed about 9,000 pounds – as heavy as two Cadillacs – and had 1,500 horsepower, but flew like a tank compared to Japanese planes which were lighter,” Colonel Jamison says. “Of course, I had two or three Jamie Boys.”

Jamison flew on the first Allied combat mission involving black pilots in World War II. Over his 22-year career, he flew on 67 missions and attained the rating of Command Pilot (logging over 3,000 hours). With many medals and decorations, Lieutenant Colonel Jamison retired in August 1963. Also trained in finance, Jamison completed his working years as a branch manager of the Social Security Administration.

Jamie and Phyllis’ two children attended schools all over the world as members of a military family, and they were still in school when Jamison retired from the Air Force. Since education was a priority, they chose Shaker Heights, and bought homes over the years in the Moreland, Lomond, and finally Mercer neighborhoods. “I’ve been in this house for 28 years, and I have some of the best neighbors,” Colonel Jamison says. (Phyllis passed away in 1995 after 53 years of marriage.)

Jamie is proud of his successful children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. For his service as a Tuskegee Airman, Colonel Jamison received an honorary doctorate from Tuskegee University in 2006, the Congressional Gold Medal in 2007, and was a special guest at the inauguration of President Barack Obama.



A Passion for Helping

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search center at the hospital, and Shaker students and families have donated hundreds of books, toys, and art supplies for the children's library."

The students also received financial contributions from many Shaker residents and organizations to help build a playground at the Kumasi Children's Home. "It's been incredible for us to connect our project back to the Shaker community," says Emma.

To ensure Project HEAL's sustainability, the women realized they would need to find a reliable and predictable source for medical donations. An online search for "free medical supplies" led the women to MedWish International (www.medwish.org), a nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian aid through the recovery and recycling of donated medical supplies that would otherwise be discarded. It

was serendipitous that MedWish happens to be based in Cleveland; only later did the friends learn it was founded by another Shaker graduate, Lee Ponsky ('89). (See sidebar.)

Tish Dahlby, MedWish's executive director, is "incredibly impressed with Lauren's and Emma's ability and tenacity to make their dream come to fruition. They saw firsthand the need, and they have plowed through the myriad of challenges. Finding supplies on your own is difficult and can be very expensive. But they are successfully collaborating with those who can open doors to help make it happen."

According to MedWish Director of Operations Mimi Habel, "Their real triumph was securing free freight to Ghana. MedWish is in the supply chain, but we don't arrange funding or the logistics of getting supplies to the recipient. The girls

managed to get a 40-foot container plus shipping costs donated once a year, which saves them thousands of dollars."

MedPLUS Connect

Finding ways to make the distribution of health care supplies in developing countries more efficient and effective was the impetus behind the new MedPLUS Connect, which the young women have launched with fellow UNC graduate Emily Nix.

The seed money to start the nonprofit came from their winning the 2009 John Stedman Social Entrepreneurship Award and People's Choice Award at UNC: \$15,000. They were given an additional \$10,000 from UNC's medical school to implement their plan.

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MedPLUS Connect initially, while Lauren begins her studies at Emory and Emma finishes up the undergraduate science requirements she needs to pursue her medical degree.

"When I was five years old and terrified of shots, I told my mom that I never wanted to be a doctor," Emma says. "Now, I cannot imagine being anything else. I have been inspired by the care that Dr. Abukari provides for his patients at the Lawra hospital and his unwavering sense of empathy. My dream is to return to the Lawra District Hospital with a clinical and public health background and collaborate with local health personnel to make a lasting difference in the health of the community."

Lauren's career path has also been significantly influenced by her experiences with Project HEAL. "The burden of poverty that I've seen in Ghana is debilitating, yet the strength of human resilience I have witnessed is the essence of what inspires

me." She entered college, she says, determined to be a doctor, "but I realized that my passion for health would be best served through an interdisciplinary vehicle of policy, public health, and legal advocacy. After earning a JD/MPH, I hope to work as an advocate for access to comprehensive health care, both domestically and internationally."

Helping to make a difference in the world isn't as hard as some would believe, the women claim. "You don't think of things that you use on a daily basis, such as a book, or a Band-Aid, or a t-shirt, as having much of an impact, but they do," Lauren says.

"Project HEAL shipped 22,000 pounds of donated medical supplies to Ghana last summer, valued at over \$1 million," adds Emma. "But it all started with just two friends with two suitcases."

How You Can Help

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Wine Story

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“People are interested in learning what it is they like, and that’s what Marianne accomplishes,” Zrally says. “Any of her classes will provide them with a better un-

derstanding of the style of wine they will enjoy.”

Marianne has plans for her own ongoing education as well. She is currently studying to sit for the Master Sommelier and Master of Wine final exams in 2010.

