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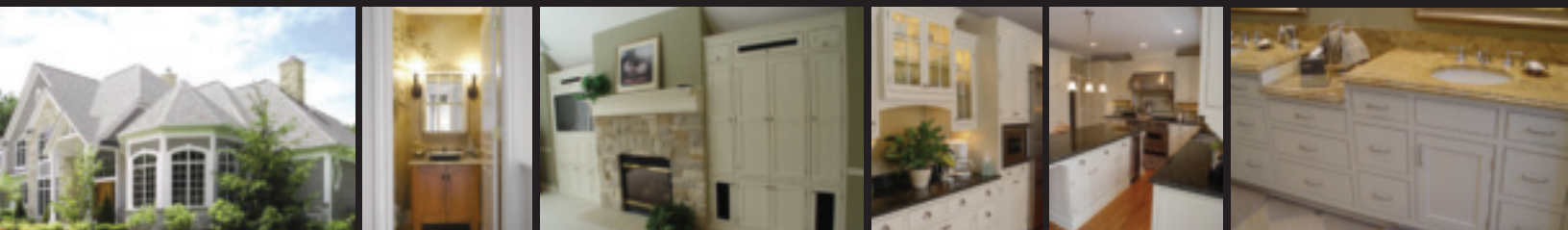
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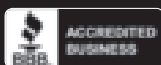
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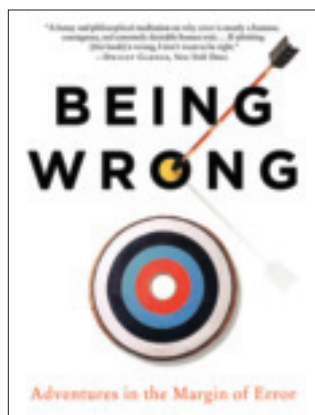
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From Our Readers

I was so excited to read about Launch House in the most recent issue of Shaker Life. I immediately “Liked” them on Facebook and am also now following them on Twitter. I look forward to attending some of their public events - particularly ones geared towards the general community.

This is exactly the kind of thing Shaker needs for attracting fresh, young, innovative thinkers – and “doers” – to our city. I had heard something about this venture several months ago, but never really knew much about them until reading your fine piece in Shaker Life. Thanks for sharing the news!

Jane Lassar

Shaker Heights resident



Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival Returns

On Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19, the intersection of Farnsleigh Road and Van Aken Boulevard once again transforms into the Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival, a street fair with arts, music, food, and a lot of community fun. The Festival, which made its debut last summer, combines the popular Ohio Designer Craftsmen fair with the Shaker Arts Council’s celebration of the Summer Solstice.

Last year, enthusiastic crowds of residents and visitors partied into the night on Saturday, then returned the next day to listen, eat, stroll, and shop. This year, Sunday’s musical complement has been expanded.

The Festival runs from 10 am to 10 pm on Saturday and from 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday. The craft show, which ends at 8 pm on Saturday, includes more than 150 artists presenting studio glass, jewelry, wearables, yard art, ceramics, photography, and more.

Admission is free and features an extensive entertainment and musical lineup. Saturday’s acts include Keith Vance, Northcoast Jazz Collective, Irish music and humor from The New Barleycorn, Noel Quintana’s Latin Crew, and the much loved big sound of Blue Lunch. On Sunday, enjoy performances by Workmen’s Circle Klezmer Orchestra, Cats on Holiday (country, Cajun and blues), and close out the festival with Evil Ways, the Midwest’s “premier Santana tribute band.”

Children’s activities (mostly on Saturday), organized by the Ludlow Community Association, include strolling performers doing magic, stilt walking, juggling, and creating balloon animals. Family fun is scheduled for both days.

Food and drink are available from such local restaurants as Pearl of the Orient and Touch of Italy, as well as from Cow-Girl Confections, The Fresh Market, Hot Sauce Williams and Wow! Cookies/Restless Coffee. Grill masters from the Shaker Heights Firefighters Local 516 will also be on hand to dish up some of their favorites.

