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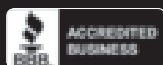
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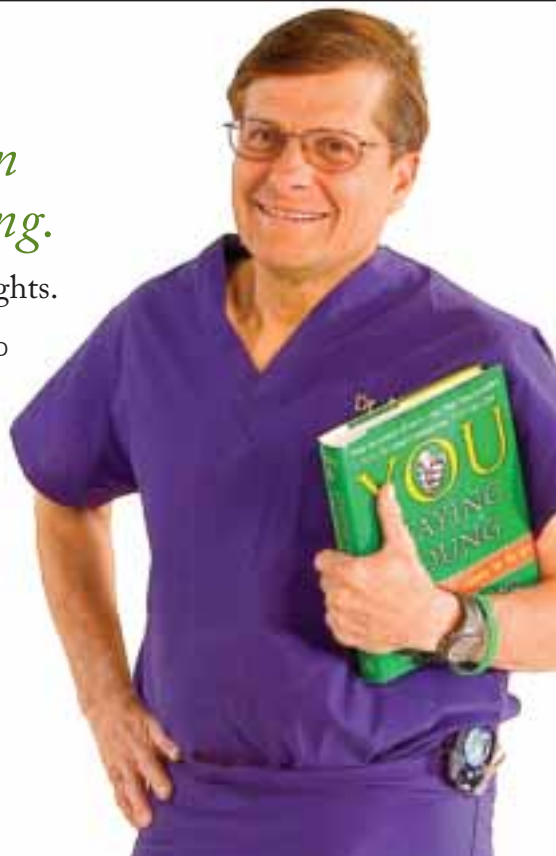
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## From Our Readers

### A False Step

Correction please. In the Dec/Jan 2011 issue, the dancer pictured on page 33 and page 34 ["Shaker Dances"] with Sabatino Verlezza and Amara Romano is Tracy Pattison, not Barbara Verlezza.

Thank you,  
Tracy Pattison

### Better Than The Reality

Thank you for sharing my story with your readers ["Why 'A Jewish Guy from the East Side' Attends Mass"] in the Dec/Jan 2011 issue of Shaker Life and making me look so much better than the reality. I appreciate your hard work on this. I am hoping the story will generate some interest in the West Side Catholic Center, and for those who might be interested in changing careers.

Marc Nathanson  
Executive Director  
West Side Catholic Center

### Educational Accomplishments

The Aug/Sep 2010 issue of Shaker Life (The Family Issue) was meaningful to me for several reasons.

First, as an educator at Woodbury Elementary School, I am extremely proud when I read about the accomplishments of our students and the School District. I am in my sixteenth year at Woodbury and am delighted to see you spread the word about the technological accomplishments and advancements in our schools ["Bye Bye Blackboard"].

I also enjoyed the article about kids' bedrooms ["Kid's Caves: A Decorating Expedition"], but I am curious; do you ask for submissions before choosing the rooms you highlight? I would love to submit photos of my nursery and several of

those of other Shaker moms. I am biased, of course, but my amazing nursery was created with the assistance of a teacher's aide at my school. He has a remarkable story and his work is beautiful.

As a new mom, I have forged wonderful friendships with other new Shaker moms as a result of the frequent stroller walks in my Sussex neighborhood. As a participant in the Shaker-based Kin-dermusik program since my son was six weeks old, I have become friends with a fun-loving, creative, and diverse group of Shaker moms. This diversity is what I find so appealing about Shaker Heights. I wish you could find a way to spotlight these positive relationships in your magazine. Our "mommy camp" has helped all of us survive and thrive during our first summer of motherhood.

Chante Thomas-Taylor

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### Great Feedback

Thank you and writer Sue Starrett for the wonderful article on Adoption Network Cleveland ["A Lifelong Journey"] in the April/May 2010 issue of Shaker Life. I'm never at the computer when it comes to mind, so please excuse my delay in writing.

You really did a tremendous job and I got such great feedback on the piece. I even heard from some people I'd lost touch with over the years, and one person approached me in the coffee shop who recognized me from the photo

and had just referred a co-worker to Adoption Network after reading the article.

Thank you so much for taking the time, and having the interest, to do such a great job. It is wonderful to call Shaker Heights home, and this recognition reminded me of that over and over.

Betsie Norris  
Executive Director  
Adoption Network Cleveland

### Shaker Heights @ the Orchestra: Three Exclusive Promotions

The Cleveland Orchestra is offering three exclusive promotions to Shaker residents through Neighborhood Nights @ the Orchestra, an initiative of The Center for Future Audiences. The promotions include special ticket pricing for three different concerts:

Concert One: Thursday, March 10 at 8 pm. Hear Mahler's Fourth Symphony conducted by Franz Welser-Möst, featuring soprano Jessica Rivera. Orchestra level seating, \$30 per ticket. Promo Code: 8766

Concert Two: Friday, April 1 at 7 pm. "Romantic Rachmaninoff" concert and after-party, to which Shaker orchestra members are invited, part of the popular Fridays @ 7 Series. Jiří Bělohlávik, conductor, and Horacio Guti  rrez, piano. \$30 ticket includes orchestra level seating and one free drink. Promo code: 8766

Concert Three: Sunday, April 17 at 2 pm. The entire family can enjoy a performance of Peter and the Wolf, part of the Family Concert Series. Sasha Makila, conductor, with special guests Magic Circle Mime Company. Balcony level seating, \$12 per ticket.



Promo Code: 8782.

Order tickets online at [www.clevelandorchestra.com](http://www.clevelandorchestra.com), or by phone at 216-231-1111. Tickets purchased online can be printed at home. Please use the concert promo code to redeem each special offer. Offers are subject to availability.

Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Severance Hall Ticket Office, 11001 Euclid Avenue. The ticket office is open weekdays from 9 am to 6 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm.

### **Weather May Affect Service Center Drop-offs**

Residents are advised that during inclement weather, the Service Yard may close to residents on weekends for recycling and large item drop-offs. The Service Yard is particularly busy during the winter due to trucks and plows entering and exiting. In cases where inclement weather may cause a hazardous driving situation for residents, the Service Yard will be closed. When in doubt, please call 216-491-1499 to confirm whether drop-offs are being accepted that Saturday or Sunday.

### **New Smoke Detector Requirements Save Lives**

Based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Kevin Jacobs, City ordinance regarding the installation of smoke detectors may soon require the use of photoelectric detectors when installing a new smoke detector or replacing an old one. As part of its ongoing mission to keep abreast of new technology, the Fire Department conducted a thorough review of the three types of sensors currently used in smoke detectors: photoelectric, ionization, and a combination or dual-sensor. Industry research and testing proved photoelectric sensors to be the clear winner. Most homes currently use an ionization sensor, which had been considered the industry standard until now.

Says Chief Jacobs, "It has become very evident that with the types of materials

now used in furniture, the fires we tend to see are slow, smoldering fires. These slow-burning fires generate a large volume of toxic smoke prior to free burning. The ionization detectors will alert a homeowner of the fire, but at a noticeable delay in comparison to photoelectric sensors. This delay has a direct impact on the number of lives saved when responding to a fire."

New legislation would not require that residents replace existing ionization smoke detectors that are functional, but photoelectric sensors would be required in all new construction, and whenever an old smoke detector is replaced. All smoke detectors should be replaced when they are ten years old, or sooner if they are not functioning properly. The SHFD also recommends that residents consider installing interconnected detectors, in which every detector sounds when one alarm is activated.

Smoke detectors should be placed on every level of the home, including the basement, outside every sleeping area, and in every bedroom. Detectors should be mounted on the ceiling or high on the wall, because smoke rises. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Some smoke detectors use a nine-volt battery, some use a long-life battery (which may last for up to ten years), and others can be hardwired to the home with a battery back up. Hardwired detectors must be installed by a qualified electrician. In the event of a false alarm, never remove the battery or disconnect the power source. Simply fan the smoke or steam away until the alarm stops.

Be sure to test each detector monthly by pushing the test button, and replace nine-volt batteries twice a year; a good time to do so is when changing the clocks. If the alarm "chirps," the detector's battery is low and should be replaced immediately. Vacuum out dust or cobwebs that accumulate in smoke detectors at least once a year.

Smoke detectors and batteries are provided free of charge to residents who can-

not afford them. The SHFD will install smoke detectors for any resident who requires assistance, and will provide guidance on the proper placement of detectors in the home. For questions about the new ordinance, or to request assistance with installing smoke detectors, call the Fire Department at 216-491-1200. To learn whether legislation regarding photoelectric detectors was approved by City Council, visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

### **15 Graduates Join the Ranks of the Citizens Police Academy**

The Shaker Heights Police Department graduated its 19th Citizens Police Academy last November. Fifteen graduates completed a 12-week course that is designed to raise awareness of police procedures and programs and covers such topics as criminal investigation, response tactics, SWAT team, and the K-9 unit. The course is free and open to residents age 21 and older, as well as those who work in the city full time.

Many graduates of the CPA continue on as active CPA Alumni who assist the SHPD at community events such as the Memorial Day Parade, July 4 fireworks display, and the annual bike auction. Alumni also provide extra "eyes and ears" to the SHPD by volunteering for weekend patrols in unmarked squad cars, equipped with a radio or cell phone to report any suspicious activity. Says Deputy Chief Michael Schwarber, who oversees the program, "It is impossible to overstate the tremendous support we receive from CPA Alumni. We could never be as effective as we are without their help."

The SHPD will accept applications later in the spring for those who are interested in joining the next Citizens Police Academy. Applications will be available at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com), at the Police Department, 3355 Lee Road, or by calling the office of Police Chief D. Scott Lee at 216-491-1240.

## Family Connections Strengthens Services with Merger

Family Connections, located at the Shaker Family Center, has long been a valued community resource providing services and programming to families with young children throughout Northeast Ohio. Thanks to a merger with Heights Parent Center of Cleveland Heights, Family Connections is now poised to deliver enhanced services to an even wider geographic area.

Joanne Federman, executive director of the combined entity, says "We continue to be committed to the families we currently serve and are excited to extend our reach to families in other communities." All existing programs and activities located in the Shaker Family Center and at Taylor Academy (home of the former Heights Parents Center) will continue as usual, as will off-site programming such as the Play and Learn Station at the Shaker Heights Public Library, and the Little Heights at the Heights Library on Lee Road.

Literacy and school readiness will also continue to be central to the Family Connections mission. The organization partners closely with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights and Shaker Heights City School Districts to help prepare children for school and to increase parent engagement. Other partnerships include The Literacy Cooperative of Greater Cleveland, Old Stone Education Center, the MyCom Youth Development Initiative, and Cleveland Moms First, among many others.

As an additional advantage to the merger, Family Connections now has an increased capacity to provide home visits to families with young children, and aims to develop new partnerships with corporations to help their international employees and families acclimate to the community.

To learn more about Family Connections, visit [www.familyconnections1.org](http://www.familyconnections1.org).

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## 40 Years of Service

The Shaker Heights Youth Center celebrated its 40th anniversary on November 19 with a 1970s themed event, "Rock and Rolling through the Years." The party was held in the Shaker Heights High School gym. It featured the No Name Band, a local band made up of several Shaker Heights attorneys as well as Municipal Court Judge, K.J. Montgomery.

The Shaker Heights Youth Center is an award-winning independent community social service organization located at Heights Christian Church. Programming includes leadership development, mentoring, academic assistance, and prevention services. The Youth Center is also the lead agency for the implementation of the MyCom program in Shaker Heights. Founded in 1970, it has been led by Executive Director John Lisy since 1996.

## AHA!

The Shaker Arts Council (SHAC) is sponsoring another At Home with the Arts (AHA) program, with musical performances in February and April. Attendees are treated to high-caliber performing artists with a Shaker connection in intimate, salon-like settings.

On Friday, February 11 at 7:30 pm, the Steiger-Meyers Duo will perform in a private home. The flute-piano combo has performed throughout Northeast Ohio and has appeared in two festivals in Nicaragua. Flutist Virginia Steiger is a member of the Opera Cleveland Orchestra. Pianist Betty Meyers has participated as a keyboardist for The Cleveland Orchestra. Their repertoire includes classical, folk, and jazz. Attendees will receive an email or regular mail confirmation of the location.

On Friday, April 8 at 7:30 pm, international classical guitar virtuoso and Shaker resident Jason Vieaux will perform at Loganberry Books in the Larchmere shopping district. Visit [www.jasonvieaux.com](http://www.jasonvieaux.com).

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For more information about either event or to learn more about SHAC, call 216-561-7454 or email [info@shakerartscouncil.org](mailto:info@shakerartscouncil.org).

## Business News

### Shaker Duo Among "America's Best Young Entrepreneurs Under 25"

BusinessWeek.com named Zach Bloom and Rick Arlow of LifeServe Innovations as one of "America's Best Young Entrepreneurs Under 25" in 2010. Readers voted on a list of more than 500 submissions, and ranked LifeServe among the top 25 finalists. LifeServe Innovations is a tenant of Shaker LaunchHouse, an entrepreneurial incubator located in Shaker Heights.

Bloom and Arlow were students at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA, when they began to develop a new way to open patient airways in emergency situations. Bloom graduated in 2009 with a masters in health and biomedical economics. Arlow is now a second-year medical student at Case Western Reserve University, and has worked as a paramedic.

Their device, based on the design of a viper's fang, is intended to open airways via minimally invasive procedures that can be performed in 60 seconds or less, compared to 10 to 15 minutes for a comparably effective surgical procedure. The device is now in pre-clinical testing on models, cadavers, and animals. The pair has raised \$100,000 in grants and prizes from business plan competitions and is applying for funding from the National Institutes of Health and the Defense Department.

## Shaker News Briefs

- Shaker resident **Sandra Kiely Kolb** has been named Chair of the Cleveland Play House Board of Directors. Kolb retired as Senior Vice President of National City Bank in 2004, after 25 years of service. She also served in the Nixon White House. An active volunteer, Kolb is a founding board member and past chairman at Saint Luke's Foundation, executive committee member of the Shaker Heights Fund for the Future, secretary/treasurer of the Church of the Saviour Foundation and board member of the Cleveland Restoration Society. She has previously served as vice chair at the Cleveland Play House. Other board responsibilities include the Cleveland Children's Museum, Junior League of Cleveland, Hollins University, and the Wesleyan Senior Foundation. Kolb also serves as a citizen member of the Civil Service Commission for the City of Shaker Heights.

- The 1921 Society, the Cleveland Clinic's most prestigious benefactor group, has named Shaker resident **Maria Miller** a Distinguished Fellow. The 1921 Society recognizes those who have contributed \$1 million or more for patient care, research, and education. The Distinguished Fellow designation was established in 1971 and is the highest lifetime honor bestowed upon individuals who have made extraordinary contributions of service and resources.

Miller created the ice show and gala event known as "An Evening with Scott Hamilton and Friends," which she has chaired for 11 consecutive years. The event raises funds for the Scott Hamilton CARES initiative, which promotes cancer awareness, funds cancer research, and provides mentorship and survivor programs to patients and families. Miller is a member of the leadership boards for the Taussig Cancer Institute and the Digestive Disease Institute.

- In November, Governor Ted Strickland and Bill Hartnett, director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, inducted Shaker resident **George F. Qua** as a member of the Class of 2010 in the Hall of Fame. Qua served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He served more than 40 years with the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross recruiting donors for blood drives. He has served as a mentor to more than 200 Scouts who achieved Scouting's highest recognition, the Eagle Scout award, and sat on the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America. He received the National Hall of Fame Leadership Award on the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America for his involvement on the local, national and international levels.

He is a Life Member in the John Towie Cleveland Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, the American Legion, Korean War Veterans Association, 101st Airborne Division Association and the Association of the United States Army. Shaker residents remember George Qua for the car dealership run by his family at the corner of Warrensville Center and Farnsleigh roads.

- City Council has confirmed the following committee appointments made by the Mayor:

**Architectural Board of Review:** **Sandra Madison** will serve as a regular member for the remainder of her term, expiring December 31, 2012. **Jim Neville** will serve as an alternate member for a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2013. **Christopher Wynn** will serve as an alternate member for a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2013.

**City Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals:** **Jack Boyle** will serve the unexpired term of **David Hartt**, expiring December 31, 2012. **Kevin Madison** will serve a six-year term, expiring December 31, 2016.

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**Landmark Commission:** Brian Cook will serve a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2013. Meghan Hays is re-appointed to a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2013.

### Seasonal Reminders

**Horseshoe Lake Park Picnic Permits:** Dates fill up fast! Priority is given to in-person requests at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, which begin March 22. Permits are limited to the large pavilion. Permission for use of both pavilions may be granted to larger groups. Two weeks advance notice of requested date is required. Phone-in and online reservations begin March 23. Call 216-491-1351. The park is available M-SU from May 30 to September 4 and September 10-25 on weekends only. The park is open, but no reservations will be taken for Memorial Day, July 4 or Labor Day. Pavilions may be used on a first-come, first-served basis on these holidays.

**Bicycle Licensing:** Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm February 4 and March 4 & 11 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

**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. 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 onto another person's property.