What is it that makes her so passionate about the study of wine? “Wine is like history in a bottle,” she says. “It has to do with the culture, geography, climate, types of foods the people eat, and traditions of the country it comes from, so you learn a lot about those countries and regions from studying the wines.”

Wine has taken Frantz and her husband throughout the U.S. and all over the world, from Europe to Australia, where she won a three-week trip to become the Midwest ambassador for Australian wines last September. (Facebook subscribers can see photos of some of the trips on Mari-

anne’s Facebook site.) The couple tries to make each vacation somehow incorporate wine, as well.

Frantz also has written extensively about wine, from a former column in Cleveland Magazine to regular articles in The Wine Buzz. She also appears on the “Dinner Plans” program on Lake Effect Radio (WELW 1330 AM) and has a segment on 107.3 FM every Thursday morning at 8:15. Finding most of the wine instructional books available today fairly dry, she recently started writing a book that will provide an easy and engaging tutorial about wine.

“I’ve never said that I’m a wine expert,” Frantz concludes. “I am a wine educator.”

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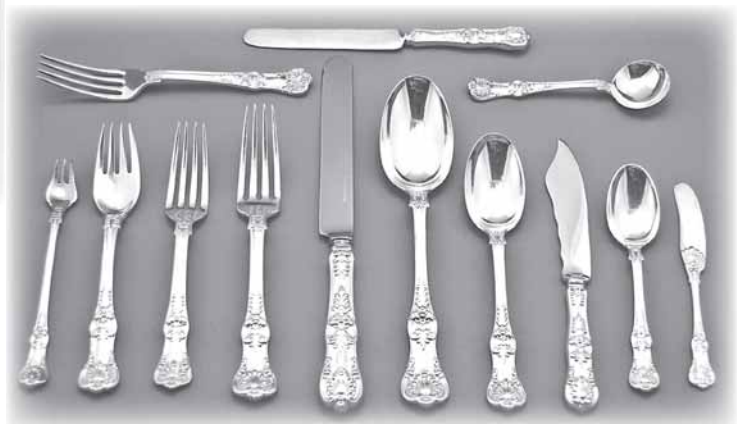
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MONDAYS: Learning English as a Family (LEAF), 6:45-8 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. A 12-week series features classes and home visits for non-English speaking families with children from birth to age five. FEES INFO: 216-921-2023.

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Parent and Child Play Sessions, THE PATRICIA S. MEARN'S FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Parents and caregivers with children ages birth to 5 years old can come to play, make friends, and network. Playroom is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am – noon OR Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 4-6 pm. Membership also includes use of gym and muscle room during specific hours. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Drop in Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play for infants to age eight and parent or caregiver. FEE INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Station, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children birth to age five co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. Evening hours: 6-8 pm Tuesdays. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

WEDNESDAYS: Play and Learn Station for Home Day Care Providers, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop in literacy play sessions just for home day care providers and their children birth to age five, co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Babies, 10 AM – NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. A special room filled with age-appropriate activities just for babies birth to 18 months with caregivers. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

SATURDAYS: Open Gym, 10 AM-NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Parent-child playtime. Children from birth to

age six can climb, jump, ride trikes, and play indoors during the winter months (No sessions Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 16, and Feb. 13). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Drop-in rates are \$7 per family with one child and \$10 per family maximum. Discount family tickets available from 9:30 am-4:30 pm weekdays or during Saturday Gym hours at the Family Connections office.

SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. Seasonal produce from local farmers. The Market goes indoors on January 9, in the Square's Northeast quadrant, just west of the CVS store. INFO: 216-751-7656.

SATURDAYS: Hike with a Friend, 3:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. Bring a friend or hike with a new one at the Nature Center and share your knowledge and favorite spots around the Shaker Parklands. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935.

Calendar listings were correct at press time, but please call ahead to confirm.

Destinations...

BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH LIBRARY
20600 Fayette Road
216-991-2421

MAIN LIBRARY
16500 Van Aken Boulevard
216-991-2030

THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES
2600 South Park Boulevard
216-321-5935

STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING / COMMUNITY COLONNADE
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FAMILY CONNECTIONS AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER
19824 Sussex Road
216-921-2023

SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
15911 Aldersyde Drive
216-295-4200

SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM
16740 South Park Boulevard
216-921-1201

SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
20600 Shaker Boulevard
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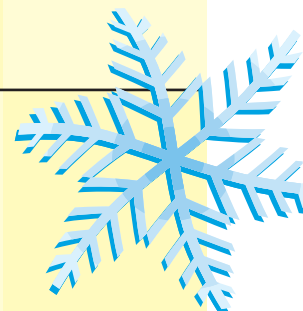
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December

highlights

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | | Author! Author! Edward Kern 7 pm, Lakewood Public Library. (pg. 65) | Much Ado About Nothing 12/3-5 8 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 59) | Artisan Bazaar Preview Party 12/4-6 5 pm, Laurel School. (pg. 59) Silent Hike 12/4-6 6 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 59) | A Holiday Gift Boutique 9 am, North Union Farmers Market, Shaker Square. (pg. 60) |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Holiday Circlefest 1 pm, Wade Oval. (pg. 65) | Used Toy Drive 12/7-8 9 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 60) | Winter Solstice Astronomy Night Shaker High. (pg. 60) Daedalus Quartet 8 pm, Plymouth Church. (pg. 60) | Fall Used Toy Sale 6 pm, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 61) Mainly Mozart 7:30 pm, Fair- mount Presbyterian Church. (pg. 65) | Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 61) Gene's Jazz Hot 7 pm, Loganberry Books. (pg. 61) | HANUKKAH Dr. MLK, Jr. Student Writing Contest Deadline 6 pm, Main Library. (pg. 61) | Winter Tree Iden- tification Hike 1 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 61) |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Holiday Open House 2 pm, Shaker Historical Museum. (pg. 61) | Pre-Primary School Drop In 9:30 am, Laurel School. (pg. 61) | Poetry Back in the Woods 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 61) | Meet the Author Joseph Sestito 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 61) | Thornton Park Hockey Tourna- ment 12/17-20 (pg. 61) | Drop in Sessions Ongoing. 9:30 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 55) | Jim Brickman 7:30 pm, Palace Theatre. (pg. 65) |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center (pg. 55) | | | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 29 | 31 | |
| | | Free Family Flick "G-Force" 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 61) | | | Broadway Rocks New Year's Gala Concert & Dance 9 pm, Severance Hall. (pg. 66) | |





January

highlights

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | NEW YEAR'S DAY 1 | 2 North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 55) |
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| 3 | 4 Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (pg. 55) | 5 Roller Skating 4 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 62) | 6 Music in the Morning 9:30 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 62) | 7 Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55) | 8 | 9 Hike with a Friend Ongoing. 3:30 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 55) |
| 10 Classical Piano Recital Series 3:30 pm, First Baptist Church. (pg. 62) | 11 Dance Together 10 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 62) | 12 Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55) | 13 | 14 Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 63) | 15 The Wintergreen Challenge Kick-Off 6 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 63) Suessical 1/15, 22 & 29 7 pm, Wiley Auditorium. (pg. 66) | 16 Teen Book Swap 2:15 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 64) |
| 17 30th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Concert 7 pm, Severance Hall. (pg. 66) | 18 MLK, JR. DAY Community Open House Day 1 pm, Severance Hall. (pg. 66) | 19 Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55) | 20 Meet the Author John Tidyman 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 64) | 21 GameGirlz 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 64) | 22 | 23 Open Gym Ongoing. 10 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 55) |
| 24 7th Annual Northeast Ohio Band Invitational 2 pm, Severance Hall. (pg. 66) | | | 27 Summer Job Fair 3 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 64) Winter Orchestra Concert 7:30 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 64) | 28 Camp Half-Blood 7 pm, Main Library. (pg. 64) | 29 Showtime at High Noon Ohio Theatre, Playhouse Square. (pg. 66) | 30 Coed Early Childhood & Girls' Kindergarten Open House 10 am, Hathaway Brown School. (pg. 64) |
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DEC. 3: Gallery Opening Reception,
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and Beyond by Ted Kurz, continues
 thru Jan. 4. INFO: 216-795-9800.

THRU JAN. 14: Of Shaker By Shaker,
 MAIN LIBRARY ART GALLERY. Shaker resi-
 dents display their artistic abilities in
 this exhibit curated by Shaker Arts
 Council. INFO: 216-464-8109 OR 216-
 991-2030.

THRU JAN. 31: Snow, Ice, Roaring
Fireplaces: Winter Fun & Pastimes,
 SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Gather the
 kids and bring them to see this
 exhibit of sleds, ice skates, fire-
 side games, toys, books and more.
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 under 6; \$2/non-members, adults &
 children 6-18. INFO: 216-921-1201.

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THRU DEC. 21: Christmas Tree Sale,
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 19000 VAN AKEN BLVD. Buy a Christmas
 tree and benefit the school's Bulldog
 Club. INFO: 216-561-4400.

DEC. 9: Caps for Kids, BERTRAM WOODS
 BRANCH. Knitted or crocheted caps,
 scarves, and mittens are due at the
 library to be delivered to the home-
 less. INFO: 216-991-2421.

DEC. 12: Unlock a Child's Smile,
 BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD.
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 tificate (\$25) for a child. INFO: 216-
 932-2800.