Join 2011 Festival sponsors at this event: The Equity Engineering Group, Inc., First Unitarian Church of Cleveland, Heinen’s, Ohio Savings Bank a division of New York Community Bank, PNC Bank, and University Hospitals.

Wanted: Recipes for Centennial Block Party Cookbook

In celebration of Shaker Heights’ 100th birthday, Centennial volunteers are compiling a cookbook to preserve well-loved block party recipes and family favorites. The cookbook will also include recipes of well-known Shaker resident chefs: Jonathon Sawyer (Greenhouse Tavern), Zack Bruell (Parallax, Table 45, L’Albatros, Chinato), Michael Symon (Lola, Lolita, B Spot), Rose Wong (Pearl of the Orient) and Donita Anderson (North Union Farmers Market). The recipes will be collected online and printed in spiral bound form for sale at a modest price.

Submit your recipe today – it’s fast and easy to do. To submit online, go to www.CookbookFundraiser.com.

1. Log in as a contributor by entering your name as you would like it to appear with your recipe in the cookbook.
2. Enter your email address.
3. Enter Group Name “shakercooks” and “recipe” is the Password.
4. At the cookbook homepage click “Add a New Recipe.”
5. Enter the ingredients and directions for the recipe and click “Save.”

You may also mail your recipe to: Gillian Graham, 3310 Ardmore Road, Shaker Heights 44120.

The deadline for submitting recipes is Sunday, September 11. Help make this cookbook a success and enter at least one recipe before the deadline.

Violinist Andrew Sords Performs with Shaker Symphony Orchestra June 5

Don't miss your chance to hear former Shaker resident and acclaimed violinist Andrew Sords perform with the Shaker Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, June 5 at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, 3450 Lee Road. The performance begins at 3:30 pm, and features the Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor and Mozart's Symphony No. 25 in G minor. Sords wowed the audience last June when he performed with the Shaker Symphony Orchestra under maestro Professor Allan Hinkle.

Born in 1985 in Newark, Delaware, Sords later moved to Shaker Heights and began his violin studies with Liza Grossman, founder and Conductor of the Contemporary Youth Orchestra. He completed his undergraduate education at the Cleveland Institute of Music with violin pedagogues Linda Cerone and David Russell. Sords also performed for the legendary Midori in master classes in New York and at the University of Southern California.

Most recently, Sords studied under internationally acclaimed violinist Chee-Yun at The Southern Methodist University of Dallas, Texas. Sords has performed in concert halls and venues throughout America, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Asia.

Tickets are \$15; \$8 for students and seniors. For more information, please call 216-491-1360.

Health Department Offers Back-To School Immunizations

The Shaker Heights Health Department can provide all required and recommended back-to-school immunizations and TB skin testing for children up to 18 years of age. This includes the mandatory TDaP vaccine for seventh grade. Immunizations and TB testing are \$12 each. Appoint-

ments are required; please call 216-491-1480.

The Health Department also offers adult vaccines including Tetanus (Td, TDaP), Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, the combination vaccine Twinrix, Zostavax (for shingles) and many others. For a complete list of vaccines offered and their prices, call the Health Department at 216-491-1480 or check shakeronline.com.

Beginning in September, the Health Department will offer flu shots for all persons six months and older. Watch for more information in future issues of Shaker Life and at shakeronline.com.

The Shaker Heights Citizens Police Academy Wants You!

The Shaker Heights Police Department will hold its 20th Citizens Police Academy beginning this August. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7-10 pm, starting August 18 and ending November 10. Interested Shaker Heights residents can apply at shakeronline.com, pick up an application in person at the Police Department, 3355 Lee Road, or call Police Chief D. Scott Lee's office at 216-491-1240 to request an application.

The CPA is a 12-week program sponsored by the Shaker Heights Police and Fire departments, and is open to Shaker Heights residents and those who work in the City full time. The course is intended to raise citizen awareness of police procedures and programs. Students are provided with all necessary materials and there is no fee for the course.