**Trash Delays:** Collections scheduled on or after Presidents' Day will not be delayed. To receive an email reminder when pickup is delayed, sign up at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

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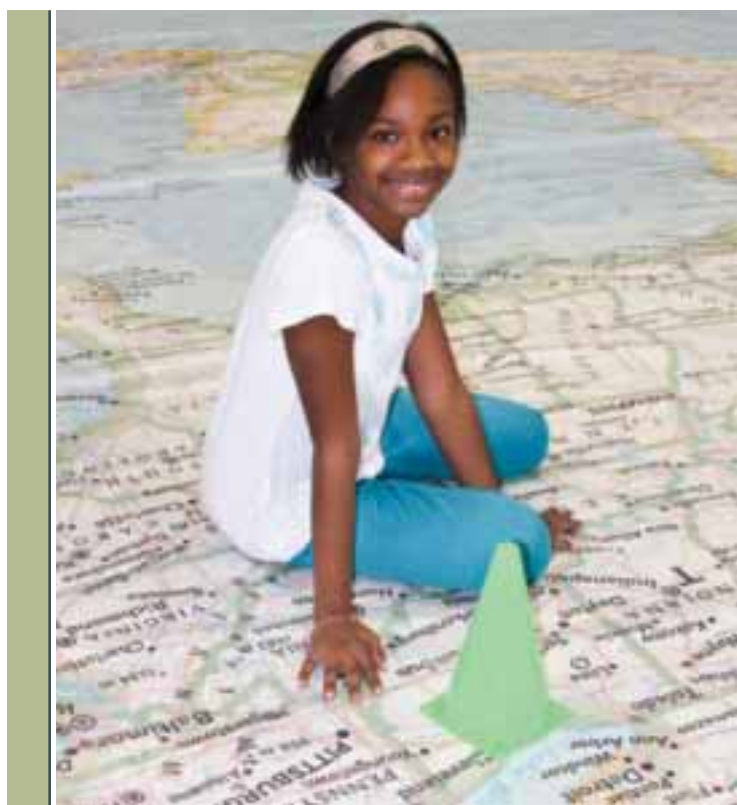
## Woodbury Students Have the World at Their Feet

Woodbury fifth-graders explored North America in a big way when their school received a Giant Traveling Map from the National Geographic Society. The only catch is that they have to do the exploring in their socks; at 26 feet by 35 feet, the map takes up the better part of the gymnasium floor. The brightly colored vinyl map illustrates North America's oceans, rivers, mountains, states, provinces, and cities. Later this spring, sixth-graders will get a turn to explore the continent of Africa with a map of similar size.

At the initiative of sixth-grade teacher Ruth Heide, the Shaker Schools Foundation supplied funding for the project. Says Heide, "The giant maps provide an interactive way for students to practice basic maps skills, like finding longitude and latitude coordinates, states, and capitals. They can also do more in-depth analysis, like identifying patterns in population growth or analyzing why cities are located where they are. It's a real 'feet-on' experience."

The National Geographic Society sends the traveling maps to schools for a period of several weeks. The maps come neatly packed in a trunk along with suggested lesson plans and accessories, such as laminated information cards, plastic cones, and an inflatable globe. In a recent lesson, Mike Kobilis's fifth-grade class placed red cones on cities with the largest populations in the 1900s, and green cones on cities with the largest populations today. Students were then asked to draw conclusions about why the population had shifted from one geographic region to another.

"The Shaker Schools Foundation is delighted to fund the traveling map project. It fits nicely with the Foundation's mission of providing enrichment opportunities and it fits with the International Baccalaureate program," said Christine Auginas, executive director. To learn more about the Shaker Schools Foundation and its mission, view a video posted at [www.shaker.org/foundation](http://www.shaker.org/foundation).



## US Tour Features Exemplary Middle School Library

Nancy Everhart, president of the American Association of School Librarians, visited the Middle School in November as part of her national vision tour to recognize exemplary school libraries. Shaker Heights Middle School's library program was designated as "outstanding" by the Ohio Educational Library Media Association, and was one of 35 libraries from across the nation selected for Everhart's tour.

Everhart praised the Middle School for its "high-quality program that is an excellent example of empowering every student to be a learner for life." She presented library staff members with a recognition plaque and was treated to student performances by the Middle School honors choir and flute ensemble. The flute group performed theme music from the Harry Potter movies, as a nod to the popular book series.

Under the guidance of Shaker's library media specialists, students throughout the District learn to use the extensive library collections and electronic resources, with emphasis on evaluating the reliability of information and applying knowledge across the curriculum. Kathy Frederick, director of Library and Technology Services, commented, "We are thrilled to receive this national recognition. Libraries are at the heart of learning; reading affects every other educational experience students will have."

*For the latest news and info about the Shaker schools, please visit [shaker.org](http://shaker.org). To receive regular e-news updates, subscribe at [shaker.org/news](http://shaker.org/news).*

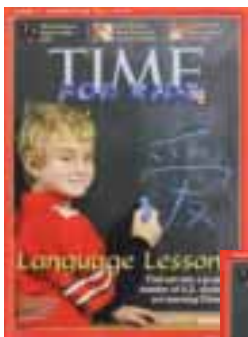
### Woodbury fifth-grader

Tayanna White marked her favorite North American city: Cleveland, Ohio.

## Elementary Chinese Program Gets National Nod

Shaker's elementary Chinese program made the cover of TIME For Kids in November. Teacher JingJing Wu's classes at Lomond Elementary School were featured in the article and accompanying photographs.

TIME For Kids is a weekly classroom news magazine designed to build reading and writing skills and is distributed through schools. The article is available at [tinyurl.com/tfkshaker](http://tinyurl.com/tfkshaker) and is found in the November 19 editions for Grades 3-4 and Grades 5-6.



## 143 Named AP Scholars

One hundred and forty-three Shaker Heights High School students and June 2010 graduates have been named AP Scholars by The College Board in recognition of their outstanding performance on three or more Advanced Placement (AP) examinations administered through May 2010. This represents 33 percent of the Shaker students who took AP exams; worldwide, about 18 percent of the more than 1.8 million students who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Shaker Heights High School offers 23 Advanced Placement courses in 18 subject areas. In any given year, approximately one-third of Shaker sophomores, juniors, and seniors are enrolled in at least one AP course. For a complete list of Shaker's AP Scholars, visit [tinyurl.com/apscholars10](http://tinyurl.com/apscholars10).

## Rotary Club of Shaker Heights Gives Students Gift of Words



The Rotary Club of Shaker Heights provided every third-grader in the Shaker Schools with a dictionary as part of Rotary International's Literacy Project. During each visit, students participated in a dictionary exercise and searched for key words found in The Four-Way Test, a code of ethics adopted by the Rotary in the 1940s. Here Rotarians John Sobotincic and Sandy Bendis help Boulevard Elementary School students look up the word 'truth.'

## Join Us for the Party of the Year

The Shaker Schools Foundation presents the 19th annual Night for the Red and White to benefit the Shaker Schools on Saturday, March 12. The "Black Tie Block Party" begins at 7 pm at The Executive Caterers at Landerhaven, 6111 Landerhaven Drive, Mayfield Heights.

The immensely successful benefit has raised more than \$1.8 million for the Shaker Schools since the first event was held in 1992. Proceeds will be used for educational enrichment opportu-

nities focusing on the arts, technology, health, and fitness. Each year, this celebration brings together several hundred attendees, including parents, faculty members, and community leaders.

This year's event will feature a silent auction, student art show and performances, dinner, and dancing to the sounds of the Jerry Bruno Band. For more information or for tickets, link to [www.shaker.org/foundation/redandwhite](http://www.shaker.org/foundation/redandwhite), or call 216-295-4325.







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## REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between July 16 and August 31, 2010 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	2010 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE
3315 AVALON ROAD	\$171,500	\$152,750 (2006)
22550 CALVERTON ROAD	\$450,000	\$507,000 (2006)
3096 CHADBOURNE ROAD	\$166,928	\$205,000 (2003)
2675 CRANLYN ROAD	\$410,000	\$515,000 (2008)
16205 FERNWAY ROAD	\$160,000	\$160,000 (2007)
18009 FERNWAY ROAD	\$340,000	\$322,000 (2003)
2919 GLENMORE ROAD	\$255,000	\$310,000 (2005)
16819 HOLBROOK ROAD	\$254,000	\$230,000 (2005)
3352 KENMORE ROAD	\$205,000	\$192,000 (2005)
3375 KENMORE ROAD	\$140,000	\$242,500 (2000)
3135 LAUREL ROAD	\$265,000	\$315,000 (2005)
2847 MANCHESTER ROAD	\$380,000	\$392,000 (2007)
22226 PARNELL ROAD	\$705,000	\$507,500 (2009)
20977 SHELBURNE ROAD	\$262,000	\$265,000 (2000)
21185 SHELBURNE ROAD	\$237,000	\$150,000 (2004)
3694 SUDBURY ROAD	\$ 67,400	\$ 88,000 (2005)
22526 WESTCHESTER ROAD	\$182,250	\$230,000 (2007)
21476 S WOODLAND ROAD	\$280,500	\$114,000 (2010)

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

2691 BELVOIR BLVD	\$300,000	\$332,000 (1999)
2975 GLENGARY ROAD	\$700,000	\$569,900 (1999)
3120 KINGSLEY ROAD	\$417,000	\$430,000 (1999)
2937 MANCHESTER ROAD	\$320,000	\$330,000 (1996)
2963 MONTGOMERY ROAD	\$485,500	\$425,000 (1999)
19015 SHELBURNE ROAD	\$640,000	\$480,000 (1997)
19815 SHELBURNE ROAD	\$815,000	\$620,000 (1999)
22175 WESTCHESTER ROAD	\$258,500	\$235,000 (1998)
22860 S WOODLAND ROAD	\$237,000	\$215,000 (1995)

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

21376 BRANTLEY ROAD	\$450,000	\$320,000 (1994)
2874 WOODBURY ROAD	\$304,000	\$175,000 (1994)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

## Become "Certified Shaker"

Give yourself a leg up on the competition by attaining certification in this unique program, which is offered to landlords at no charge. Among other benefits, properties that meet or exceed City standards of excellence are promoted on the City's website and are shown to prospective renters by relocation specialists.

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](http://shakeronline.com).

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

## Certified Shaker Properties

### Apartments:

Oxford House Apts  
Owners: Oxford Investments  
15515 Van Aken Boulevard  
Certified: 2002-2010

Shaker Norwood Apts  
Owners: 3660 Warrensville LLC  
3660 Warrensville Center Road  
Certified: 2007, 2009, 2010

Fairhill Place Apts  
Owner: Montlack Management  
13660 Fairhill Boulevard  
Certified: 2002-2010

Rental Homes:  
3339 Avalon Road  
Owners: 3339 Avalon LLC  
Certified: 2010

3618 Gridley Road  
Owner: Cyril C. Weathers  
Certified: 2007-2010

3563 Latimore Road  
Owner: Nora Kancelbaum  
Certified: 2010

18658 Parkland Drive  
Owners: The Crossroads Group LLC  
Certified: 2010

## Send in Nominations for 13th Annual Preservation Awards

The Landmark Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2011 Preservation Awards program. Exterior projects completed within the last two years are eligible. Recipients are acknowledged for success in preserving, rehabilitating, restoring, or interpreting the architectural

integrity and cultural heritage of a Shaker home or building.

Project categories include: Retention of Original Materials, Exterior Restoration, Excellence in Stewardship, Distinguished Landscape, and Architecturally Appropriate Addition. Property owners, architects, or contractors can nominate themselves and/or others. All residential and non-residential building types are eligible.

The Shaker Heights Landmark Commission established its Preservation Awards program in 1998 to recognize and highlight efforts by property owners who have preserved and improved their properties. This awards program mirrors the program established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1971.

Please submit nominations by April 29 to the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission. Nomination forms and a list of previous award winners are available

at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) or by contacting Ann Klavora at 216-491-1436 or [ann.klavora@shakeronline.com](mailto:ann.klavora@shakeronline.com). 



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### Open House

**Sunday, February 13, 2011**

Grades 9–12 | 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. | Gates Mills Campus

### Parent Morning Visitations

**Thursday, February 10, 2011**

**Thursday, March 10, 2011**

Grades PS–8 | 8:45 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

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Gates Mills Campus | 440.423.2955





## Main Library Renovation Update

Renovation to the Main Library's second floor, to expand the public Computer Center and Training Lab facilities, continues to progress on schedule. The dedication is scheduled for April.

The new Training Lab will have twelve workstations, double the current number. Workstations in the Computer Center will increase from 14 to 27, and, when classes are not held in the Training Lab, those computers will be available to the public as an extension of the Computer Center.

Through a partnership with Connect Ohio and its Every Citizen Online (ECO) grant through the federal government's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), the Library will receive matching funds to purchase the 12 new computers for the Training Lab, one for the trainer, and three for the Computer Center. Another 10 computers will be purchased for the Computer Center with money from the Library Endowment Fund.

With the goal of providing more people access to the Internet, BTOP funds will also pay for ECO computer training. Six hours of free education in the areas of mouse use, email, and Internet searching will be offered each month through November 2012. Those who complete these courses will be eligible for financial incentives to purchase computers and to receive high speed Internet access.

Other enhancements to the second floor include a Friends' book sale sorting room, storage space for the library, a maintenance workshop, and office space for Adult Services staff. Renovations have been made possible through funds remaining from a \$1.5 million school-library bond issue approved by voters in 2004.

Other expenditures from the bond issue have included a new slate roof for the Main Library, library material security systems for Main Library and Woods Branch, a new security camera system for the Main Library, print and time management software for public computers at both libraries, first floor restroom renovations at the Main Library, and automatic entrance doors at the Main Library.

Friends of the Shaker Library has generously funded the new children's public service desk at the Main Library, which was put into place in January, replacing furniture moved from the old library building in 1993. This modular piece can be divided into two smaller service desks pending any expansion or redesign of youth services space in the future.

## CEO Moves Forward

The LSTA is moving forward on its grant-funded Community Entrepreneurial Office, which will be located on the second floor of the Main Library. Equipment has been ordered and the space will be redesigned to accommodate office stations, copy and fax machines, and a service desk. Library staff is working on a business plan, and brochures about the CEO and its services will be available in June.



## Dynamic Media Partners Helps Library to Promote Programs and Services

Dynamic Media Partners, Inc., a local company that builds a network of digital poster boards to help organizations communicate with their customers, has installed their digital bulletin boards at no cost in both libraries. The goal is to provide a flexible advertising solution for organizations and businesses of all sizes to have an effective conversation with their customers.

The pioneering partnership between the Library and DMP, Inc. enables the library to increase patrons' awareness of services, events, and news while reducing the cost of print materials and helping the library continue its green initiative.

Digital poster boards are beneficial to both businesses and the Library. Local businesses have an opportunity to advertise flexibly and creatively on the poster boards and, while sharing their message with community members, they also help support library programs. DMP, Inc. is owned and operated by Tripp Munro and Damon Pollock.

Tripp Munro, 28, was born and raised in Shaker Heights. He graduated from University School in 2001, and attended Rollins College in Florida. In 2001 Munro purchased a restaurant in Charleston, South Carolina with his sister, Anne, a graduate of Shaker Heights High School, and worked in the restaurant business until 2003, when he enrolled at John Carroll University. He graduated from JCU's Boler School of Business with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 2005, and lives in the Fernway neighborhood.

Tripp Munro and Damon Pollock



Damon Pollock, 31, was born and raised in Claridon, Ohio. He graduated from Hawken School in 1997, and from The Ohio State University in 2001. In 2009, he earned an MBA from Baldwin Wallace College. He resides in Lyndhurst with his wife, Lindsay, and son, Ryan.

For more information on their services, contact [DynamicMediaPartners@gmail.com](mailto:DynamicMediaPartners@gmail.com).

## Library Offers Tax Table Talks in February

Feeling taxed by the new IRS tax codes and regulations? Chris Fuller and Marlyn Josselson-Ludwig of H & R Block Premium will staff an Ask a Tax Advisor table from 2-4 pm Sunday, February 6 at the Main Library.

Fuller is a graduate of Brown University and has 17 years tax experience. Josselson-Ludwig is a graduate of Ohio University and has been a tax professional for 32 years.

Cheryl Keys and Sarah Maasz, also of H & R Block Premium, will be on hand to answer tax questions from 7-8:30 pm Wednesday, February 23 at Bertram Woods Branch. Keys is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with 15 years of tax experience and Maasz is a graduate of Grove City College with 24 years tax experience.

As members of the H & R Block Premium office, all four advisors have extensive experience in investments/stock options (income, sales, losses), home ownership, purchase, or sale, home foreclosure, real estate rentals or vacation homes, healthcare expenses, charitable giving, non-U.S. citizen (living here), income earned outside the U.S., retirement income, income from multiple states, small business, sole proprietor, or self-employed, trusts & estates, partnerships, corporations, not-for-profit organizations, help with IRS or state notices/audits, and tax planning.

Stop by the Ask a Tax Advisor tables at either library this February and be less

taxed when it comes time to file.

## Library Seeks Entries for 12th Annual Barbara Luton Art Contest

Artists interested in entering the Library's 12th annual Barbara Luton Art Competition are encouraged to pick up an entry form at the circulation desks at either Library. The contest is named in honor of Barbara Luton, a former library director who managed the renovation of Moreland School into the Main Library.

Entries will be accepted from 2 to 5 pm Friday, March 4 and from 10 am to 2 pm Saturday, March 5. A non-refundable entry fee of \$25 for up to two pieces is required at the time of entry. Jurors for this year's exhibit are Denise Stewart and Leslie Edwards Huméz.

Past winners' works include Gary Williams' pastel and fabric collage, *Tishauna 7.1*, Horace Reese's graphite drawing, *Ethiopian*, Terry Sciko's *The Fourth of October*, John Harmon's *Interspace*, Johnine Byrne's *Lanterns*, Jerome White's *Quality Time*, David Brichford's *Man Eater*, Daniel George's *220 Stories*, Mary Ryan's *Doan Brook*, Amy Lewandowski's *A Very Good Breakfast*, and Paula Zinsmeister's collages, *Saplings* and *Passages*. These are now part of the Library's permanent collection.

The Barbara Luton Art Show awards include a purchase award not to exceed \$1,000 for the Best of Show, \$200 for First Place, \$100 for Second Place, \$50 for Third Place, and certificates for honorable mention. Awards will be presented at the Gallery opening reception at 2 pm Sunday, March 27 and the exhibit will continue through May 1.

For more information, call 216-991-2030.

## Local History Help Wanted!

Interested in local history, architecture, integration, or urban development? Volunteer with the Local History

Librarian at the Shaker Library. Help to shelf books and file material, develop online access tools, and/or process donations related to the Shaker Schools, the integration of Shaker Heights, and the architectural development of the city.

This is an excellent opportunity as a practicum for a library or archives student, as a senior project for a high school student, or for a resident with an hour or two to spare. Work on an exciting, evolving collection about a city known nationally for its schools, architecture, and pro-integrative housing initiatives.

For more information, contact Meghan Hays at [mhays@shakerlibrary.org](mailto:mhays@shakerlibrary.org) or 216-367-3016.

## How to Buy or Lease a Car in the Digital Age

Do you have the know-how to buy a car online? Do you understand what the term "certified used" means? Are you wavering between buying and leasing a car?



Qua

Get the answers to your car buying queries when Paul Qua presents How to Buy or Lease a Car in the Digital Age at 7 pm Wednesday, February 9 at the Main Library.