TUESDAYS: Stone Oven Days, 2267 LEE RD. Every Tuesday, the Stone Oven donates a percentage of the day's sales to the Nature Center programs. Dine and donate! Enjoy a great meal and support the Nature Center. INFO: 216-321-5935.

Events for *December*

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29:

Save Homes from Foreclosure Counseling, NOON-4 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING, 3450 LEE RD. Housing Advocates, Inc. offers advice for homeowners delinquent on their mortgages, concerned with their ability to pay their mortgages, or currently in foreclosure. By appointment only: 216-370-2283.

Dec. 3, 4 & 5: **Much Ado**

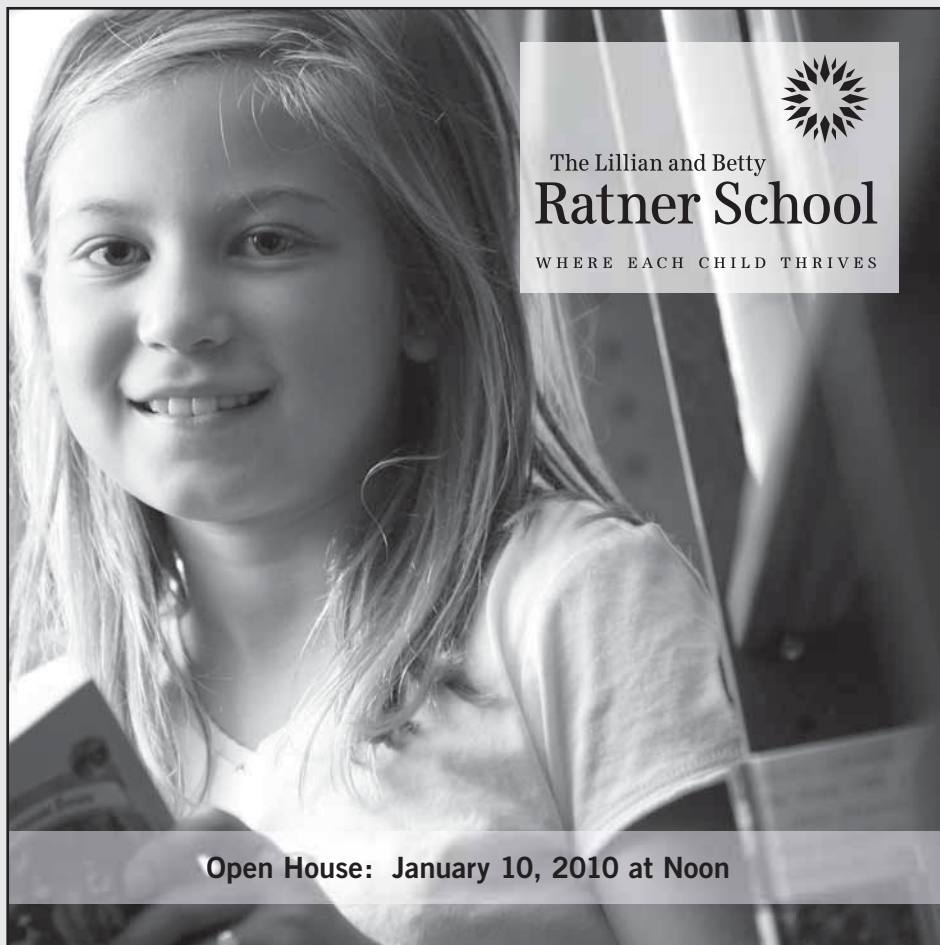
About Nothing, 8 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. You'll be "as merry as the day is long" while watching students perform Shakespeare's romp about the battle of the sexes. 24-hour Box Office: 216-295-4287.

Dec. 4-6: **Artisan Bazaar Preview**

Party, 5-8 PM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Juried show, beautiful handcrafted works of art. Bazaar continues Dec. 5: 10 am-5 pm and Dec. 6: 11am-4 pm. \$3. INFO: 216-464-1441.

Dec. 4: **Silent Night Hike, 6-8**

PM, NATURE CENTER. *Whoooo goes there?* Experience the nighttime sounds of the forest. \$5/members; \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.



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Dec. 5: A Holiday Gift Boutique, 9 AM-1 PM, NORTH UNION FARMERS MARKET, SHAKER SQUARE BETWEEN CVS PHARMACY AND DEWEY'S COFFEE HOUSE. Unique gifts by local artists, including, handcrafted jewelry, wooden items, pottery, knits, herbal products, artisan food products, local candles and free gift wrapping. INFO: 216-751-7656.

Dec. 5: Sugarplum Workshop, 9-11:30 AM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Help your children experience the joy of holiday giving by making gifts for family and friends. Crafts range from .25 to \$2.75 with most under \$1. INFO: 216-921-3510.