The weekly three-hour sessions are conducted by Shaker Heights police officers who cover topics such as criminal investigation, response to threats, K-9 Unit, and tactics. Classroom lectures and field visits help participants better understand the pressures, complexities, and operations of police work. Class size is limited to approximately 15 students to ensure an active dialogue with the police officers.

Please note: The program fosters an understanding of law enforcement and does

not grant any police authority to Academy graduates.

Here's what you'll do!

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- See the Police Department in action.
- Learn about the operations of the Fire Department.
- Ride along in a police cruiser on patrol.
- Review crime scene procedures.
- Learn and experience firing range procedures and gun safety.
- Learn about the K-9 Unit.
- Learn about the laws of arrest.
- Learn about drugs and their impact on crime.
- Learn about the response to threats continuum.
- Learn about community policing.
- Learn about special police tools and tactics.
- Participate in Citizens Police Academy Graduation Ceremony.

Anyone who lives or works full time in Shaker Heights may apply. Applicants must be age 21 or over, with no violent felony convictions. In addition, applicants may not have been arrested for misdemeanor offenses within two years of application. Background checks are completed on all applicants.

Printed applications can be mailed to D. Scott Lee, Chief of Police, Shaker Heights Police Department, 3355 Lee Road, Shaker Heights, 44120, or faxed to 216-491-1243.

For more information on the program, call Debra Messing or Rosemary Price at 216-491-1240 between 8 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Police Department Welcomes New Officers

Four new officers joined the Shaker Heights Police Department in 2011. They are replacing four officers who have retired.

Paul George Pettinato, 31, of Cleve-

land Heights, is a 2009 graduate of the University of Akron Police Academy. He has a bachelors degree in Economics and Business Administration from Slippery Rock University. He was formerly employed as an officer with the Canfield Police Department and as a Mental Health Counselor at the Butler County Prison.

Lance Adkins, 28, of Brookfield, is a 2008 graduate of the Kent State University Police Academy. He has prior experience as a 911 dispatcher at Trumbull County, as an officer at Hartford and Brookfield police departments, and as a firefighter/EMT at the Johnston Township Fire Department.

Christopher Michael Frato, Jr., 21, of Novelty, is a 2010 graduate of the University of Akron Police Academy. He formerly worked as a volunteer probationary auxiliary patrol officer at the Marlboro Township Police Department and as a security officer with the University of Akron Police Department.

Brandon R. Zinner, 26, of Eastlake, is a 2009 graduate of the Cuyahoga Community College Police Academy. He formerly worked as an officer at the Eastlake Police Department.

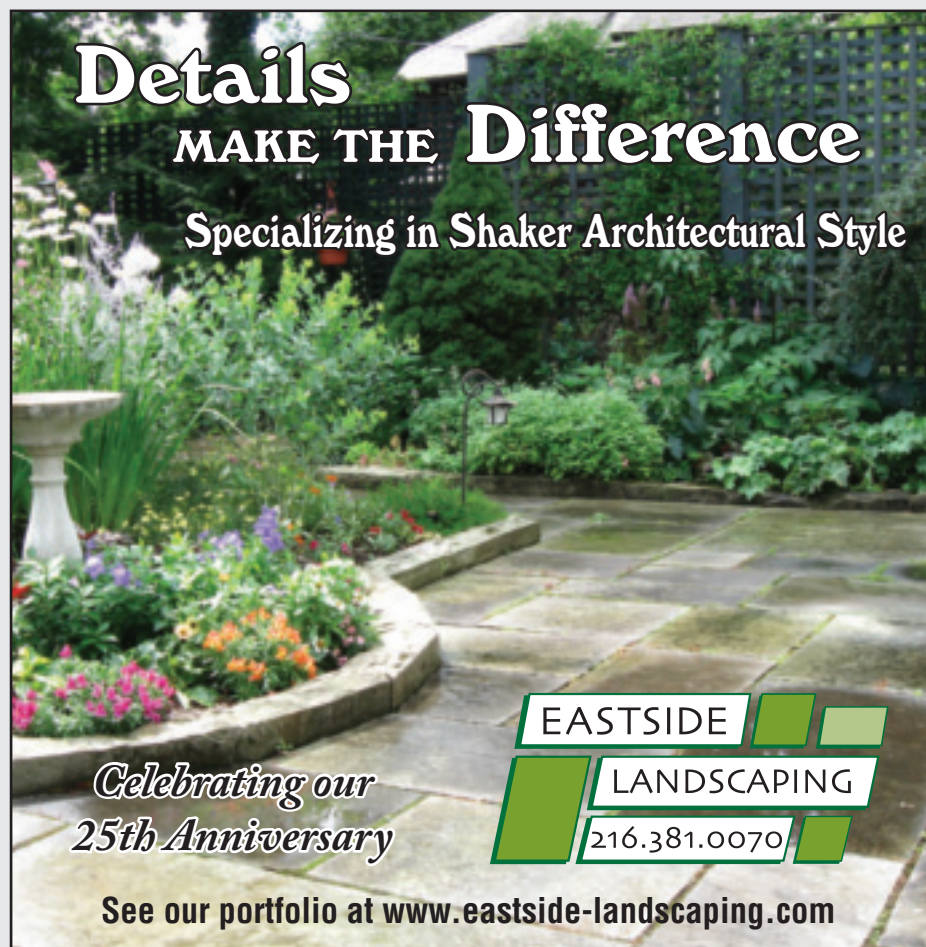
Enjoy Hot Fun in the Summer Time – Safely!