Everyone who attends the program will be given an entry form to win free tickets to the Cleveland Auto Show, which will be at the IX Center from February 26 through March 6.

Paul Qua, former owner and general manager of Qua Buick/Pontiac Shaker Heights and current auto group sales and leasing manager at Classic Auto, has spent 27 years in the automobile business. He has expertise in guiding clients through the auto-buying maze and helps customers review the differences between leasing, financing, and paying cash using factory rebates. Qua specializes in explaining the sales process, and enjoys working with first-time buyers as well as busy professionals and business people who need a

reliable car for extensive business travel.

A 1982 graduate of DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, Paul attended the General Motors University and is a graduate of the National Automobile Dealer Association Dealer Academy. He is a lifelong Shaker resident and an active member of Plymouth Church, where he currently serves as Vice President. An avid runner, Qua completed his second Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. last October. An avid reader, Qua enjoys the fast-paced fiction of Daniel Silva; his recent favorite is *The Rembrandt Affair*.

## Recent Gifts to the Library

Gifts to the Library in October and November of 2010 included donations to the Bertram Woods Branch Fund from Frances Bleiweiss, Arda Golden, Francine and Donald Golden, Stacey Jonas, Kathleen and James Penko, Judy and Dave Prasek, Maxine and Charles Rosenbaum, the Rosenberg Family, Robert Smith, Laura Whitlow, Patty Abdenour, Ronna Harris, and Kathy Matish to honor the memory of Shirley Gendel.

Other gifts to the Bertram Woods Fund included a contribution from Laurel Rosenberg in honor of Phyllis Rotman and a donation from Holzheimer Bolek + Meehan Architects, LLC.

Contributions to the Marilyn Kammer Memorial Fund were made by Randy Kammer to honor Patricia Grimes, Glenda Mixon, and Ernest Rosenbaum and to memorialize Mario Rubio, Jennifer Rutansky, and Jenny Maurisak.

## Library Continues Communities in Conversation Series

In 2007, Shaker Library held the well-received Abraham Salon, a series of three programs that explored Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and their modern relationships.

In 2008, Emilie Barnett approached



**Emilie Barnett** (center) meets with the leaders of the Cape Town Interfaith Initiative last November.

Shaker Library and Cuyahoga County Public Library about continuing the dialogue with a program called Communities in Conversation, which she founded in 2006. Both library systems agreed to co-sponsor a series of conversations. The idea is to provide opportunities for a diverse population with a broad range of religious backgrounds to meet, converse, and learn from each other in order to fashion expanding circles of awareness, knowledge, sympathy, and fellowship.

The dialogue continues with a new Communities in Conversation series at the Main Library from 7-8:30 pm every Monday from February 28 through March 28, when participants can join in a study and discussion of Abrahamic faith traditions.

Please call or visit the Main Library and pick up a copy of the study guide at least two weeks before the first session.

## The Bookshelf: Winter Diversions for Young Readers

*The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry* edited by Bill Martin Jr. with Michael Sampson. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2008. Almost two hundred poems are collected in this colorful volume featuring illustrations by many award-winning artists. Appealing for readers of many ages and tastes, this varied collection will provide hours of entertainment.

*Drawing in Color* by Kathryn Temple. Lark Books, 2009. While cold winds blow outside and you're warm inside, why not grab colored pencils, chalk, or paintbrush and paper and build your drawing skills by doing each of the drawing activities presented in nine chapters of this book.

*Kid Made Modern: 52 Kid Friendly Projects Inspired by Mid-Century Modern Design* by Todd Oldham. Ammo Books, LLC, 2009. Stuck inside? Learn to make jewelry, accessories, books, cardboard constructions, and more in this dynamically designed guide for the modern kid crafter. Some projects require adult assistance.

*Little Pink Pup* by Johanna Kerby. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2010. A dachshund mom and her puppies welcome a tiny pig named Pink into their family in this heartwarming tale about the remarkable kindness of animals.

*Look-Alikes Around the World: An Album of Amazing Postcards* by Joan Steiner. Little, Brown and Company, 2007. Take an eye-opening trip around the world and visit places like the Taj Mahal, Greek ruins, and an African village. Wait a minute... are those bushes or Brussels sprouts? Pillars or pasta? A mud hut or a muffin? Don't be fooled by look-alikes! Have fun looking, then try your own.

*Paula Deen's My First Cookbook* by Paula Deen with Martha Nesbit. Simon & Schuster, 2008. This delightful cookbook provides opportunities for young cooks to create culinary masterpieces in warm toasty kitchens. The book includes over 60 easy-to-make recipes ranging from meals to desserts, snacks, and beverages.

*The River Bank and Other Stories from the Wind In the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame, illustrated by Inga Moore. Candlewick Press, 1996. Settle in and enjoy the simple pleasures and the constancy of friends with Rat, Mole, Badger, and Toad



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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 their children, ages birth to 5 years.

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 6-8 pm Tuesdays

*No registration required.*

##### **PLAY AND LEARN BABIES**

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

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*No registration required.*

#### **PLAY AND LEARN STATION**

##### **FOR CAREGIVERS**

A preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for non-parent caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years.

10 am-noon Wednesdays

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#### **SATURDAY PRESCHOOL STORIES AT**

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11 am Saturdays

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##### **NESTLINGS**

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

Spring Session: March 14-May 3

9:30 am Mondays at Main Library, second floor, meeting room B

9:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

*Registration begins Monday, February 28.*

*Child must be target age by March 14. No programs the week of March 28-April 1.*

##### **FLEDGLINGS**

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

Spring Session: March 14-May 3

10:30 am Mondays at Main Library, second floor, meeting room B

10:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

*Registration begins Monday, February 28.*

*Child must be target age by March 14. No programs the week of March 28-April 1.*

##### **TERRIFIC TWOS**

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

Spring session: March 14-May 5

10 am Mondays or Wednesdays

at Woods Branch

10 am Tuesdays or Thursdays

at Main Library

*Register in person, online, or by phone beginning Monday, February 28. Child must be 2 years old by March 14. No programs the week of March 28-April 1.*

#### **BUTTERFLY HANDS AT MAIN LIBRARY** (Grades K-4)

Certified signer Nancy Barnett introduces children to basic signing skills.

Spring Session: April 4-May 9.

4:15-5 pm Mondays

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Monday, February 14. No class Monday, April 11.*

##### **BUTTERFLY HANDS**

##### **AT WOODS BRANCH**

(Birth to age 5 with an adult)

Learn basic signs through songs, finger-plays, flannel boards, and interaction with certified signer Nancy Barnett and her signing puppet, Sammy.

Spring Session: April 7-May 12

10:45-11:15 am Thursdays

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

##### **PRESCHOOL STORIES**

Stories, rhymes, and fun for children 3, 4, & 5-years-old.

Spring Session: March 15-May 5

1:30 pm Tuesdays &

10 am Thursdays at Woods Branch

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library

*No registration required; groups must make special arrangements. No programs the week of March 28-April 1.*

##### **PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH**

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

7:15 pm Mondays, February 21

and March 21

*Registration begins two weeks before each program.*

##### **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, newsletters, menus, and maps are some of the literary forms that young writers explore.

Spring Session: March 15-May 3

4:15 pm Tuesdays

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Tuesday, March 1. No program Tuesday, March 29.*

**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. An adult must be present to register the student at the first visit. Students must be picked up by 6:30 pm.

4-6:30 pm Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, meeting room F, second floor

*Homework Center is closed Monday, February 21 and the week of March 28-April 1. The Homework Center is funded by MyCom.*

**WRITER'S WORKSHOP****AT WOODS BRANCH** (Grades 3-5)

Words are a powerful tool. They can be used to entertain, inform, persuade, and even confuse. Learn to use words effectively and develop your writing skills in this two-part writer's workshop.

4:15-5 pm Wednesdays, February 23 and March 2

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Wednesday, February 9.*

**CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR****AT MAIN LIBRARY** (Grades K-4)

Celebrate Chinese New Year! Make a dancing paper dragon toy, enjoy a snack, and learn about the Chinese zodiac.

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, February 2

*Registration began January 19.*

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*What Happened On Fox Street* by Tricia Springstubb. Balzer and Bray, 2010. Escape a cold Cleveland winter by visiting Fox Street in the middle of a Cleveland summer in this delightful novel by an award-winning local author. Meet Mo Wren, nearly 11, and other memorable inhabitants of a street you very well may recognize during a particularly eventful, challenging, and surprising summer.

*Winter Trees* by Carole Gerber. Charlesbridge, 2008. Follow along as a young boy and his dog take a walk in the snow where all is quiet. Trees, stripped of their leaves, stand starkly outlined against the sky, revealing their distinct colors and shapes.

## Free February Computer Classes at the Main Library

**INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT®**

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Put some power in your presentations. Learn to create a slide show with text and graphics, edit slides, and add sound and animation. Participants must be able to use the mouse.

**INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:****GOOGLEMANIA™**

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Learn advanced Internet searching strategies using the Google™ search engine, including tips and tricks for finding bet-

ter information more quickly and efficiently. Topics include Google Advanced Search, Settings and Preferences, Google Maps, Google Books, and many other services. Participants must be able to use the mouse and have basic Internet skills.

**INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®**

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, including formatting and design, printing options, and creating and using basic formulas. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

**WORKING WITH WINDOWS®**

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

This class is designed for those who can navigate the Internet and work with programs, but are not comfortable using multiple windows. Topics include opening, moving, resizing, and arranging windows, copying and pasting, as well as tips and tricks for using the keyboard to make some activities easier. Participants must be able to use the mouse.

**GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT®**

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Learn to create effective PowerPoint presentations by inserting clip art, Word Art, digital pictures, and even text boxes into slides. Basic familiarity with creating slides and slideshows is expected.

**INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:****GOOGLE DOCUMENTS™**

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

With just a web browser, work on documents, spreadsheets, and databases over the Internet. Invite others to edit the documents and work collaboratively. Mousing and Internet skills are needed. Some familiarity with productivity software is expected.

**ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT®**

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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added to a slide and the menus that control them. Participants should be familiar with the basics of creating a slide show, including adding new slides and using graphics. Using the mouse and Internet searching skills are required skills.

### WINWAY RESUME WRITING

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Learn to create a professional looking resume with Winway Resume Deluxe 11. This program offers video segments for learning, a manager for contacts and job leads, and search functions that gather resources into a single page. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

### CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL®

3-4 PM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Explore the ways that Excel can display data as charts and graphs. Learn the basic ways data can be charted, and review chart types to understand how they are used and with what kind of data. Some

familiarity with Excel spreadsheets is expected.

### USING ONLINE AUCTIONS

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Explore an online auction. Create an account at Ebay.com and use it to search for items and consider bidding for them. An email address is required to create the account, but many auctions allow searching for items without registration. Learn about the pitfalls of online auctions and how to use them safely and securely.

### BASIC WORD PROCESSING

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Learn to format documents using Microsoft Word software. Topics to be covered include: formatting text and paragraphs, aligning text, and using toolbars, menus, and context-sensitive menus. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

### SOCIAL NETWORKING:

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10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Social networking sites are used by millions and are among the most visited on the web. Watch a demo to learn why they are so popular, and discuss their joys and perils.

### Every Citizen Online Classes to be held at Main Library

In addition to its regular complement of computer classes, the Library will offer a new series of classes through an Every Citizen Online (ECO) grant funded by Connect Ohio, an independent non-profit organization that develops and implements effective programs for technology deployment, use, and literacy in Ohio. The Library is a partner in this statewide initiative to accelerate broadband adoption.

ECO class topics include computer



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literacy, mouse and keyboarding skills, accessing the Internet and Internet searching tools, understanding and using email, and using the Internet to develop job and job-seeking skills. Setting up and using a free email account is a requirement.

Those who complete all four ECO sessions successfully will receive incentives such as discounts for equipment and/or broadband Internet connections to make online access more affordable.

The classes in February will be held from 7-8:30 pm Wednesdays, 3-4:30 pm Thursdays, and 10-11:30 am Saturdays, and in March from 7-8:30 pm Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm Wednesdays, and 10-11:30 am Saturdays.

Participation in the ECO grant requires providing some personal information to Connect Ohio for its grant reporting.

## Poetry Back in the Woods

Meet poets Sammy Greenspan, Robert Miltner, and Bonné de Blas, and hear them read their poetry at 7 pm Tuesday, February 15 at Bertram Woods Branch when the library presents Sammy and Friends.

Sammy Greenspan runs Kattywompus Press, publisher of Poets' Greatest Hits chapbooks. Her work appears in *Heartlands*, *Del Sol Review*, *In Posse Review*, and several anthologies and chapbooks, including the Pushcart-nominated *Step Back From the Closing Doors* (Pudding House, 2009). As director of Pudding House Salon-Cleveland she edited the anthology, *What I Knew Before I Knew* (Pudding House, 2010).



Greenspan

Robert Miltner teaches creative writing and literature at Kent State University Stark and is on the poetry faculty of the Northeast Ohio MFA in Creative Writing consortium. He is the author of *Hotel Utopia*, selected by Tim Seibles as win-



Miltner

ner of the 2009 New Rivers Press book prize, and a dozen chapbooks, including *Against the Simple* (Wick chapbook award). Miltner has published poems in *Artful Dodge*, *Barrow Street*, *LIT*, *Diagram*, *Pleiades*, *Prose Poem*, *Sleeping Fish*, and *Sentence*, and short fiction in *Istanbul Literary Review*, *Apple Valley Review*, *Storyglossia*, *Ophelia Street*, *Perigee*, and *Christmas Stories from Ohio* (Kent State University Press). He edits *The Raymond Carver Review*, and is currently writing a novel entitled *The Tempest*.

Bonné de Blas's poetry has appeared in the literary magazines *ant*, *ant*, *ant*, *ant*, *Poetalk*, and *Levy Graffiti*, and in the Pudding House anthologies *What I Knew Before I Knew* and *Another Memorial for Wallace Stevens*. She is a member of the Cleveland and Columbus Pudding House Salons. A transplant from Phoenix, Arizona, she



de Blas

received a law degree from CWRU and is co-founder and director of Art Books Cleveland, an organization devoted to the appreciation of the book arts.



McDonough

In another program, The Butcher Shop poets perform at 7 pm Tuesday, March 8 at Woods Branch. The group, which includes poets Robert McDonough, Maril Nowak, P.K. Saha, Jane N. Richmond, Suzanne Byerley, Keith Seher, Genevieve Jencson, Jack McGuane, Jesse McGuinness, Evelyn Mavromichalis, Robert Lawry, and Rob Farmer, has been meeting and critiquing poetry for 44 years. The Butcher Shop was founded in 1967 by Robert Wallace, late English



Lawry

professor at Case. It was given its name in a poem by former member, Lolette Kuby. The only original member still active is P.K. Saha. Unlike most poetry workshops, the group is private, meeting in homes and choosing new members to invite when older ones leave. It is the oldest ongoing private poetry workshop in Northeast Ohio and perhaps in the country.

## Meet the Author: Dan Coughlin

Meet Dan Coughlin, author of *Crazy, With the Papers to Prove It*, at 7 pm Wednesday, March 2 at Bertram Woods Branch.

Dan Coughlin has covered the Cleveland sports scene for 45 years, as a sportswriter for The Plain Dealer (1964-1982) and WJW-TV 8 (1983-2009). His columns also appeared in several other daily newspapers, including the Elyria Chronicle-Telegram, Medina Gazette, Lake County News-Herald, Painesville Telegraph and papers in Geneva, Ashtabula and Conneaut.



He was twice named Ohio sportswriter of the year and was honored with a television Emmy. He traveled with the Browns and Indians, and covered some of the biggest college football games of the 20th century, including five major bowl games. He was at ringside for several world championship fights as well as the Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier series, and he covered 17 Indianapolis 500s and several auto races in Europe. He lives in Rocky River.

According to Coughlin, "I never met



a wacko I didn't like." Not only did he write about them, they became his lifelong friends, including a degenerate gambler, a sportswriter who ripped open beer cans with his teeth, an Olympic champion who turned out to be a hermaphrodite, a football player who was a compulsive practical joker, and dozens of others. Every day was an adventure, and Cleveland sports fans will enjoy meeting his memorable characters.

Following his talk, Coughlin's book will be available for sale and signing.

## Helpful Databases

Shaker Library subscribes to a number of databases that offer reliable content and helpful information. These databases can be found on the Library's website at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org) under Research Tools. Databases include:

## Biography and Genealogy Master Index

This database can be used in the Library and from home. Under Web Resources select Biography and then select the Biography and Genealogy Master Index. (To log on from home, you must enter your library card and pin numbers.)

This is an excellent database for finding information on a particular person. It provides lists of reference publications and indices of biographical dictionaries, who's who, subject encyclopedias, and volumes of literary criticism. Researchers may find several entries for the same person, so it is advisable to check the varied spellings for the person you seek in order to obtain the maximum number of citations. This includes using middle initials, pseudonyms, stage names, and inverted order.

## ReferenceUSA

This resource is helpful for students, small business people, job searchers, consumers, and those who are relocating. Information comes from such sources as White and Yellow Page directories, annual reports, 10-ks, medical directories, government data, magazines, and trade publications.

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## Reading Pays Off for Teens! at Shaker Library

Reading Pays Off for Teens! at Shaker Library is a program that gives teens ages 12-17 the opportunity to decrease their library card overdue charges by reading for Library Bucks coupons.

To participate, teens should bring their library cards and check in with staff during designated Reading Pays Off for Teens! sessions at the library. For every 15 minutes spent reading, a teen earns a \$2 Library Buck coupon with the potential of earning \$8 in one hour. Library Bucks can be used to pay down fines for Shaker Library's overdue charges on the teen's library card.

For more information go to the Teen section at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org).



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## Book Discussions in February and March at the Main Library

Sign up at the Information desk at the Main Library one month before the discussion and pick up the book. Don't have time to read? Listen to the book and add another dimension to the discussion by talking about the narrator.

**Book Buzz:** *Passing Strange: A Gilded Age Tale of Love and Deception Across the Color Line* by **Martha Sandweiss**

10 AM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

For 13 years Clarence King kept the secret of his double life as a celebrated white explorer and a black Pullman porter.