Dec. 6: Buddhism from the Ground Up, 9:30 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. What might our lives look like if we

could find stillness and peace in the moment, with our families and in the workplace? Ani Palmo Rybicki, Buddhist Nun and Director of the Songtsen Gampo Buddhist Center of Cleveland speaks. INFO: 216-751-2320 OR firstunitariancleveland.org

Dec. 7 & 8: Used Toy Drive, 9 AM-3 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Donate your gently used or like-new children's toys, books, games, puzzles, riding toys, baby equipment, etc. and get a tax deduction. Items must be clean, working, containing all pieces and parts and age appropriate. Please include batteries for items that require them. Stuffed animals and car seats NOT accepted. INFO: 216-921-2023.

Dec. 8: Winter Solstice Astronomy Night, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. The Nature Center goes to school...Shaker High School, that is,

for a night under the stars. FEES & INFO: 216-321-5935.

Dec. 8: Daedalus Quartet, 8 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Marking its 60th anniversary season, The Cleveland Chamber Music Society presents this concert in collaboration with the CIM Chamber Music Festival. TICKETS: ticketsales@clevelandchambermusic.org

Dec. 8: Babes in Nature, 10-10:45 AM, NATURE CENTER. Cabin fever? Bundle up baby and explore the outdoors with others. Fee per stroller: \$5/members; \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

Dec. 8 & 10, 15 & 17 & 22: Yoga for Teens, 3:45-5:15 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Stretch and de-stress at these sessions funded by MyCom. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Dec. 9: School Days, 8:45 AM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Tours and information for prospective parents and middle school-aged girls. INFO: 216-464-0946.

Dec. 9: Friends Appreciation Luncheon, NOON-2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Library staff honors Friends' volunteers for their service to the library. Ohio Library Council will be on hand to present the Friends the 2009 OLC Friends of the Year award. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Dec. 9 & 16: Robotics, 4:15 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Students in grades 1-3 build models of machines and animals and learn basic programming. \$20 for both sessions. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201

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Dec. 9: Fall Used Toy Sale, 6-9 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Everything old is new again. Find huge bargains for kids. Dec. 10: 10 am-noon. INFO: FAMILY CONNECTIONS, 216-921-2023.

Dec. 10: Knit Night, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. *Needle* little fun this season? Take a break and come to the library to knit in peace with others. INFO: 216-991-2421.

Dec. 10: Gene's Jazz Hot, 7-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Live music to warm your winter heart. INFO: 216-795-9800.

Dec. 11: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest Deadline, 6 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Essays and poetry submissions due for judging for 2010 contest. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Dec. 12: Winter Tree Identification Hike, 1-4 PM, NATURE CENTER. Learn to identify native trees using twigs, nuts, seeds and bark! \$5/members; \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

Dec. 13: Holiday Open House, 2-5 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Enjoy the museum's winter exhibit, live vocal music by "Nightingale," and home baked goods and refreshments. INFO: 216-921-1201.

Dec. 14: Pre-Primary School Drop In, 9:30 AM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Tours and information for prospective parents and coed preschoolers ages 3-4. INFO: 216-464-0946.

Dec. 15: Poetry Back in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Grace Butcher and David Hassler read their poetry. INFO: 216-991-2421

Dec. 16: Meet the Author, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Unlock your writer's block! Joseph Sestito, author of *Write for Your Lives: Inspire Your Creative Writing with Buddhist Wisdom*, will help you find the key. INFO: 216-991-2421.

Dec. 17-20: Thornton Park Hockey Tournament, 3301 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD. Breakaway from the routine and check out a high school hockey game this season. TICKETS & INFO: 216-491-1295.

Dec. 21-Jan 4: Shaker Schools Winter Break.

Dec. 30: Free Family Flick, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. No money left after the holidays? Watch the Disney family feature *G-Force* (Rated PG) free thanks to Friends of the Shaker Library, which underwrites the movie licensing rights. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Dec. 31: Shaker libraries closed. Furlough day.

Events for *January*

Jan. 1: New Year's Day. City offices, schools and libraries closed.

Jan. 4 & 11: Robotics, 4:15 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Students in grades 1-3 build models of machines and animals and learn basic programming. \$20 for both sessions. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

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out & about

Jan. 5: Roller Skating, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2½-8) learn to skate safely. Beginning skills include learning to get up, rolling forward, and picking up one foot at a time. Music for simple rhythm and movement activities complementS skating skills. \$69 for 6-week session thru Feb. 9. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

Jan. 6: Music in the Morning, 9:30 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (birth to three) and their parents can experience the joy of music through group singing, finger plays and experimentation with instruments and dance. \$65/6-week session thru Feb.10. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

Jan. 6: Art, 10:45 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2-4) and a parent use different art media to explore color, design and texture. Each week children create new pages for an art portfolio. \$40/4-week session thru Jan.27. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

Jan. 10: Classical Piano Recital Series: Rustem Hayroudinoff, 3:30 PM, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 3630 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. The gifted musician is a graduate of the Moscow Conservatory, where he studied with Lev Naumov, and of the Royal Academy of Music in London where he studied with Christopher Elton. TICKETS & INFO: 216-987-4444.