**Mystery Book Discussion:**

*The Ghosts of Belfast* by **Stuart Neville**

7:30 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

In this Irish noir, former IRA hitman Gerry Fegan seeks to exorcise the ghosts of the men he killed by taking vengeance on those who ordered the killings.

**Tuesday Evening Book Discussion:**

*The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*

by **Oscar Hijuelos**

7:30 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1990, this is the story of Cesar Castillo and his almost-famous life as a musician.

**Book Buzz:** *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*

by **Helen Simonson**

10 AM TUESDAY, MARCH 8

A retired British officer, settled into a genteel life of quiet retirement in his village of Edgcombe St. Mary, is smitten by the widowed Pakistani Mrs. Ali.

**Mystery Book Discussion:**

*The Broken Teaglass* by **Emily Arsenault**

7:30 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 8

After stumbling on clues to an old murder case hidden in the files of their dictionary publishing company, two young lexicographers find their lives in danger.

## Teen Scene

### VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

#### IN THE TEEN CENTER

Join us for card making, cookie decorating, and other sweet treats. Lisa Michelle Fair, teen education coordinator for The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland, will be on hand to answer your relationship questions.

4:15 PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

*Register in person, by phone, or online.*

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9:15-2 pm Saturday, February 12

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1:00-3 pm Saturday, February 26

#### SAT STRATEGY SESSION

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning January 29.*

### FEBRUARY TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) MEETING

Regular meeting for members, 7:30-8:15 pm Tuesday, February 22, at Main Library.

### BLING'S THE THING AT WOODS BRANCH

Make a fantastic piece of jewelry using your creativity and our beads and bangles.

3:00-3:45 pm Thursday, February 24

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning February 10.*

### DESIGN YOUR OWN VIDEO GAME

#### AT MAIN LIBRARY

Create an actual playable video game that's all yours and get a foundation of the technical and creative skills needed for the game design industry. Experts from Funutation Tekademy show you how. This program is made possible by a grant from MyCom. Plan to attend all five sessions. Meet a real video game design expert who can answer your questions about this exciting career. Participants receive awards and download their creations. Additionally, participants who have attended all five sessions receive a \$10 GameStop gift card.

4-5:30 pm, Monday March 7, Tuesday March 8, Wednesday March 9, Monday March 14. Final Session 4-6 pm Tuesday, March 15.

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning February 21.*

### MARCH TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

#### (TAB) MEETING

Regular meeting for members, 7:30-8:15 pm Tuesday, March 15, Main Library.

### MAKE YOUR OWN JEWELRY

#### IN THE TEEN CENTER

Express yourself through jewelry! Make a new piece for yourself or for someone you care about.

4:15 pm Wednesday, March 23.

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning March 9.*

### CRAFTY? MAKE A DUCT TAPE

#### BEACH BAG AT WOODS BRANCH

Get ready for Spring Break! We'll show you how to make a cool, colorful, waterproof beach bag to hold your gear.

2:15-3 pm Thursday, March 31.

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## Business Book Discussion: *168 Hours: You Have More Time Than You Think*

by Laura Vanderkam

7 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

There are 168 hours in a week. This book is about where the time "really" goes, and how we can all use it better.

## Tuesday Evening Book Discussion: *The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet*

by Colleen McCullough

7:30 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Mary Bennet, the third daughter in *Pride and Prejudice*, is the single, headstrong adventuress in this continuation of the famous novel.

## Friends of the Shaker Library Brings Author Anita Sanchez to the Library

Friends of the Shaker Library has partnered with the Shaker Historical Society to bring Anita Sanchez, author of *Mr. Lincoln's Chair: The Shakers and their Quest for Peace*, to both the Shaker Historical Museum and the Library. According to Friends President Sharon Heslin, "The more we get together, the more we can

accomplish. This partnership promotes books and reading, and I am excited that we will be able to help the community learn more about the Shakers and the Shaker Historical Society while also promoting Friends of the Shaker Library."

Anita Sanchez was born in Boston and spent her early childhood on Cape Ann, the setting for her first children's book, *The Invasion of Sandy Bay*. She attended Vassar College, where she was one of the first students to declare a new major that was introduced after the first Earth Day in 1970: Ecology. Sanchez lives in Amsterdam, New York, with her husband, George Steele, and two sons.

Sanchez will give a talk on her book at the Shaker Historical Society at 7 pm Friday, February 11. The book contrasts the peaceful lives of the Shakers with the carnage of America's bloodiest war. During the Civil War, the Shakers decided that they must hold to their principle of non-violence and launched a formal protest against the drafting of their members. They went right to the top. Their confrontation with Abraham Lincoln became a legend among the Shakers, and, in appreciation for Lincoln's cooperation



**Caps off to the community!** For the third year, the Library's Knit Night knitters invited the community to create caps for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Project ACT, for distribution to homeless children. More than 200 caps were donated by generous and talented residents. Thanks to all!

and courtesy, the Shakers sent him a magnificent handcrafted chair. Admission is \$5 per person. Members of the Historical Society and Friends of the Shaker Library attend free.

At 2 pm Saturday, February 12, on Lincoln's birthday, Sanchez presents Let's Make History, a family program of discovery at Bertram Woods Branch. Participants read historic journals, study maps, tombstones, and other artifacts, and view actual documents, including the journal of a soldier in the trenches during World War I.

## Endnotes

- **GameGirlz:** 4:30-5 pm Thursday, February 24 and March 24, at Main Library. This is a gaming opportunity for girls only to learn to play Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, and PS3's LittleBigPlanet and also improve their skills.

- **Knit Nights:** 7-8:45 pm Thursday, February 10 and March 10, at Woods Branch. Moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman, the evenings offer a creativity outlet and camaraderie among knitters. Bring a project and be prepared to get or give help.

- **English in Action,** taught by Brondy Shanker, meets at 7 pm Tuesdays on the second floor of the Main Library. This free program is for those who would like to learn to speak and read English. For more information, call the Main Library at 216-991-2030.

- The **Library Board of Trustees** meets at 6:30 pm Tuesday, February 15 at Main Library and Tuesday, March 15 at Woods Branch.

- Both **Libraries will delay opening** until 10:30 am Friday, March 18, for a staff meeting.



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# Shaker is for the Birds



**Bird watching** at The Nature Center, fall 2010: Diana Simeon, Paula Lozano, Mike Dudzinsky, and Ben Fambrough.

PHOTO BY KEVIN G. REEVES

## STORIES BY DIANA SIMEON

Every spring, around mid-May, it's show time in the Shaker parklands. Scores of warblers arrive, en route from their winter homes in Central and South America to their summer grounds in the boreal forests of Canada. These charming songbirds have names like Yellow-rumped, Cerulean, Orange-crowned, and Magnolia, and their colorful plumage is a delight to Northeast Ohio bird watchers who have waited all winter to see them.

Here is one of Shaker Heights' best-kept secrets: The Shaker parklands, including The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, are among Northeast Ohio's great bird-watching spots.

In the spring, thousands of birds arrive from points south. Some, like the warblers, stop for just a few days, resting up for the last leg of their thousands-of-

miles migration. Others will stay for the summer and raise their young. Over the years, more than 150 bird species have been seen here.

"As birds are migrating, they are looking for places where they can rest, where there is shelter, where there is food, and to some extent where there is water. And this is just a perfect place," says Julie West, who has studied birds at The Nature Center for more than a decade.

In fact, the Shaker area is so important for birds that in 2002 the National Audubon Society designated the corridor along the Doan Brook – from Shaker Lakes on the north to Dike 14 (now called the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve) on the south – as an Important Bird Area or IBA, an area deemed an "essential" habitat for birds and deserving of conservation. Altogether, the Dike 14-Doan Brook IBA encompasses almost 3,000 acres.



# Birds of the Shaker Parklands

There are hundreds of different birds to see in the Shaker parklands each year. Here are a few of the species to look for this spring.

PHOTOS BY LAURA C. GOOCH

Swainson's Thrush



Laura Gooch spends much of her time studying and photographing birds. A civil engineer with degrees from MIT and Stanford, she became interested in ornithology after moving to Ohio from her native Texas in 1989. Her interest began with photography and has expanded to include sound recording, breeding bird surveys, bird banding studies, migration monitoring, and preparation of skins for study at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Laura, the author of *The Doan Brook Handbook*, is on the board of the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership, and is a past board member of The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and Beth El - The Heights Synagogue. She lives in Cleveland Heights with her husband, David Kazdan. You can see more of her photographs on her Flickr page at [www.flickr.com/photos/19474221@N08/collections/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/19474221@N08/collections/) and contact her at [sparrowhawk21@ameritech.net](mailto:sparrowhawk21@ameritech.net).

here from Central and South America. They include the Red-eyed Vireo, the Warbling Vireo, the colorful Yellow-throated Vireo, and the Blue-headed Vireo.

**NUTHATCH** The White-breasted Nuthatch (see cover) is a year-round resident of the Shaker parklands. The name comes from the resourceful way the Nuthatch eats its favorite food: It stuffs a nut into the tree bark, then hits it with its bill to "hatch" the meat. It can be found hopping around trees, often upside down.

**HERONS** The Great Blue Heron is the largest heron in North America, with a wingspan that can reach seven feet. They are year-round residents of Northeast Ohio, nesting in heronries in the Cuyahoga Valley. During the summer, these majestic birds are easy to spot fishing on the Duck Pond, Lower Lake, and Horseshoe Lake. The Green Heron nests in the Shaker Lakes during the summer, but winters in the Southern U.S. and Central and South America.

**SPARROWS** All sorts of sparrows are on view in our forests, including the White-throated Sparrow, the American Tree Sparrow, and the Dark-eyed Junco, all three of which winter in the Shaker parklands.

Other species to see include the Gray Catbird, a wide variety of Flycatchers, the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, all sorts of Woodpeckers, and, of course, more familiar year-round residents like the Northern Cardinals, Blue Jays, and Robins. To view photographs and read more about these birds (and listen to their calls), check out the website by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at [www.allaboutbirds.org](http://www.allaboutbirds.org)

Great Blue Heron



Black-throated Blue Warbler



**WARBLERS** There are dozens of warblers and many of them will visit the Shaker Parklands as they make their way north to Canada from their winter homes in Central and South America. These are among the most colorful songbirds to see in our area, especially in the spring when the males are sporting their breeding plumage. Look for the Yellow-rumped Warbler, which nests at The Nature Center.

**THRUSHES** Look for Swainson's Thrush and Hermit Thrush during the spring migration. Wood Thrush have also been spotted in recent years at The Nature Center.

**VIREOS** These are small songbirds that are more easily heard than seen. They travel

# From the Shaker Parklands to Arctic Alaska: A Life with Birds

PHOTO BY HERB MCCORMACK OF AROUND THE AMERICAS



Blame it on Henry David Thoreau. After reading *Walden* at Shaker High, George Divoky began exploring the Shaker parklands. It didn't take long before he fell in love with watching birds, a passion that has taken him from his boyhood home in Shaker's Sussex neighborhood to Arctic Alaska, where he has been studying a seabird called the Black Guillemot for more than 35 years.

In an interview with *Shaker Life* from Seattle, Washington, where he lives when not in Alaska, Divoky credited his experiences in Ohio's natural areas with setting him on this path.

"I was able to wake up any morning and drive to Shaker Lakes or the lakefront and see interesting birds," Divoky says. "And if I took the time to drive one or two hours, I could be in the short-grass prairies near Bowling Green, the marshes of Lake Erie, or I could get into the Southern Appalachians," he says. "No place I have lived since then has come close to being as diverse as my birding experiences in Cleveland. And Shaker Lakes was the anchor for all of this. Within five minutes of leaving my house, I could be in a primo birding spot and spend an hour or two there."

Indeed, Divoky became so enamored with birds as a teenager that he woke up early most mornings and bird watched. "I went birding my whole senior year. I was meant to graduate in 1964, but Shaker Lakes was so engaging to me that I would not go to class. As a result, I had to graduate in 1965, which wasn't bad because it meant I could keep birding."

After graduation, Divoky spent two years at Ohio University, then transferred to Michigan State University where he received a bachelor's and master's degree in Zoology. He earned his doctorate from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, around the time he discovered the colony of Black Guillemots on Cooper Island, a remote barrier island off the coast of Barrow, Alaska. This is about as far north as you can get and still be in the United States. Divoky spends three months a year studying the Guillemots on Cooper Island.

In early 2002, Divoky was profiled in *The New York Times Magazine*. Almost overnight, his work received worldwide acclaim for calling attention to the impact of climate change on wildlife in the Arctic. When he started his research in the early 1970s, the Guillemots were thriving. Their favorite food, Arctic cod, was abundant in and around the pack ice, which was then just seven miles away. (Pack ice is a layer that forms on top of the ocean in the Polar regions.) Today the ice has retreated more than 250 miles from the island and the Guillemots are in crisis.

His research has been featured on PBS and the BBC, and Divoky has even appeared on the *Late Show* with David Letterman. In 2002, Divoky founded the not-for-profit Friends of Cooper Island to help support his work. He serves as the organization's director and is also a research associate at the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Institute of Arctic Biology.

Reflecting upon his time in Shaker, one experience in particular has stuck with Divoky. "I was walking with a girlfriend near Horseshoe Lake and we flushed a woodcock from its nest," he says. "I can vividly remember this woodcock. You just can't minimize the impact something like this can have when you are that age."

To learn more about Divoky's work, visit The Friends of Cooper Island website at [www.cooperisland.org](http://www.cooperisland.org).

"The Doan Brook is unique," says David Wright, a naturalist who also oversees outreach for The Nature Center. "Most urban streams are culverted, but the Doan is one of the last open urban streams in the country. It's a ribbon of green space that includes the Shaker parklands, the Rockefeller Park corridor, and Dike 14." Dike 14 is an old disposal facility on the shore of Lake Erie, where the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dumped the muck it dredged from the Cuyahoga River. It was closed in the late 1970s and since then nature has made a roaring comeback. More than 280 species of birds have been spotted at Dike 14, including many considered endangered in Ohio like the Bald Eagle, Barn Owl, and Osprey.

## Habitats to Make Birds Happy

What makes the Shaker parklands attractive to so many different kinds of birds is its variety of habitats. There are lakes, mature forest (for example, around The Nature Center, Horseshoe Lake and Southerly Park), verdant areas along the Doan Brook, fields, a marsh, and even ravines.

"We have several distinct habitats that birds rely on for food, shelter, and breeding," says Kay Carlson, executive director of The Nature Center.

So, for example, hiking around Lower Lake, you might find a kingfisher or heron in the water, while from The Nature Center's All People's Trail you are more likely to see vireos, redwings, or catbirds, and at Southerly Park, you might catch a glimpse of a sparrow or woodpecker.

Conserving these varied habitats is what keeps the birds returning to the parklands year after year. And thanks in large part to The Nature Center (which was founded in 1966 with the mandate to protect the area's natural habitats), the Shaker parklands have continued to enjoy a healthy population of birds. But there is always room for improvement and, last summer, the Center began a multi-year project designed to restore the marsh, which is accessible to the public via the All





**David Wright** of The Nature Center checks a bird book with Matilda and Louise Spadoni. PHOTOS THIS PAGE BY KEVIN G. REEVES

### People's Trail.

Over the past several decades, narrow-leaved cattails, purple loosestrife, field bindweed, and other invasive plants have gradually taken over the marsh, pushing out natives such as swamp rose mallow and broadleaf arrowhead, and dramatically decreasing the biodiversity of these three acres. Water quality has also suffered, as many native plants helped cleanse the marsh.

As a result, says The Nature Center's Wright, the marsh is no longer hospitable to certain types of birds. "We do not get the variety of birds we should

## Julie West: 10 Years of Studying Birds in the Shaker Lakes

Have you ever walked on the Nature Center's All People's Trail and wondered what those huge nets are for? Perhaps you've even seen birds caught there? Well, that's the goal, but don't worry because they aren't stuck for long. It's all part of a long-term study, which local bird expert Julie West has run at The Nature Center for the past decade.



"The research is to see what birds are using this area during spring and fall migration. We look at residents and the migratory birds," explains West, who also sits on the board of The Nature Center. "And it is concentrated on the area right around The Nature Center."

Ohio's Black Swamp Observatory, a not-for-profit organization that promotes bird conservation, sponsors the research. Volunteers at three other locations in the Lake Erie region, including the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge and Creek Bend in Sandusky County, also collect data for the study, which over the years has provided an important picture of how birds use the region during migration.

Several times a day, West carefully removes the birds from the nets (there are seven), makes a series of detailed observations, including species, age, sex, and various measurements, like how much fat the bird has, then bands them and sends them on their way. She tracks about 100 different species of birds this way and some return year after year, like a Song Sparrow she first caught in 2001.

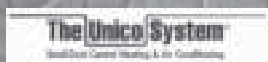
This research, says Nature Center naturalist David Wright, is invaluable. "We can't guess in science, so we've got to know which birds are using this area and how often, and how long they are staying. The data is very important."

West plans to continue her work, so this spring look for her walking the grounds of The Nature Center in search of feathered visitors. "This is our tenth year, so we have a good solid set of data. Hopefully, we'll keep adding to that," she says.



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get, given the fact that we do have this water," he notes. For starters, the water quality discourages certain birds, such as grebes and mergansers, from fishing. And the lack of plant variety leaves others little to eat. "Some birds need seeds and some need insects. The ones who need seeds are not going to stay here for long," Wright explains.

Last fall, the Center began removing the cattails, and, this spring, will replant the marsh with 45 species of native grass, sedge, and wildflowers. It will also begin restoring the marsh's perimeter, taking out the invasive crack willow and planting ten varieties of native trees, including red maple, river birch, and black willow.

"Everything is a system, so the more diverse the plant life, the more diverse the insect life, the more there is for birds to eat. A wider variety of plants will give us a wider variety of birds," says Wright.

### Four Seasons of Birds

To be sure, spring brings the biggest show to the Shaker parklands. But if you know what to look for, there is plenty to see all year.

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## Spring Bird Walks

During the spring, hundreds of thousands of birds make their way from their winter homes in the south to summer breeding grounds in the northern United States and Canada. Many of them will stop in our region for a day or more. Here are some options for catching the show in Shaker and beyond.

### The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

Get an early start with Breakfast with the Birds (Saturday, February 26). Spring bird walks are held Sundays at 7:30 am during the last three weeks in April and the first three weeks in May. Meet in the parking lot. Visit [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org) for more information.

### Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (Dike 14)

On Saturday, May 21, this 88-acre preserve on the shores of Lake Erie will open to the public for a day of bird watching. More than 280 species of birds have been spotted at Dike 14, which is at the intersection of four major migratory routes. These include gulls and other shore birds that you aren't likely to see in the Shaker Lakes. Details at [www.dike14.org](http://www.dike14.org).

### Lake View Cemetery Bird Walking Tour

Plenty of interesting birds visit Cleveland's Lake View Cemetery each year, thanks to its mature trees and wide-open spaces. Join guides from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in May for a bird walk. Details at [www.lakeviewcemetery.com](http://www.lakeviewcemetery.com).

### Kirtland Bird Club

Established in 1940, the Kirtland Bird Club offers a variety of walks throughout Northeast Ohio, including at most of the region's Metro Parks. The club also organizes day and weekend trips, including one to Ohio's Magee Marsh, which is widely considered one of America's premiere bird-watching spots. Monthly meetings are held at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Details at [www.kirtlandbirdclub.org](http://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org)

For more on bird watching in Northeast Ohio, check out The Plain Dealer's birding blog at [www.cleveland.com/neobirding/](http://www.cleveland.com/neobirding/).



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**MAC Scholars:** Wesley Smith, Joshua McElroy, David Pendleton, and Arlin Hill with advisors Mary Lynne McGovern, and Hubert McIntyre (second from right).

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# Manning Up, the Right Way

The innovative MAC Scholars program at Shaker High – a national model – has been successfully helping young men rise up in the world for 20 years. Herein, some personal stories of high achievement.

BY JENNIFER PROE

It's an ordinary Thursday morning at Shaker Heights High School, but something extraordinary and powerful is going on in the school's Small Auditorium. A select group of African-American juniors and seniors is getting ready to dole out some tough love to their younger counterparts, many of whom are struggling with academic achievement. These members of the Minority Achievement Committee, known as the MAC Scholars, are carrying out a tradition that has been handed down to them now for 20 years.

In keeping with that tradition, the Scholars – young men who have distinguished themselves through academic prowess and leadership – are crisply dressed in shirts and ties. They stand prepared to greet each Potential Scholar with a firm handshake, as all stand to recite the MAC Pledge:

*I am an African-American and I pledge to uphold the name and image of the African-American man. I will do so by striving for academic excellence, conducting myself with dignity, and respecting others as if they were my brothers and sisters.*

After the Scholars remind the attendees to bring a list of their goals to the next meeting, they hear a few words from their faculty advisors, Mary Lynne McGovern and Hubert McIntyre. Both have been with the program since its inception.

McGovern, the academic advisor known affectionately to some as "Mama Mac," reminds them all that they have five weeks left in the semester to improve their grades. "Plan to take home all your notes over the winter break and study them. Highlight anything you do not understand, and get a conference with your teacher if you need to."

Then McIntyre, a health sciences teacher and former coach, gives them the half-time locker room talk. "This is not a feel-good meeting," he tells them. "This is a gut-check meeting. If you are not completing all of your assignments, or going to all of your classes, it's like taking a hit in a fight without fighting back."

The group then launches into a discussion of what it means to "man up" in the classroom, with the Scholars ready to lend their wisdom to those who will listen. Those who don't hear the message this time may get it at the next meeting, or the one after that. As McIntyre explains, "We don't give up on them. The light doesn't shine on everyone at the same time."





Jerome Taylor

The MAC Scholars program was born in the spring of 1990, when a group of concerned faculty members solicited help from high-achieving black male students to address a troubling trend of low achievement among many African-American males – a phenomenon that persisted not only at Shaker, but throughout the nation. Says McGovern, “When we showed our high achievers the statistics, their immediate response was, ‘You [teachers] can’t fix this – it’s something we have to do. Let us talk to them directly.’” The idea for a student-led mentoring group was born, and has continued to thrive.

Since then, countless Scholars helped shape the model that has now been replicated in schools throughout the nation, garnering attention from *Newsweek* and CNN along the way. As word of its success has spread, more than 80 school districts throughout the United States and Canada have requested information about the program; many have launched initiatives of their own. McGovern was asked to contribute a chapter in sociologist John Ogbu’s 2003 book, *Black American Students in an Affluent Suburb: A Study of Academic Disengagement*. McGovern and McIntyre have made presentations in Minneapolis, Boston, Columbus, San Diego, Atlanta, San Antonio, and New York City, where they described the program to top lawyers and corporate executives at a seminar called “The Pipeline Crisis: Winning Strategies for Young Black Men,” sponsored by the prestigious law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell.

The national attention has had a positive effect on the Scholars, as well. Here’s what a few of them had to say about the impact the MAC Scholars program has had on their

lives – and by extension, the lives of many others.

#### **Jerome Taylor, '92:**

Assistant Professor of Surgery, SUNY Downstate Medical Center

*The MAC program is what really set me on my path.*

One of the founding members, Jerome Taylor recalls his time as a MAC Scholar with great fondness, and is proud of his role in helping to launch the innovative program.

He explains, “I came from a background of real poverty. I was pretty angry. My father left my mother, and my mother became an alcoholic. I channeled that energy into school. I was also very fortunate that my aunt and uncle (Judy and Charles Taylor, a former school board member) adopted me and raised me as one of their own.”

Taylor thrived academically, played basketball and football, and became class president. Not surprisingly, this brought him to the attention of the High School’s faculty achievement committee.

“When the program started, Mrs. McGovern put five of us [high achievers] in a room with 15 guys who were struggling academically, and left us alone to talk to them. It was tough love we gave them, but it was met with love for the most part. It’s not that they were not intelligent. They just emulated the wrong things. A lot of black men are told it’s not cool to be smart. MAC Scholars helped bring a lot of people out of their shell.”

Taylor remembers one student in particular with whom he worked closely, who started out with a grade point average of 1.2. “Eventually, he worked his way up to a GPA of 3.3. He blossomed, and his character



really developed. He was so happy that somebody cared."

The program left its mark on Taylor, as well. "The MAC program is really what set me on my path. I received a full scholarship to Morehouse College. What I took away from the Scholars program was that I was more comfortable when I was around other African-American kids who were achieving." He believes his experience as a peer mentor is "what drove me into academic medicine – the opportunity to teach and give back."

Taylor came to medicine by way of the Navy, which offered him a scholarship after his first year of medical school at Case Western Reserve University. After completing medical school, he spent one year at Bethesda Naval Hospital, and then served three more years with a Marine unit that was deployed to more than 30 countries,, including a six-month tour of duty in Iraq. Following his time in the Navy, he completed his residency at Beth Israel Hospital in general surgery before landing his current position at SUNY.

Taylor returns to Shaker often with his wife, Alicia, and their son, Jesiah, to visit family and to catch up with his favorite advisor. "I have such an overwhelming love and affection for Mrs. McGovern. I was in her office all the time. She is really the unsung hero. She has saved countless young men."

**Isaac Kidd, '96:** Project Manager, Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
*You don't have to change who you are to get good grades.*

When Isaac Kidd brought home a ninth grade report card filled with C's, his mother, Judy Kidd, responded with some tough talk. "What are you seeking in life?" she demanded to know. "She let me know

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## Priority One: Achievement for All

Inspired by the success of the MAC Scholars program, the Shaker school district has created other programs to help advance minority achievement among both boys and girls, beginning in the elementary years.

**The Woodbury African American Scholars** program focuses on achievement for boys and girls in the fifth and sixth grades, and includes monthly student meetings, field trips, parent meetings, service projects, and special year-end recognition ceremonies. Woodbury staff members Samuel Kisner and Nathaniel Reese work with the boys and Jacqueline Gholson, Pat Hitchens, and Barabara Lockhart work with the girls.

**The Shaker Middle School Scholars** program is designed to build confidence and leadership skills among all minority students. During the first semester, meetings are led by the advisors: technology department chair Dexter Lindsey, special education aide Michele White, and librarian Dawn Sullivan. During the second semester, meetings are led by a group of eighth-grade students selected to be Scholars based on their grades and other accomplishments. Approximately 40 students attend an end-of-year field trip to a college, cultural, or historic venue.

**The MAC Sister Scholars** program is a student-led organization in which high achieving and highly motivated minority junior and senior girls work with freshmen and sophomores to set goals and standards for academic achievement. High School attendance officer Nicole Gardner acts as faculty advisor for the group, which meets once per month. The MAC Sisters also perform community service projects and provide peer mentoring.

**The Rising Stars** program offers adult mentoring for minority high school girls who may be in need of more support, both academically and socially. Intervention specialists Shana Black and Enid Vazquez, instructional aide Andrea Green, and English teacher Jewel Reid provide positive role modeling, encouragement, and motivational seminars, with the goal of raising expectations for college attendance.



Anthony Abernathy

that it was not acceptable in any way," says Kidd.

"To be honest, I was a guy who could have gone either way. I could have been in the group the Scholars were talking to, but by eleventh grade I got my grades up so that I could become a Scholar. And once you became a Scholar, you didn't want to disappoint the other guys by losing those grades. I didn't want to be the guy who used to be a MAC Scholar."

Instead, Kidd applied his competitive spirit to excelling in school the way he did on the football team. "I got the names of people who could help me after school, and I went to see my teachers to get help. The funny thing was, I almost felt like I had to do it on the sly. At the time, it seemed like I couldn't do both things – be popular and have good grades. When I would bring that pink excuse slip for being late to football practice, the other guys thought I was just trying to miss sprints – they didn't know what I was really doing."

Like many of the past Scholars, Kidd returns from time to time to speak to current students at Shaker. His message: "You don't have to change who you are to get



good grades. Don't think you can't be cool and achieve. If you worry about that, you'll never get where you need to be in life."

Kidd attended the College of Wooster, where he met his wife, Estella Anku-Kidd, a native of Ghana. While at college, he had to take time off before completing his degree due to financial difficulties. During that time, he worked in the medical records department at the Cleveland Clinic and took classes at Cleveland State University. Upon completing his independent study thesis at Wooster – for which he received honors – he worked his way out of the records room and into a management position at the Cleveland Clinic, taking advantage of the Clinic's "fast-track" program.

As a manager, he applies the same tough love techniques he learned as a MAC Scholar. "If something doesn't get done, I'm on them – but I will work with people to help them do better. I want to see them progress at work the way I did."

### Anthony Abernathy, '98:

Global Digital Innovations Manager, Nike

*To be a catalyst for change – a difference maker – was very appealing to me.*

London, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Shanghai, Beijing, Seoul, Amsterdam, Manila: It's hard to name a major world city this well-traveled corporate executive has not visited during his tenure with Nike. Yet, Anthony Abernathy still carries a cell phone number with a 216 area code, a fond reminder of his ties to his hometown of Shaker Heights and to his parents, Larry and Regina Abernathy.

"We moved to Shaker when I was in fifth grade," recalls Abernathy. "My mother was an English teacher at Shaw High School in Cleveland. She and my father felt

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Professional advice on the benefits of summer camp, and how to know when your child is ready to go.

When sorting through the various options for summer camp, questions abound: day camp or overnight camp? Traditional camp or specialty camp? One session or two? How much to spend? To help sort through the fundamentals, many families rely on two excellent resources: the American Camp Association and the National Camp Association.

The ACA maintains a list of accredited day camps, and offers suggestions on choosing a day camp, at [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org). The NCA provides similar information for families choosing an overnight camp, at [www.summercamps.org](http://www.summercamps.org). The NCA also offers a free Camp Advisory Service which pairs an advisor with a family to provide counsel about which camps might be a good fit for their child based on input about the child's personality, likes and dislikes.

For some families, summer camp is a given. For others, it may be new territory. Shaker Life consulted with two prominent Shaker pediatricians, Dr. Arthur Lavin and Dr. Julie Hertz, both of Advanced Pediatrics in Beachwood, to help answer some of the typical questions parents have before packing the trunk.

**Why go to camp? What are some of the benefits?**

**Hertz:** In addition to the benefits of exercise and developing social skills, kids also learn more independence, particularly if it is an overnight camp. But one of the best reasons to go is that kids can

# how to have a happy camper

BY JENNIFER PROE  
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try new activities they might never get to do with their parents, like water skiing, or taking an all-day canoe or hiking trip. That's where I really see the value – new experiences.

**Lavin:** The most important thing about going to camp is that it should be fun. I'm not just saying that to be nice; there is extensive research that shows the importance of play in a child's development. Today there is so much emphasis on skill building, and of course, skills are very useful. However, play is the realm in which the unexpected occurs. Play is what really helps develop cognitive ability.

**How do I know if my child is ready for overnight camp?**

**Lavin:** Try a few extended sleep-overs and see how your child responds. Does he or she come home happy, or are you getting calls in the middle of the night? Age doesn't matter nearly as much as ability. Some kids will be ready for the experience sooner than others.

**How can I determine what type of camp is right for my child?**

**Hertzer:** What families need to find is a feeling of community, where they know their child will feel safe and happy. One of the best things a parent can do is to get references from the camp; ask to speak to other parents whose children have attended the camp. Ask them what their kids said about camp when they came home, if they still keep in touch with any of their friends from the camp, or if they ask about going back – those are all good indicators.

**Lavin:** Camps today really offer an extraordinary amount of choices, from traditional camps with hiking, swimming, and crafts, to specific interests like chess, violin, or basketball. It's important to find out what your child's preferences are; that has to be the starting point. The last thing you would want to do is send someone off to basketball camp if they don't want to play basketball.

**Will my child need to have a physical exam before attending camp?**

**Lavin:** Most camps do require a medical form to be filled out. What we suggest is to have the family schedule a health supervisory visit each year around the time of the child's birthday. All of the information a camp would require can be obtained from the data we gather at that visit. That way, families are not rushing to try to get a camp physical completed in time.

**What if my child gets sick or hurt at camp?**

**Hertzer:** Parents are asked to fill out a form before camp begins to specify which over-the-counter medications the on-site nurse or physician can dispense for fever, cuts, rashes, and those types of situations. One thing parents should know, however, is that if your child takes prescription medication, most overnight camps require the family to use a pharmacy service that ships the medication directly to the camp's health center. Do not plan to send any medication with your child to camp.

**Lavin:** Camps have really advanced in their sophistication of medical care, staffing, and pharmacy. And parents can

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**Opposite page:** Dr. Julie Hertzer with daughters Lauren and Margo.





Dr. Arthur Lavin

always request to have the camp doctor confer directly with the child's pediatrician at home if the need arises.

### What should I do if my child gets homesick?

**Hertzer:** I don't recommend talking to the child on the phone. Most of the time, the child will present to the parent a level of homesickness that is way above what he or she really feels, and it will pass more quickly without direct contact. It's best to write letters of encouragement, and tell them you understand how they feel. If you're really concerned, you can ask the camp director to check on your child and report back to you to get the real scoop on the situation.

### And Now a Word From the Campers...

Dr. Hertzer had a chance to put her advice into practice when her two daughters attended the same overnight camp she had attended as a youth, Camp Sabra in Missouri. Here's what Lauren Hertzer, 9, and Margo Hertzer, 11, had to say about their camp experience.

### What was the best thing about overnight camp?

**Lauren:** There were lots of fun activities like sailing, water skiing, an inflatable

water slide, a ropes course, and rock climbing. I thought sailing was going to be boring, but it wasn't. You actually get to go really fast.

**Margo:** My favorite part was the two-day river trip. We rafted 7.5 miles down the river and cooked our own dinner over a fire at night. That was really cool.

### What was the worst thing about camp?

**Lauren:** I got heat rash, but they gave me some medicine and it got better.

**Margo:** The worst part was leaving camp!

### How was the food?

**Lauren:** I really liked it. I ate sloppy joes, which I never tried before.

**Dr. Hertzer:** Why won't you eat those at home?!

### Any advice for first time campers?

**Margo:** Pack clothes of all colors, because you never know what color you might get assigned for color war. Also, next year I'm bringing a bigger laundry bag.

## Local Camps

### Shaker Heights

#### Community Life Department Camps

For children grades K-2, the traditional camp includes creative arts and sports, such as swimming, t-ball, soccer, and basketball. Children Grades 3-8 are able to design their own camp day, choosing from a multitude of fun activities such as chess, arts & crafts, cartooning, hiking, science, scrapbooking, volleyball, golf, soccer, and floor hockey. Field trips are part of the schedule for both age groups.

Shaker also offers the following sports camps: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, fencing, flag football, golf, lacrosse, field hockey, roller hockey, skateboarding, soccer, and tennis.

Specialty camps include: art, drawing, math, nature studies, science, and computer camps (through Funation Tekademy.) Also offered: Safety Town, Safety Town Counselor-in-Training, Teens Learning to Connect (community-service oriented activities), Shaker Summer Theater, Musical Theatre Camp, Summer Jazz and Band Experience, and Lifeguard Training Camp.

Glide and Slide Camp is designed for ages 5 and older. This camp includes both group skating and swimming lessons as well as open skating for practicing and open swimming for splash-ing.

Preschool in the Park is a program focused on literacy and physical activity for preschoolers 3-5 years, accompanied by an adult caregiver. The program will be held at Chelton Park in the Moreland neighborhood. For information contact Rhonda Miller, 216-491-2583.

A camps brochure is mailed to all residents along with the Spring/Summer recreation brochure. Schedules also available at Thornton Park, the Community Life Building, City Hall, and both Shaker Heights Public libraries. For more information, contact the Community Life Department, 216-491-1295, or [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com).

### The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Camps

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes offers outdoor adventure day camps for children 2 ½ - 13 years old and weeklong overnight camps for children 11-15 years old. Camps run from June 20-August 18. Registration began in January. For more information contact Beverly Barr, 216-321-5935 x235, or [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

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**Early Childhood Enrichment Center (ECEC)** – Located at the Shaker Family Center,

the ECEC offers full-time Summer School Age Camp, which spans the 10 weeks that Shaker Schools are not in session. The camp is open to children 6-8 years of age and includes swimming lessons at Thornton Park, visiting specialists, cooking, nature activities, and field trips. Space is limited. For information contact Michele Block or Lynn Prange, 216-991-9761.

#### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL CAMPS

**Hathaway Brown's** Broad Horizons for Beginners is for boys and girls who have begun or are about to begin preschool. There is also a Broad Horizons camp for girls, where campers experience learning and socialization through a variety of classes and activities. Dates for that program are June 20-July 28. HB also offers a spring vacation camp, March 21-April 1, for boys and girls ages 3-14, and an August vacation camp, August 1-19, for boys and girls ages 3-14. For information contact Siva Grossman, 216-320-8085, or [www.hb.edu](http://www.hb.edu).

**Laurel School's** Summer at Laurel (June 13-August 12) features camp experiences for boy and girls, prekindergarten to grade 12. Offerings include: Gator Train Camp for the youngest campers, Shakespeare Rocks, The Magic Tree House Camp for first and second graders, and the Daring Camp for third and fourth graders. Weekly science camps are designed and led by the Great Lakes Science Center. New this summer: Channel 56, for fifth and sixth grade girls. Laurel Summer Institute offers for-credit courses in speech, PE, and SAT Prep for girls and boys in Grades 9-12. Register online at [www.LaurelSchool.org/Summer](http://www.LaurelSchool.org/Summer) by May 1 and get a 5 percent discount. For more information, contact Melissa Curtis at 216-455-0154 or [Summer@LaurelSchool.org](mailto:Summer@LaurelSchool.org).

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# great shaker homes

## The Changing of the Old Guard

BY RORY O'CONNOR

PHOTOS BY KEVIN G. REEVES

Kristen and David DeMuth's home on Shaker Boulevard is of a relatively recent vintage, 1999. At 4,041 square feet – four bedrooms, four and a half baths – it's reasonably manageable. Four kids, including new baby Henry, and a dog (Polly) go a long way toward establishing a rumpled, nest-like family atmosphere.

But new as it is, the home – with its sturdy brick construction, its lush, spacious gardens with fountain and pergola, its stonework walls reinforcing the flower beds, and its adjoining lot – was constructed in keeping with the aesthetic sensibilities of a long-gone generation of Shaker home owners – maybe estate owners is a better term – and their architects.

In fact, the DeMuth home was born on one of those fabled estates.

"This property originally was part of a huge estate owned by the Grasselli family," Kristen says, settling into a chair in her front room, wearing work-out clothes and kept on constant alert by Henry, Polly, a housekeeper, and a flooring contractor.

The Grassellis were very much part of Cleveland's Old Guard; the patriarch, Caesar, made a fortune in chemical manufacturing. He was one of the founders of the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Institute of Music, and left seven children to carry on the family's civic and philanthropic traditions.

Returning to the 21st century, Kristen says, "The Grasselli's main house, which has long since been torn down, faced South Park. But the carriage house is still there, more or less right behind us – George and Margaret Cannon [law director for the City of Shaker Heights] used to live there. Where we're sitting now was woods. And of course the adjoining lot was woods too. It's an obvious spot for a pool or tennis, but with young kids, we use it for football and soccer."

Kristen, nee Eppich, is a Shaker native, and went to Boulevard elementary and Shaker High. She and David, an advertising executive, bought the house in 2006 – they're its third owners. It was built by a couple "who went separate ways after they finished building," she says.

Still, despite its newness, work on the home never stops. Shaker-based decorative painters Sue Weir and Kim Metheny recently distressed a large cherry hutch in the kitchen, to match the antique-wood look of the greater part of the room. Then, between the time Shaker Life's art director and photographer visited the home in the summer of 2010 and the fall, Kristen had completely redecorated the dining room. (And had a baby.) "Are you sure you don't want to do a re-shoot?" she laughs.

Not necessary. As Kevin Reeves's photos (these pages and next) attest, good taste and elegance are not bound by style.















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# great shaker homes

The **stately** former home of Caesar Grasselli on South Park, viewed from the front (center) and the rear which faced Shaker Boulevard.



## Reminders of Things Past



Tom Fowler, the great, great grandson of legendary Cleveland industrialist Caesar A. Grasselli, lives in the Fernway neighborhood, in what has to be the most modest of the homes associated with the Grasselli family in Shaker over the last 100 years or so. Tom's family research reveals that there have been at least six others: four on South Park Boulevard, one on North Park Boulevard, and one on Shelburne Road. (There are at least nine others in other parts of Greater Cleveland, according to family research.)

Caesar was the patriarch of the Cleveland branch of an old Italian family who had been chemical makers since the 15th century. The Grasselli Chemical Company was founded in Cincinnati by his father Eugene and was moved to Cleveland in the late 19th century to be near one of its biggest customers, the Standard Oil Company. Caesar became president in 1885 and chairman in 1916.

Caesar and his numerous children were some of Shaker Village's earliest residents. His own house was built in 1917-18 on an enormous parcel of wooded land on South Park by the architects Meade & Hamilton, when Shaker was rapidly becoming the suburb of choice for Greater Cleveland's business and cultural elite. He lived in the house with two of his daughters, Ida and Josephine, until his death in 1927.



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The house was demolished in 1966, after the last surviving daughter, Josephine, died at age 90 in 1964.

"Aunt Jo lived in that house from 1918 until she died, so it's associated with her more than anyone else," says Tom Fowler, whose mother, Grace Grasselli, was Caesar's great granddaughter. "Caesar really built it for his daughters. He lived in it fewer than ten years before he died."

Of the original estate, only the carriage house remains, now a private home. Yet the original Grasselli house lives on in the folklore of the people who currently live in the homes built over the years on the subdivided property. Lisa Arnson and Paul Katz live in the house that was built in 1969 on the site of the original house; they own – and display – framed black-and-white photos of the original house, which rose from the dead, so to speak, when they were digging the foundation for an add-on some years ago. They uncovered some of the original house – large pieces of wood and marble that had been buried during the demolition.

And it will be quite a while before all the reminders are gone. An ornate sundial that Caesar installed in the original house's garden graces the lawn at the Grasselli Library down the road at John Carroll University.

– Rory O'Connor



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## Q&A Anne Williams

BY SUE STARRETT

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Anne E. Williams might not know everyone in Shaker Heights, but there's a good chance that by the end of calendar year 2012, nearly everyone in Shaker will know her. That's because a little over a year ago, Anne accepted an invitation to chair the Shaker Centennial.

The Chicago native has lived in Shaker Heights for 18 years, and became involved in the community almost from the moment she arrived. She volunteered in her children's schools, and for many years held leadership positions with Shaker's League of Women Voters.

Anne earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder, a master's in Library Science from Rosary College in Chicago, and a J.D. degree from Loyola University of Chicago. Her organizational skills, intelligence, and diplomacy are some of the qualities that will serve Anne as she guides our community to celebrate its first 100 years, while looking toward a future bright with possibility.

*How did you become the coordinator of Shaker's Centennial?*

I received a phone call from Mayor Earl Leiken, who told me he thought there was a role for me in the Centennial. I had met

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him through League of Women Voters programs. I think he knew that I have worked with, and am fairly well connected to, many of Shaker's community organizations. I started this position in January of 2010, although Earl already had recruited a steering committee that began meeting in 2009.

***What brought you and your family to Shaker Heights?***

My husband, Steve Gordon, our daughters, and I were living in Atlanta, where Steve worked for the Centers for Disease Control. I always thought we'd return to Chicago, but he was offered a position at the Cleveland Clinic, so we ended up moving to Shaker in 1993. We started looking in Pepper Pike because we had relatives living there, but I wanted to live someplace with sidewalks, since I was planning to be a stay-at-home mom.

Fortunately, I called Shaker's Housing Department. The woman I talked to was so enthusiastic about the schools and the neighborhoods that we came back to the area a second time and found a home on Manchester. The person from the Housing Department lives across the street, and the people whose home we purchased moved only a block away. Our neighborhood was so welcoming from the start. Our two daughters who graduated from Shaker, Zoe and Hannah, are so grateful for the education they received and tell me often how well prepared they were for college. Our youngest, Nora, graduates next year, and all three say they want to return to the community as young adults.

***What positions have you held with the League of Women Voters?***

I have been active in the areas of voter education and voter services. I held many positions, including serving as president twice and co-president once. I was part of a state study on the death penalty and

continue to chair the League's finance drive, moderate debates, help with the voters' guide, and serve on the board.

***The Centennial seems like a huge undertaking. How did you pull everything together?***

I was a librarian before I was a lawyer, so I really like organization and structure. I used technology to find out about Cleveland's Bicentennial steering committee and also to look at what other cities have done – I read a lot of meeting minutes. Our work in Shaker is organized through a steering committee, advisory committee, honorary chairs, and working groups. It's constantly evolving, which is what we need.

The working groups are designed to focus on neighborhoods, culture and creativity, education and learning, events, green spaces and the environment, health and wellness, and making history. They are responsible for generating ideas and projects.

***What basic information do you want everyone to know about the Centennial?***

Shaker's Centennial will be celebrated with yearlong activities and events, from January through December 2012. Most importantly, we plan to honor how the first 100 years are helping Shaker Heights move into the future. And we want to have fun. The planning process is all-inclusive. Though Shaker Heights is small geographically, the city is huge in its diversity, and we want to celebrate every aspect of our community. There is a role – however large or small – for everyone. We are assembling an events calendar that includes activities sponsored by the City, Library, public and private schools, neighborhood associations, churches, and so on.

***What events should residents (and former residents) put on their 2012 calendars immediately?***

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summer holidays in 2012: Memorial Day, July Fourth, and Labor Day, which will be called "Come Back to Shaker." We are planning events for people who no longer live here, as well as community-wide neighborhood block parties. Also, the Arts & Music Festival in June will have a role in the Centennial. Our Steering Committee and working groups have so many great ideas, and early this year, we will begin honing our list.

*How can residents become involved, or find out the latest information about the Centennial?*

The city's website, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com), includes a Centennial logo. Just click on that to volunteer, receive our e-letter, or read about the latest developments. We also have a presence on Facebook, and I am happy to receive emails (at [shakercentennial@gmail.com](mailto:shakercentennial@gmail.com)) or phone calls (216-751-7911). Throughout the current year, we hope that more and more residents

will come forward to participate in the celebration, either by adding events to the calendar or offering to help us.

*So far, how's it going?*

It's been great. It is really challenging, but in a positive way. I've been in Shaker a long time, but I'm still a newbie. Meeting so many people who are passionate about Shaker has made me love the city all the more. Plus, I'm learning so much. It's just a fascinating, wonderful experience. I see this as our opportunity to bring the community together. I really want to showcase Shaker's many strengths in the Centennial celebration.

*What's next for you, say on January 1, 2013?*

Well, we'll be empty nesters at that point... I might get a "real" job. I don't know what will happen, except that Steve and I will be here. We like it here, and now we're so connected to the community that we can't imagine living anywhere else.



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## For the Birds

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"We get a lot of different types of birds," explains West. "We have the resident species, which are here year-round. Then we have birds that come here to breed during the summer. Then there are the birds that pass through during migration in spring and fall, and then we have a small group of birds that come here to winter."

Following is a round-up of what to see by season:

- **Spring** is the best time to bird watch in the Shaker parklands. The trees haven't fully leafed out, making the birds easier to spot. The migrants tend to arrive en masse, in a hurry to get north to reproduce, so there are many birds at once. A lot of birds, in particular the warblers, are more colorful in the spring, decked out in bright feathers to

attract mates. And they are out and about, hunting for seeds, berries, and insects, in order to build up fat (i.e. energy) for the rest of their journey.

Typical early migrants, which begin to arrive in April, include Wood Ducks, Golden and Ruby-crowned Kinglets, the Hermit Thrush, a variety of sparrows, the Eastern Phoebe Flycatcher, the Red-winged Blackbird, and a handful of warblers. But at the height of migration, in mid-May, there are many dozens more. "On a really good day, we might see 20 species of warblers, three or four types of thrushes, veery, four or five types of sparrows. You could have four or five types of flycatchers," West says.

The warblers are a particular favorite. "They are just fascinating birds. They mostly migrate through, but a few nest here. They are smaller, so they are harder to see. Sometimes they are up in the canopy or down in the vegetation. And they have beautiful color patterns. It's just a

whole other world." says West

- **Summer.** By June, most of the migration is over, and birders can settle in to contemplate Shaker's summer residents. These include several kinds of woodpeckers (Northern Flickers, the Downy, the Hairy, and the Red-bellied), the Phoebe, the Redwing, Warbling Vireo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, the House Wren, Yellow-rumped Warblers, Baltimore Orioles, and Eastern Wood-Pewee.

"I've heard Acadian Flycatchers, maybe Least Flycatchers, Great-crested Flycatchers. Song Sparrows for sure," says West. "Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, Northern Rough-winged Swallows, Barn Swallows and Wood Thrushes."

In the summer, it can be harder to find birds among the leaves, but in some ways there is more to see. "You can see the breeding behavior, you can see courtship, which is not so easy. You can watch birds collecting nesting material and some birds



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building nests," says West. And once the chicks are born, birders can observe parents feeding their young. "For example, woodpeckers will go in and out of their holes to feed. As one mate is coming out for a break, the other is going in."

- **Fall.** By August, the fall migration is underway and over the coming months, many of the birds that traveled through the Shaker parklands in the spring will return for another visit. However, the fall migration is less dramatic. The birds are not in a rush, having mated for the year, and so they travel in less-concentrated flocks. And they are often more drab in appearance, after molting their breeding plumage over the summer.

But there are some highlights. "There are some birds that we tend to see more of in the fall than in the spring, so they must take a different migratory route," says West. These include Yellow-rumped Warblers. Of course, the area's summer residents also begin to head south and those that winter here, such as the White-throated Sparrow and the American Tree Sparrow, start to arrive.

Occasionally, the fall brings birds not usually seen in Shaker, providing a rare treat for the area's birders. "Sometimes the youngsters, the fledglings, get a little off course and end up here by mistake," says West. Last September, a Summer Tanager, a lovely red bird that lives further south, spent a few days around The Nature Center. Some years ago, a White Pelican was hanging around Lower Lake.

- **Winter.** Once again, the trees are bare, so while there are many fewer birds, those that remain are easy to see. These include Blue Jays and Cardinals, but also the Dark-eyed Junco, White-breasted Nuthatch (see cover), and some hawks. "Winter is also when we most often have an irruptive species," adds West. This is when a large number of birds that winter further north come south looking for food. For example, a few winters ago, there was an irruption of Pine Siskin, White-winged

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## Getting Started

Getting started with bird watching in the Shaker parklands couldn't be simpler: Grab a pair of binoculars and head out for a spring bird walk at The Nature Center (see sidebar).

"You'll find that birders are extremely generous with their time," says resident Linda Johnson, who grew up in Shaker and began birding after she returned to the area with her husband in the 1980s. "They love to help other people with birds. On our walks at The Nature Center, we can have up to 50 people and many are expert birders."

Johnson notes that Shaker residents are often surprised to find how many birds are in this area. "They are usually absolutely flabbergasted by the number of birds they can see," she says.

It's easy to get hooked. "There's just so

much variety and each year you can learn more and more. Once you get the site identifications down, you can go for the calls, which are the little chip notes and the songs," says West, who started birding after taking a class with her husband and fellow birder Gary Neuman.

"It's sort of an obsession," jokes Shaker resident Nancy Renkert, who has been an avid birder for many years. "I am never not birding. I am always looking around."

Shaker resident and nature writer Perry Peskin began bird watching in the Shaker parklands almost 70 years ago, as a teenager growing up in Cleveland Heights. "In 1943, I was 15 years old and in The Plain Dealer, they announced the spring bird walks. Lo and behold, one of them was at the Shaker Lakes, which wasn't too far from my house. We didn't have a car, but the trolley stopped at Fairmount and Coventry and you could just walk from there."

After returning from the Korean War, Peskin began leading bird walks around the area. "From the very beginning, I was interested in the birds that nest in trees. These include chickadees, titmice, and Brown Creeper. It was a whole new world opening up for me. The migrants are equally fascinating because they are so beautiful. This includes the warbler family. I have never seen such colorful birds in the whole of my experiences in this country," says Peskin, who writes about his experiences exploring Northeast Ohio and the Upper Great Lakes in his book, *The Search for Lost Habitats*.

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"People think if they have a feeder, they'll get the usual Cardinals and Blue Jays," says The Nature Center's Wright. "But you will be surprised. During the migration peak times, you will get all kinds of things."

Indeed, watching a feeder at a friend's house is what first got Shaker's Renkert interested in birding. "I saw goldfinches and Rose-breasted Grosbeak and I said, 'Hmm, there is something to this.'"

To encourage a variety of birds, it's best to hang several types of feeders offering different kinds of food. Birds also appreciate a water source, such as a bird bath. Another way to attract birds is to landscape with native plants. This creates a sort of bird buffet of berries, nuts and seeds.

At the end of the day, whether at feeders in Shaker backyards, alongside the Doan Brook, in the marsh at The Nature Center, around Horseshoe or Lower Lake, or among the trees of Southerly Park, watch-

ing our feathered friends offers hours of entertainment for all ages. Wright sums it up best: "Birding is like one big theater trip. They dance for you, they sing for you and if they sit still long enough, you will say, 'Wow, what great art this is.'" 