Jan. 11: Dance Together, 10 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Dancing



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Jan. 11: Pre-Primary School Drop In, 9:30 AM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Tours and information for prospective parents and coed preschoolers ages 3-4. INFO: 216-464-0946.

Jan. 11: Preschool Dance Class, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children learn simple dances and are encouraged to explore movement creatively. Explore rhythm, balance and coordination with fun music and props. \$60/5-week session thru Feb 22. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

Jan. 14: Knit Night, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. *Fiber fun.* Bring your knitting project to the library and stitch with others. INFO: 216-991-2421.

Jan. 15: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest Awards Reception, 4:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Meet the winners in the library's annual writing contest and hear them read their essays. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Jan. 15: The Wintergreen Challenge Kick-Off, 6-8 PM, NATURE CENTER. Join a family-oriented three-month challenge to learn more environmentally sustainable household practices in a fun, interactive way. Kick-off includes games, instructional activities, resources and snacks. At the end of the challenge, families return for a celebration of their accomplishments. The challenges

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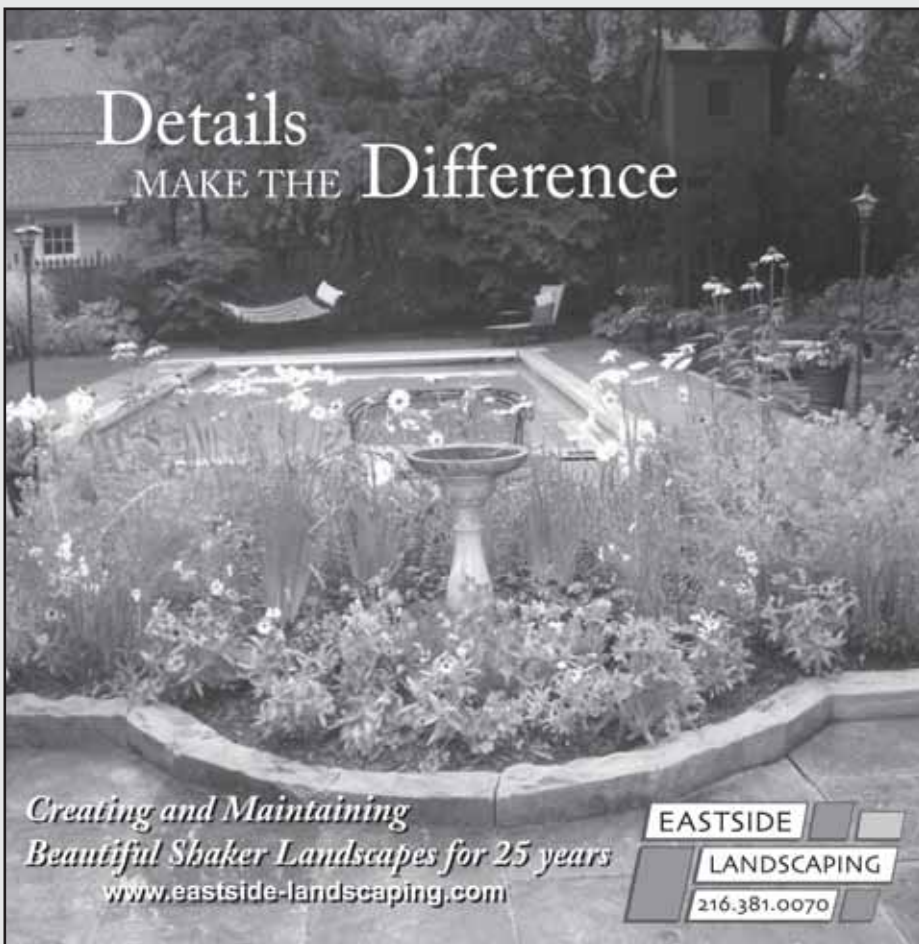
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Jan. 18: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. City offices, schools and libraries closed.

Jan. 20: Pre-Primary School Drop In, 9:30 AM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Tours and information for prospective parents and coed preschoolers ages 3-4. INFO: 216-464-0946.

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Jan. 25: Kids Cooking, 4:15 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 3-8 cook real food and with parent's help, prepare a simple recipe. \$20 per kiddie cook. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

Jan. 27: Summer Job Fair, 3 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. See what job

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In the Circle & Beyond

THRU DEC 19: The Santaland Diaries, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND PUBLIC THEATRE, 6415 DETROIT AVE. Don't miss this hilarious work by David Sedaris onstage in the James Levin Theatre. Reserve your cabaret table seat today and enjoy table service and corkage! INFO: 216-631-2727.