## Manning Up

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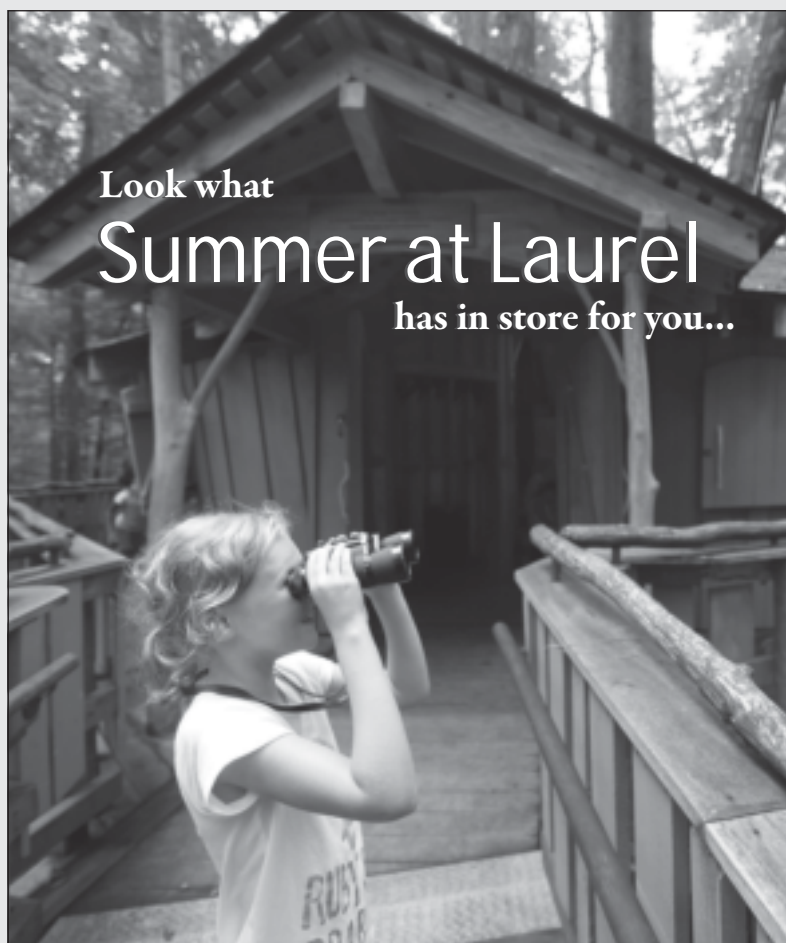
Shaker had a lot of opportunities that we should take advantage of. They pushed

me and my sister to take honors and advanced classes, and to never be satisfied with the status quo."

Abernathy joined Nike as an associate producer after completing an undergraduate degree at Florida A&M in computer systems and a master's from the University of Michigan. In his current position as Global Digital Innovations Manager, he relies daily on skills he honed as a MAC Scholar.

"When I was a sophomore, I went with a friend to a MAC meeting. I knew right away I wanted to be one of those people up on that stage. To be a catalyst for change – a difference maker – was very appealing to me. The one thing that truly shaped me was being on that stage: that sense of confidence, of being comfortable in your own skin, being a trailblazer. It's a sense of mental toughness I've been able to carry with me here at Nike," he says.

Abernathy recalls how the bond he felt with many of his fellow students carried



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over from the basketball team. "We pushed each other in the classroom the same way we did in sports. We applied a lot of tough love in that auditorium. We had to practice what we preached, regardless of the situation. It was a brotherhood."

Newly married, Abernathy lives in Beaverton, Oregon, with his wife, Rashree. He still enjoys combining sports with mentoring, now as a youth basketball coach. "Beyond their basketball skills, I want to see the kids develop an appetite to learn, grow, and see what the world has to offer. I know I was inspired by seeing other individuals with integrity in how they conducted themselves."

#### Cullen Buie, '99:

Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, MIT

*The MAC Scholars really developed leaders.*

Cullen Buie's curriculum vitae leaves no room for doubt that he was always bound for success. But there was a time when his parents, Eunice Crump and Richard Buie, Jr., might have doubted his career would include public speaking.

"Growing up, I was so quiet, I think my parents wondered if I could even talk," says Buie. "But over the past 12 years I've given lectures and research talks throughout the U.S., Mexico, Japan, Italy, and Turkey, and it all started with the presentations I gave as a MAC Scholar."

Buie grew up in an environment where "it never occurred to me that college was not an option. My great-grandparents, grandparents, and parents all had college degrees. A lot of kids don't have that situation – they have the deck stacked against them." Accordingly, he took his role as a peer mentor very seriously. "I was definitely very engaged as a MAC Scholar. But the interesting thing was, I got just as much out of it as the students I was working with. The process of trying to take charge of this under-achievement issue did a lot for our character building. The MAC Scholars program really developed leaders."

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Upon graduating from Shaker, Buie visited The Ohio State University, where a representative from the minority affairs office recognized him from a Newsweek article about the MAC Scholars program. "She asked me if I would be interested in applying for an engineering scholarship. I had no idea what engineering was. I had to take an intensive six-week summer program to qualify for the scholarship, and by the end of the program, I found out that I really liked engineering."

After completing his undergraduate degree at Ohio State, Buie obtained both a master's and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University. He now teaches at MIT and works with a small group of graduate students conducting research in microfluidics. He and his wife, Donielle, welcomed their first child on December 29.

Despite his busy schedule, Buie makes time to actively recruit minority candidates to graduate school. "I recently met with students at a D.C.-area high school that is 99 percent African American, with a special focus on science and engineering. One of the students at the school came up to me and said, 'You don't look like a professor from MIT.' It made me realize that clearly, this work still needs to be done."

Through the efforts of the Shaker Schools Foundation, grants from Key Foundation and the Harry K. Fox and Emma R. Fox Charitable Foundation have helped support the MAC Scholars program for the past four years. To help meet the ongoing demand for information about the MAC Scholars' formula for success, The Cleveland Foundation and The George Gund Foundation provided financial support to create a resource guide and DVD about the program, and the Key Foundation and Fox Foundation underwrote the production of a new video. View the new video at [www.tinyurl.com/MACScholars](http://www.tinyurl.com/MACScholars).



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## Ongoing Activities for Families

**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 play, make friends, and network. Playroom is open Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9:30 am-noon OR Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 4-6 pm. Membership also includes use of gym and muscle room during specific hours. Comprehensive passes are available for both Shaker and the new Cleveland Heights location at Taylor Academy, 14780 Superior Rd. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

**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 5 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 5, co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

**FRIDAYS: Drop-In Play Times, 9:30 AM-NOON,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play for infants to age 8 and parent or caregiver. FEES & INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**FRIDAYS: Family Fun Fridays for Families Raising Children 3-5 with Special Needs, 1-3PM,** PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, facilitated playgroup for parents with children ages 3-5 with special needs. Special activities held on second, third, and fourth Fridays of the month. INFO: 216-921-2023.

**SATURDAYS: Saturday Gym, 10 AM-NOON,** SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Indoor fun for children birth to 6 years old to climb, jump, ride tricycles, and play inside during the winter

months with an adult. (No session 2/19). FEES & PASS INFO: 216-921-2023.

## Ongoing Activities for Adults

**MONDAYS: Pilates Class, 9:30-10:30 AM,** PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Bring a mat and shape up. \$5/class. INFO: 216-921-3510.

**TUESDAYS: Stone Oven Days,** 2267 LEE RD. Stone Oven donates a percentage of every Tuesday sales to the Nature Center programs. *Dine and donate!* Enjoy a great meal and support the Nature Center. INFO: 216-321-5935 [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**TUESDAYS: Yoga, 6:15-7:30 PM,** PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Shanti, Shakti, Shambhu (Peace, Power, Plenty). Beginners to advanced beginners classes. \$10/class. INFO: 216-921-3510.

**FRIDAYS: Zumba® Fitness, 9:30-10:30 AM,** PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Make fitness fun by

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# February

## highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 MARC FRISCH		<b>1</b> Annex Gallery Opening 6 pm, Loganberry Books (p. 60)	<b>2</b> Celebrate Chinese New Year 4:15 pm, Main Library (p. 60)	<b>3</b> Clevelanders and the Civil War 7 pm, Shaker Historical Society (p. 60)	<b>4</b> Friday Night Skate 7:45 pm, Thornton Park (p. 60)	<b>5</b> 9th Annual Tackle the Tower Stair-climb 7:30 pm, The Galleria (p. 64)
		<b>8</b> Parent Support Group 7 pm, Bellefaire JCB (p. 60)	<b>9</b> A Grand Tea for Seniors 50+ 12:30 pm, Tubbs Jones Community Building (p. 60)  How to Buy or Lease a Car in the Digital Age 7 pm, Main Library (p. 60)	<b>10</b> Great Big Home and Garden 2/5-13 9 am, IX Center (p. 64)  Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods (p. 60)	<b>11</b> Author Talk Anita Sanchez 7 pm, Shaker Historical Society. (p. 61)  At Home with the Arts (AHA) 7:30 pm. (p. 61)	<b>12</b> Ohio High School Figure Skating Championships 2/12-13 Thornton Park (p. 60)
	<b>13</b> Concert II: La Guitarre Royale 4 pm, Plymouth Church. (p. 62)	<b>14</b> Pilates Class Ongoing. 9:30 am, Plymouth Church (p. 57)	<b>15</b> Poetry Back in the Woods 7 pm, Bertram Woods (p. 62)	<b>16</b> Brown Bag Bingo for Seniors 50+ 12:30 pm, Tubbs Jones Community Building (p. 62)	<b>17</b> From Songwriters to Soundmen: The People Behind the Hits 7 pm, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum (p. 64)	<b>18</b> Killer "B" Ice Hockey Tournament 2/18-20 Thornton Park (p. 62)
	<b>20</b> University Circle Wind Ensemble, Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony I, CWRU Symphonic Winds Ongoing. 3 pm, Severance Hall (p. 64)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Free Admission Ongoing. Great Lakes Science Center (p. 64)	<b>23</b> Ask a Tax Advisor 7 pm, Bertram Woods (p. 62)  Author Event Paula McLain 7 pm, Barnes & Noble, Eton Collection (p. 65)	<b>24</b> Bling's the Thing 3 pm, Bertram Woods (p. 62)	<b>25</b> Friday Night Skate 7:45 pm, Thornton Park (p. 60)
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Monday Movie for Seniors 50+ 12:15 pm, Tubbs Jones Community Building (p. 63)  Pajama Stories 7:15 pm, Bertram Woods (p. 63)				

# March

## highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Meet the Author Dan Coughlin 7 pm, Bertram Woods (p. 63)	Target Free First Thursdays 9 am, Cleveland Museum of Natural History (p. 64)	Zumba Fitness Ongoing. 9:30 am, Plymouth Church (p. 57)	Indoor Winter Market Ongoing. 9 am, Shaker Square (p. 60)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Design Your Own Video Game 3/7-9, 3/14 4 pm, Main Library (p. 63)	Running Scared: Eviscerating Rights in a Post 9/11 World 5 pm, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (p. 66)	Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture 7:30 pm, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. (p. 66)	Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods (p. 63)  Gene's Jazz Hot 7 pm, Loganberry Books (p. 63)	The Wiz 3/3, 11, 18 7 pm, Wiley Auditorium (p. 65)	A Night for the Red & White 7 pm, The Executive Caterers at Landerhaven (p. 63)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
The Making of 'My Fair Lady' 3 pm, Tri-C Metro (p. 66)	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center (p. 57)	Yoga Ongoing. 6:15 pm, Plymouth Church (p. 57)	CityMusic 7:30 pm, Fairmount Presbyterian Church (p. 66)	SAY (Social Advocates for Youth) Parent Committee 11 am, Bellefaire JCB (p. 63)	Drop-In Play Times Ongoing. 9:30 am, Hanna Perkins Center (p. 57)	Saturday Gym Ongoing. 10 am, Shaker Family Center (p. 57)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Writers & Readers: Robert Olmstead 2 pm, Cleveland Public Library (p. 66)	Pilates Class Ongoing. 9:30 am, Plymouth Church (p. 57)			GameGirlz 4 pm, Main Library (p. 64)	Family Fun Fridays for Families Raising Children with Special Needs Ongoing. 1 pm, Main Library (p. 57)	Hike with a Friend Ongoing. 3:30 pm, Nature Center (p. 62)
27	28	29	30			
		Writers Center Stage: Dave Eggers 7:30 pm, Ohio Theatre (p. 66)				

Broomball at Boulevard



infusing your workout with some Latin rhythm. Fee: \$4/class. INFO: 216-921-3510.

**SATURDAYS: Indoor Winter Market, 9 AM-NOON**, NORTH UNION FARMERS MARKET, 13207 & 13209 SHAKER SQUARE. Buy antibiotic- and hormone-free beef, pork, and poultry and dairy products, organic maple syrup, honey, farm-fresh eggs, cheeses, winter greens, herbs, apples, potatoes, lettuces, organic grains, specialty baked goods, and root vegetables from more than 35 farmers, bakers, and artists. North Union Farmers Market now accepts SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Cards at the Indoor Winter Market. SNAP recipients should first visit the "Market Information" table to receive tokens before purchasing items.

## Events for *February*

**February 1: Annex Gallery Opening, 6 PM**, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Enjoy the exhibit, "Landscapes in Photography and Paint," and meet the artists, Gene Epstein & Joel Hauserman. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**February 1: Parent Support Group, 7-8 PM**, BELLEFAIRE JCB MONARCH SCHOOL, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Karin Hess-Hopkins, MSSA, Monarch Intervention Specialist, moderates an opportunity for parents of children ages 6-12 years with Autism Spectrum Disorder to network with other families and support one another. Free. Pre-registration is required. INFO: 216-320-8658 OR [hessk@bellefairejcb](mailto:hessk@bellefairejcb).

**February 2: Ground Hog Day.**

*Will Phil see his shadow and go back to bed, or will we get lucky and see spring ahead?*

**February 2: Celebrate Chinese New Year, 4:15-5 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Children in grades K-4 are invited to celebrate Chinese New Year! Make a dancing paper dragon toy, enjoy a snack, and learn about the Chinese zodiac. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**February 3: Clevelanders and the Civil War, 7 PM**, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Local historian Marjorie Wilson presents a "Who's Who" of little-known local heroes from the Civil War. \$5/person; members free. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**February 4, 11, 25: Friday Night Skate, 7:45-8:45 PM**, THORNTON PARK. School's out and the rink's open for skating. \$3/Shaker students. INFO: 216-491-1295.

**February 6: Ask a Tax Advisor, 2-4 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Chris Fuller and Marlyn Josselson-Ludwig of H & R Block Premium will be at the library to answer your tax questions. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**February 8: Parent Support Group, 7-8 PM**, BELLEFAIRE JCB MONARCH SCHOOL, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Karin Hess-Hopkins, MSSA, Monarch Intervention Specialist moderates an opportunity for parents of children ages 13-19 years with Autism Spectrum Disorder to network with other families and support one another. Free. Pre-registration is required. INFO: 216-320-8658 OR [hessk@bellefairejcb](mailto:hessk@bellefairejcb).

**February 9: A Grand Tea for Seniors 50+, 12:30-2:30 PM**, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Enjoy a genteel afternoon when The Image & Etiquette

Institute recreates an elegant tea complete with soup, muffins, assorted tea sandwiches, savories, sweets, and a presentation on the history of tea. Fee: \$15. INFO: 216-491-1360.

**February 9: Valentine's Day Party, 4:15 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER. Card making, cookie decorating, and other sweet treats. Meet Lisa Michelle Fair, Teen Education Coordinator for The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland, who will be on hand to answer your relationship questions. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**February 9: How to Buy or Lease a Car in the Digital Age, 7 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Paul Qua of Classic Auto discusses what you *auto* know about buying and leasing a vehicle. Free. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**February 10: Gene's Jazz Hot, 7 PM**, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Gene Epstein on bass, Seth Rosen on guitar and mandolin, Bill Kenney on clarinet, and vocals by Peggi Cella. Donations for the band gladly accepted. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**February 10: Knit Night, 7-8:45 PM**, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring a project and get or give help at this session led by experienced knitter, Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**February 12-13: Ohio High School Figure Skating Championships**, THORNTON PARK ICE ARENA. Skaters from Shaker, Laurel, Hathaway Brown, Kenston, Mentor, Solon, Orange, Padua, Franciscan, and others vie for the State Championship title. Free. INFO: 216-491-1295.

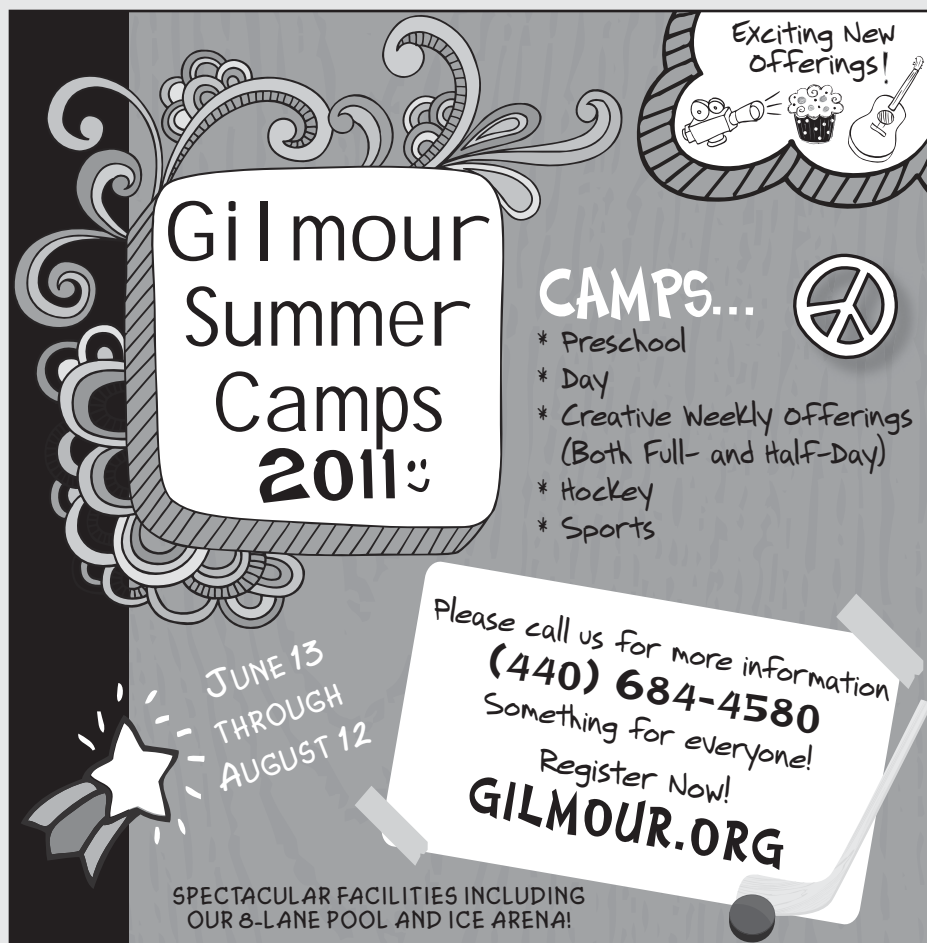
**February 11: Author Talk, 7 PM**, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Meet

Anita Sanchez, author of *Mr. Lincoln's Chair: The Shakers and their Quest for Peace* and hear her speak about the Shakers. INFO: 216-921-1205.