THRU DEC. 19: Archives of the Western Reserve 2009 Annual Holiday Members Show and Sale, 1834 E. 123 ST. UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Gallery hours: 10 am-4 pm Wednesdays-Fridays & noon-4 pm Saturdays. The AAWR Show and Sale brings together Northeast Ohio's finest artists in a single exhibition, giving both

archived artists and artist members an opportunity to showcase their works during the holiday season. INFO: 216-721-9020.

DEC. 2: Author! Author!, 7 PM, LAKEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY, 15425 DETROIT AVE. Edward Kern, author of *The Collinwood Fire*, speaks about the 1908 school tragedy that changed fire laws across the country. Free. INFO: 216-226-8275.

DEC. 4: Wild Mushrooms: A World of Wonder at Our Feet, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Walter Sturgeon speaks about mushroom diversity while highlighting ecology, folklore and edibility. Topics include insectivorous fungi, bioluminescence, habitats, symbiotic relationships, ethno mycology, mycophagy, toxicology, forms, colors, tastes, odors and hallucinogenic mushrooms. TICKETS

& INFO: 216-231-4600.

DEC. 4: Faculty Recital: Cavani String Quartet, 8 PM, CIM, 11021 EAST BLVD. Beethoven Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 18, No. 6, "La Malinconia," Quartet in F minor, Op. 95, No. 11, "Serioso," and Quartet in A minor, Op. 132, No. 15, "Heiliger Dankgesang." Seating passes required. INFO: 216-791-5000 EX. 411.

DEC. 6: Holiday Circlefest, 1-5 PM, WADE OVAL. University Circle institutions present a family event featuring music, exhibits, shopping, food and holiday cheer. CIM offers various hands-on activities and festive performances. INFO: 216-791-3900.

DEC 9: Mainly Mozart, 7:30 PM, FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2757 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. CityMusic Cleveland Presents its Holiday Program fea-

turing Joel Smirnoff, conductor; Chabrelle Williams, soprano; Nathan Olson, violin; Jessica Oudin, viola. Artist: Sawsan Alhaddad. For free childcare reservations call 216-321-5800. INFO: www.citymusiccleveland.org.

DEC. 14: Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, THE CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE, 8500 EUCLID AVE. Stroll the lobbies of The Cleveland Play House and enjoy the holiday festival of trees, a box lunch followed by holiday readings by Associate Artistic Director Seth Gordon and caroling led by members of Cantores Cleveland. Tickets: \$20/person. INFO: 216-795-7000.

DEC. 19: Jim Brickman, 7:30 PM, PALACE THEATRE, 1615 EUCLID AVE. Talented pianist and former Shaker resident tickles the ivories.

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DEC. 31: Broadway Rocks New Year's Gala Concert & Dance, 9 PM, SEVERANCE HALL. Cleveland Pops Orchestra entertains. TICKETS & INFO: 216-231-1111.

JAN. 15, 22 & 29: Suessical, 7 PM, WILEY AUDITORIUM, 2181 MIRAMAR BLVD. Heights Youth Theatre presents a musical amalgamation of Seuss' silliness. Matinees at 2 pm January 16, 24 & 30. Tickets: \$9/adults; \$8/children under 6 & seniors. INFO: 216-923-1583.

JAN. 15: Across the Andes: A 7,800-mile Journey Toward Understanding, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Gregg Treinish and Deia Schlosberg talk about their two-year trek of the Andes Mountains and share sustainable lessons learned from people living harmoniously with the land. TICKETS & INFO: 216-231-4600.

JAN. 17: 30th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Concert, 7 PM, SEVERANCE HALL. Franz Welser-Möst, conducts The Cleveland Orchestra, Central State University Chorus, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Chorus. Soloist, Tony Rymer, first place senior division winner of 2009 Sphinx Competition for black and Latino string players. Free. INFO: 216-231-1111.

JAN. 18: Community Open House Day, 1-5 PM, SEVERANCE HALL. City-wide celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life with instrumental, vocal, and spoken-word performances honoring his ideals and spirit. Spend the day, or stop by to see community music ensembles and celebrate with the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus, and the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra. INFO: 216-231-1111.

JAN. 24: Seventh Annual Northeast Ohio Band Invitational (NEOBI VII), 2 PM, SEVERANCE HALL. Gary Ciepluch conducts.

JAN. 29: Showtime at High Noon, NOON, OHIO THEATRE AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. Tri-C and DANCECleveland present Tony award winner Bill T. Jones and the Arnie Zane Dance Company in Fondly Do We Hope, Fervently Do We Pray, a dance theatre work inspired by the life of Abraham Lincoln. Free. INFO: 216-987-4444.

JAN. 29: The Dinosaurs of West America: Life, Death and Evolution on an Island Continent, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Dr. Scott Sampson of the Utah Museum of Natural History and University of Utah explores the questions of giant dinosaur co-existence, the evolution of Tyrannosaurus rex and the great extinction of dinosaurs at the end of the Mesozoic Era. Book signing follows. TICKETS & INFO: 216-231-4600.

MISCELLANEOUS

DEC. 31: Muse Literary Competition Deadline. Calling all local literary lions. Here's a contest for aspiring authors. Get the lead out and submit! \$500 First Place Prize for unpublished manuscripts. Fiction and creative nonfiction not to exceed 3,000 words. Poetry limited to 3 poems per entry, with maximum of 2-type written pages per poem. Entry Fees: \$25/category; \$10 for each additional entry within a category, not to exceed three entries. Mail to: MUSE Annual Literary Competition, 2570 Superior Ave., Suite 203, Cleveland, OH 44114. INFO: 216-694-0000 or www.the-lit.org/page3/files/muse-lit-comp-09.pdf



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It's Not Easy Being...Oh, You Know

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

As 2010 arrives, Shaker Man finds himself confronted by a world (or, more accurately, teenage children) determined to make him greener and more sustainable. This is not going to be easy:

Food: Shaker Man has dined happily for half a century on juicy steaks, spicy pulled pork, and tender fried chicken without once ever having said to himself, "Gee, I wonder where this delicious meat came from?" His 17-year-old daughter, however, has a quick-draw question at his first bite of any flesh: "Dad, was that (cow, pig, fowl) raised humanely?" Stumped at first (but still chewing), he eventually comes up with an answer: "Yes, it lived very happily, right up until the moment we killed it and ate it." Unfortunately, this answer is not met with the guffaw he hoped for, or even a sly appreciation of his wry wit; a better description might be the term *Volcanically Vegetarian*. "How can you live with yourself?" she says, then stares at him in horror for a full five minutes before he realizes that he is the only one at the table still chewing, and that he should probably stop if he knows what's good for him.

Even worse is the opening this gives 17 to insist that the family at least try a week of wholesome, locally grown, *delicious* pesco-lacto-ovo-vegetarian dishes. When Shaker Man inadvertently says "It's just the flavor I miss," 17 slams her fork on the table and storms from the room.

"Nice job, Dad," says Shaker Man's 13-year-old son as he idly pushes carrot-rutabaga casserole around his plate. "Then again, I think we've got sausages in the freezer. Want one?"

Energy: According to 17, Shaker Man's carbon footprint would make the abominable snowman proud (if, alas, extinct). "There are lights on all over this house. You keep the air-conditioning at 60 degrees in the summer and the furnace at 75 degrees in the winter. And how can you drive a car like that?" she says, pointing with disgust at his SUV.

"By crushing all the little cars who get in front of me."

"We should have bought a Smart Car. They get 36

miles to the gallon."

"If I wanted to climb inside a dishwasher on wheels, I'd do it in my own kitchen, not on the highway."

"I'd pay to see that," offers 13.

"You are such a dinosaur!" says 17.

13 nods in agreement. "Dorkasaurus Maximus," he says. "Global warming is *real*, Dad. And Smart Cars are *cool*. Unlike you."

Recycling: The only area in which Shaker Man achieves any green success is in the area of recycling, primarily because it only involves putting trash into different-colored containers. Unfortunately, as he finds more and more things that can be recycled, reused, or otherwise reduced, he becomes sustainability's version of a reformed smoker. Soon he's asking neighbors across the hedge why they're still putting Glad sandwich baggies in the trash ("I can see them in your garbage bags from here!") and explaining at cocktail parties about how, with a little duct tape, they, too, could fashion old two-liter soda bottles into rafts for use at Thornton Park next summer ("We could all take them together. We'd be the eco-swimmers from Boulevard! What do you think?").

Worst of all, though, at least for 17 and 13, is the weekly review of Dad's Amazing Recycling Prowess. "Look at that pile of blue bags and cardboard," he says like clockwork on Monday mornings. "Why, it must be five times the amount of garbage we put out. What do you think of that?"

"Uh, that's really nice, Dad," 17 says uncertainly, before whispering to her mother, "What is *that* about?"

"Oh, Honey," says Mom. "That's just a guy thing. 'My recycling bag is bigger than *your* recycling bag. Ha Ha Ha.' Honestly, they never get much past age eight, no matter what they're doing."

"Hey!" says 13.

"Except for you, dear."

"Thanks," he smiles.

"I'm sure your recycling will be *much* better than your father's."





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