**February 11:** At Home with the Arts (AHA), 7:30 PM. The Steiger-Meyers Duo (flute and piano) will perform in a private Shaker home. Sponsored by the Shaker Arts Council, attendees will receive an email or regular mail confirmation of the location. Admission is \$35 (\$30 for SHAC members) and includes a wine and cheese reception and dessert. Attendance is limited to 40. Register online at shakerarts council.org (select Support/Donate) or send a check made payable to the Shaker Arts Council at PMB 232, 16781 Chagrin Blvd. Shaker Heights, 44120. INFO: 216-561-7454 OR EMAIL info@shakerartscouncil.org.

**February 12:** Meet the Author: Anita Sanchez, 2 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Anita Sanchez visits the library for a fun family afternoon of learning and discovery about the Shakers – their life, religion, and culture. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**February 12:** SAT Free Practice Test & SAT Strategy Session, 9:15 AM–2:15 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. The Princeton Review administers a free SAT Practice Test, professionally scores it, and returns with your score and insider testing strategies. Bring two #2 pencils, a snack, and a calculator. You must be registered to take the test. No one will be admitted to the test once the doors close. Come back to the SAT STRATEGY SESSION from 1-3 pm Saturday, February 26 and get tips to boost your score. INFO: 216-991-2030.



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**SATURDAYS: Hike with a Friend, 3:30 PM.** 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.

*February 8 & March 8: Babes in Nature/Nature's Valentines, 10-10:45 AM.* You're never too young to start learning about nature. Explore a variety of sensory experiences to introduce babies age 2 months to 2 years and their caregivers to the natural world. \$5/members; \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

*February 21: Big/Little/Night & Day, 10-11:30 AM.* Night and day animals are all around us. Learn why they come out at different times. Do some animals ever see one another? \$8/members; \$12/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

*February 26: Breakfast with the Birds Pancake Breakfast, 8 AM-NOON.* Rise and shine and eat and tweet! Join the Nature Center and the Rotary Club of Shaker Heights for pancakes and sausage. Learn about bird habitats and behaviors at a Birds of Prey show, activity stations, and guided nature hikes. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Shaker Heights Third Grade Dictionary Project and the Nature Center. Fee: \$8/adults; \$5/children ages 6-10; children 5 and under free. INFO: 216-321-5935.

*March 19: Hands-on Cooking with Kids, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM.* Join Chef Robin Blair of Cooking with C.A.R.E. Unlimited to learn how to cook a fresh, healthy meal using locally grown ingredients from start to finish. Limited to 15 children, grades 3-6 with parents. \$12/member child; \$15/non-member child. INFO: 216-321-5935.

*March 21: Big/Little/Muckity Mud, 10-11:30 AM.* Spring is here and that means the muddy mess from spring showers isn't far behind. Bring rain jackets and boots to learn what makes mud and the unique properties of soil. \$8/members; \$12/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

*March 28-April 1: Spring Break Camp, 9 AM-3 PM.* Children enjoy a week filled with adventure and discovery with themes like Incredible Insects and Wild About Water. INFO: 216-321-5935.

*February 13: Concert II: La Guitarre Royale, 4 PM,* HERR CHAPEL AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. A prelude to Valentine's Day. ArtsPlymouth presents Les Délices regulars Scott Metcalfe (violin) and Emily Walhout (viola da gamba) who return to join Debra Nagy (baroque oboe) and guest Lucas Harris (theorbo & baroque guitar) to play works by guitar masters from the court of Louis XIV. Tickets: \$20/general; \$18/seniors. INFO: [www.lesdelices.org](http://www.lesdelices.org).

*February 15: Poetry Back in the Woods, 7 PM,* BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Enjoy poetry read by "Sammy and Her Friends," Sammy Greenspan, Robert Miltner, and Bonné de Blas. INFO: 216-991-2421.

*February 16: Brown Bag Bingo for Seniors 50+, 12:30-1:30 PM,* STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Join staff members of Shaker Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a rousing round of bingo with prizes! Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy coffee and dessert. INFO: 216-491-1360.

*February 17: SAY (Social Advocates for Youth) Parent Committee, 11 AM-NOON,* BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. For parents concerned about how to help teens make healthy choices. RSVP TO NANCY: 216-320-8469.

*February 17: NOBS Forums, 7 PM,* LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Gary Esmonde & Wendy Wasman speak on Books and Native Plants. INFO: 216-795-9800.

*February 18-20: Killer "B" Ice Hockey Tournament,* THORNTON PARK ICE ARENA. Cheer teams from Northeast Ohio as they compete at the Mite, Squirt, and Pee Wee levels. Free admission. GAME TIMES & INFO: 216-491-1295.

*February 18-21: Presidents' Weekend.* Shaker City Schools closed.

*February 21: Shaker Libraries Closed.* Due to state budget cuts, both libraries are closed and the staff is unpaid.

*February 23: Ask a Tax Advisor, 7-8:30 PM,* BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Cheryl Keys and Sarah Maasz of H & R Block Premium will be at the library to answer your tax questions. INFO: 216-991-2421.

*February 24: Bling's the Thing, 3-3:45 PM,* BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Teens can drop in and make a fantastic piece of jewelry using their creativity and the library's bangles, baubles, and beads. INFO: 216-991-2421.



**February 24:** GameGirlz, 4-5:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Calling all girls from 8 to 88! Learn to play Wii and Sony Playstation 3 games or improve your skills. Games include: Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros. Brawl and PS3's LittleBigPlanet. Bring your mom, girl friend, or your grandmother for gaming fun. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**February 28:** Monday Movie for Seniors 50+, 12:15-2:30 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Watch a free movie with others. INFO: 216-491-1360.

**February 28:** Pajama Stories, 7:15 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Take them for stories at the library before you tuck them in bed. INFO: 216-991-2421.

## Events for March

**March 1:** Parent Support Group, 7-8 PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB MONARCH SCHOOL, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Karin Hess-Hopkins, MSSA, Monarch Intervention Specialist moderates an opportunity for parents of children ages 6-12 years with Autism Spectrum Disorder to network with other families and support one another. Free. Pre-registration is required. INFO: 216-320-8658 or hessk@bellefairejcb.

**March 2:** Meet the Author, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Dan Coughlin, the award-winning Plain Dealer and WJW-TV reporter, and author of *Crazy, With the Papers to Prove It*, reflects on the most unusual, eccentric and outlandish people and events he covered. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**March 3:** Annex Gallery Opening, 6 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Meet the photographer and enjoy her exhibit, *Cracks & Butts: Sidewalk Photography*. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**March 4:** Professional Day. No classes for Shaker Schools grades K-6.

**March 4:** Friday Night Skates, 7:45-8:45 PM, THORNTON PARK. Open skate. \$3/Shaker students. INFO: 216-491-1295.

**March 7, 8, 9 & 14:** Design Your Own Video Game, 4-5:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Create your very own, playable video game and learn the technical and creative skills needed for the video game design industry when experts from Funutation Tekademy give step-by-step instructions. This program is made possible by a MyCom grant. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**March 8:** Parent Support Group, 7-8 PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB MONARCH SCHOOL, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Karin Hess-Hopkins, MSSA, Monarch Intervention Specialist moderates an opportunity for parents of children ages 13-19 years with Autism Spectrum Disorder to network with other families and support one another. Free. Pre-registration is required. INFO: 216-320-8658 OR hessk@bellefairejcb.

**March 8:** Poetry Back in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Members of The Butcher Shop, the oldest, ongoing, private poetry workshop in Northeast Ohio, read their poetry. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**March 10:** Knit Night, 7-8:45 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring a project and get or give help at this

session led by experienced knitter, Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**March 10:** Gene's Jazz Hot, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Gene Epstein on bass, Seth Rosen on guitar and mandolin, Bill Kenney on clarinet, and vocals by Peggi Cella. Join them for some hot holiday cheer. Donations for the band gladly accepted. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**March 12:** A Night For The Red & White, 7 PM, THE EXECUTIVE CATERERS AT LANDERHAVEN, 6111 LANDERHAVEN DR. Co-chairs Janice Harris and Nancy Jackson get the red out to put the schools in the black at the 19th black-tie block party celebration for education. Tickets: \$125/person - \$295/person; INFO: CHRISTINE AUGINAS, 216-295-4325 OR auginas\_c@shaker.org.

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**March 13:** Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring ahead! Turn your clocks forward one hour.

**March 16:** Brown Bag Bingo for Seniors 50+, 12:30-1:30 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Join staff members of Shaker Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a rousing round of bingo with prizes! Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy coffee and dessert. INFO: 216-491-1360.

**March 17:** SAY (Social Advocates for Youth) Parent Committee, 11 AM-NOON, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. For parents who want to help teens make

healthy choices. RSVP TO NANCY: 216-320-8469.

**March 17:** NOBS Forums, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Gene Stromberg presents Sole Children's Books by Adult Authors. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**March 18:** Conference Day. No school for Shaker schools Grades K-8.

**March 19:** American Girl Tea Party, 3-4 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Children in grades 1-5 are invited to bring their dolls and come for tea! Come for treats, decorations, and door prizes. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**March 21:** Pajama Stories, 7:15 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Take them for stories at the library before you tuck them in bed. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**March 23:** Make Your Own Jewelry, 4:15 PM, MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER. Express yourself through jewelry! Make a new piece of jewelry for yourself or for someone special. INFO: 216-991-2030.

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**March 28-April 1:** Spring Recess. Shaker Schools closed.

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**March 31:** Make A Duct Tape Beach Bag, 2:15-3 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Get ready for Spring Break! Learn how to make a cool, colorful, waterproof beach bag to hold your gear. INFO: 216-991-2421.

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**TUESDAYS: Free Admission.** GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER, 601 ERIE AVE. Children ages 18 & under free all day Tuesdays. INFO: 216-694-2000.

**FEBRUARY 3 & MARCH 3: Target Free First Thursdays, 9 AM-5 PM,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, ONE WADE OVAL. Bring the family for a fun-filled day exploring the museum's permanent exhibits and watching the action in its outdoor galleries, where owls, bobcats, otters and more are busy all year long. INFO: 216-231-4600.

**FEBRUARY 4: An Unforgettable Night of Irish Music, 8 PM,** WINDOWS ON THE RIVER, 2000 SYCAMORE ST., CLEVELAND. The Merry Ploughboys direct from Dublin, Ireland perform for the benefit of the Little Sisters of the Poor Saints Mary and Joseph Home on Richmond Rd. Luck of the Irish raffle winner (\$10/ticket) can choose between a trip for two to Ireland or \$2,000. TICKETS & INFO: 216-378-4739.

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**FEBRUARY 9: Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture, 7:30 PM,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Cleveland Museum Of Art's Sue Bergh speaks on "Phallic-Spouted Vessels of the Peruvian Moche: Sex, Death and a Question of Humor." Free. Reception to meet the speaker follows the presentation. INFO: 216-231-4600 OR [case.edu/artsci/clsc/casmain.html](http://case.edu/artsci/clsc/casmain.html).

**FEBRUARY 12: Chris Bohjalian, 2 PM,** CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY/ BEACHWOOD BRANCH, 25501 SHAKER BLVD. Meet the author of *Midwives*, *Skeletons at the Feast*, and *The Double Bind*. Bohjalian speaks and reads from his latest book, *Secrets of Eden*. Free. INFO: 216-831-6868.

**FEBRUARY 17: From Songwriters to Soundmen: The People Behind the Hits, 7 PM,** ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM. Live interview with Weldon Arthur McDougal III, who contributed to the musical evolution of the Sound of Philadelphia for over four decades as a songwriter, recording artist, group bandleader, and independent producer. Free. INFO: 216-515-8426.

**FEBRUARY 20: University Circle Wind Ensemble, Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony I, CWRU Symphonic Winds, 3 PM,** SEVERANCE HALL, EUCLID AVE. Gary M. Ciepluch, conductor; Katie Dejongh, flute; Greg Banaszak, alto saxophone; Dave Morgan, composer, performing the music of Morgan, Wood, Sousa, Masanori \$15/students; \$25/box seat. INFO: 216-231-1111.

**FEBRUARY 23: Musical Luncheon:**  
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**FEBRUARY 23: Author Event, 7 PM,**  
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**FEBRUARY 23, 24, 25: CIM Opera**  
**Theatre, 8 PM,** CIM KULAS HALL,  
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**MARCH 9: Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture, 7:30 PM,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Ronald Stroud from the University of California, Berkeley presents "Magic and Religion in Ancient Corinth." Free. Reception to meet the speaker follows the presentation. INFO: 216-231-4600 OR [case.edu/artsci/clsc/casmain.html](http://case.edu/artsci/clsc/casmain.html).


**MARCH 13: The Making of 'My Fair Lady,' 3-5 PM,** TRI-C METROPOLITAN CAMPUS MAIN THEATER, 2900 COMMUNITY COLLEGE AVE. The Musical Theatre Project presents the crisis-laden story behind the making of a Broadway legend hosted by Bill Rudman and Nancy Maier with vocalists Joan Ellison, Jared Leal, Fabio Polanco, and George Roth. \$20/person. INFO: 216-987-4444.

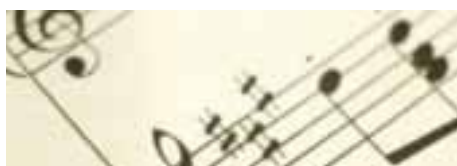
**MARCH 16: CityMusic, 7:30 PM,** FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2757 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Joel Smirnoff conducts and Dylana Jenson performs as soloist. Gabriel Fauré's *Pelléas et Mélisande: Suite, Op.80*; Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky *Violin Concerto in D, Op.35*, and Georges Bizet's *Symphony in C*. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR FREE CHILDCARE SERVICES: 216-321-5800.

**MARCH 17: St. Patrick's Day.** Everyone's Irish today! There'll be the wearin' of the green and a St. Paddy's Day parade down Cleveland streets beginning at Superior Ave. and East 17th St.

**MARCH 20: Writers & Readers: Robert Olmstead, 2 PM,** CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 325 SUPERIOR AVE. Meet Ohio Wesleyan University English professor and director of the creative writing program and author of *Coal Black Horse*, which won the Chicago Tribune's Heartland Prize and the Ohioana Book Award for Fiction. Olmstead has been a Guggenheim fellow and an NEA GRANT recipient. Free. INFO: 216-623-2800.

**MARCH 24-APRIL 3: 35th Annual Cleveland International Film Festival,** TOWER CITY CINEMAS IN TOWER CITY CENTER. Contemporary international and American Independent filmmaking, with more than 150 features and over 150 short subjects from at least 60 countries. INFO: 216-623-3456.

**MARCH 29: Writers Center Stage: Dave Eggers, 7:30 PM,** OHIO THEATRE PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. Hear the award-winning author and Pulitzer Prize finalist best known for *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*, a light-hearted, fictionalized chronicle of the period following the death of his parents. His other works include *Zeitoun*, a nonfiction account of a Syrian-American immigrant's experiences in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and *What Is the What*, a finalist for the 2006 National Book Critics Circle Award. Tickets: \$30/person. INFO: 216-749-9338. 



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**Thou shalt select the right tool for the job.** There are many ways to clear your Path. I embrace the straight handle of the Manual Shovel, whose simple design and affordability appeal to all. However, its physical discipline is not for the faint of heart nor weak of back.

Many have entered the service of the Snow Blower. Noisy, expensive, and polluting it is. But as a new member of the cult of the lumbar-impaired, I have learned to be more tolerant of my machine-minded neighbors.

We must not forget our brothers and sisters of the Plow. Blessed are the Plow-hirers, for they keep the local economy humming. They also make the rest of us look bad for not getting our driveways cleared before the trash crew arrives.

Beware lest ye fall into the temptation of the Do-nothings. They believe in leaving the snow rest in peace where it falls. Fatalists, they ask, "Why shovel? It's only going to snow some more." These are the drivers of 4WD vehicles who, in their hubris, think they can simply muscle their way in and out. They who are content to have no visitors. They who shall

run out of food in the end times.

**Thou shalt be methodical.**

There are two kinds of people in the world: women who clear from the sidewalk up (me), and men who clear from the garage down (my husband). We Sidewalk-uppers believe in the social contract, hospitality to visitors, truth, justice, and the American way. Garage-downers are rugged individualists who figure, "If I don't finish the whole thing, at least I've got a running start to get my car out." Both are needed to keep the world in balance. The Garage-downers put food on the table, and the Sidewalk-uppers surround it with grateful guests.

It is known and revealed that regardless of orientation, when you have finished shoveling and put on clean garments, the city plows will come along and re-block your drive.

**Thou shalt dress appropriately.**

The proper vestments for a Priestess of Precipitation must reflect respect for the levels of Earth's bounty – vegetable, animal, mineral. First, closest to the heart, a layer from the plant world (cotton tights, socks and turtleneck); second, a layer from the animal kingdom (wool sweater, more socks, and possibly leggings); and third, a neck-to-ankle layer derived from petroleum (Thinsulate is our friend). Finally, it is required to cover head, hands, and feet with gear made from the skins of dead animals.

However, our teenagers are convinced that a t-shirt, sweats, hoodie,

and sandals (socks optional) are hunky-dory winter wear. Let them be. They will soon become converted to the wisdom of their mothers – unless we've suggested something ridiculous, like boots. Then they will insist they're fine, right on through the amputations for frostbite.

**And you shall teach this diligently to your children.**

Actually, you should make them do it for you, if you can. Builds character. (see also: back, bad.) For the younger set, "Let's build a fort!" may be sufficient motivation to get them out there, though more snow may end up in the air than on the ground. For teens, the promise of cash, or the threat of social isolation ("You can't go to the party if the car's stuck in the garage") may prove necessary.

**Help thy neighbor, as thyself.**

On my street, we do not let denominational differences divide us. Shovelers, Plowers, Blowers, Sidewalk-uppers and Garage-downers unite against the forces of Lake Effect. We Elders still remember the blizzard of March of ought six, when every one of us ended up stuck in our driveways. Ludlow neighbors dug out car after car together that afternoon, including ours, which was stuck because SOMEBODY had too much faith in HIS Subaru. (See "Do-nothings" above.)

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