To make sure you only see the Shaker Heights Fire Department at your block party this summer – and not in your back-yard – follow these simple safety precautions:

Grill Safely

Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors, and kept 15 feet away from the home. Keep grills clean by removing grease or fat buildup, and never leave the grill unattended.

For charcoal grills, be sure to let coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container. Never use any fluid other than charcoal lighter fluid, and follow directions carefully. Never add lighter fluid to an open flame. For extra safety, use a



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For gas grills, be sure to check the gas tank hose for leaks before using for the first time each season. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose and check for bubbles, which can indicate a leak. If the grill produces a gas smell, but does not light, have the grill serviced by a professional. When lighting the grill, keep the top open. If the grill does not light in the first few attempts, wait five minutes to allow gas to dissipate. Never store a propane gas container indoors.

Leave Fireworks to the Professionals

It is illegal to discharge most fireworks in the state of Ohio – and for good reason. The only safe way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals. Even seemingly harmless sparklers burn at a temperature of more than 1,800 degrees, and can easily cause third-degree burns.

Enjoy a dazzling display of fireworks at Shaker Middle School on July 4 at dusk!

Phone Book Round-up Begins in June

Telephone books may be recycled by depositing in specially marked dumpsters at Main Library, Thornton Park, The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, and City Hall parking lots between June 6 and September 23. Info: 216-491-1490.

Neighborhood News – Lomond

Improvements have been made at Gridley Triangle Park, thanks to a \$35,000 Parks & Playgrounds Grant from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development and a \$30,000 Neighborhood Grant from the City of Shaker Heights. Council approved a design-build contract with F. Buddie Contracting and McKnight Associates in March to implement Phase I improvements, which included the installation of walking paths and a natural play area.

The City hopes to obtain a Community Development Block Grant to implement further improvements to the park, such as seating areas and additional landscaping.

Business News

Weight Management Center Offers a “New Beginning”

Looking to shed a little – or a lot – of unwanted weight? Cassandra McFarland, a certified aerobics instructor, is ready to lend her guidance at New Beginning Weight Loss Management Center, 20134 Van Aken Blvd., in the Shaker Plaza Shopping Center.

McFarland owns the center with her husband, Willard McFarland, Pastor of Chapel of Hope Christian Fellowship in Shaker Heights. After 24 years in hospital administration at Kaiser Permanente and University Hospitals, McFarland was ready for a new beginning of her own, and opened the weight management center last February.

McFarland struggled with her own weight for many years before finding the right balance of diet and exercise to lose the weight and keep it off. “This is something I’m very passionate about and I want to help others realize they don’t have to stay overweight, but can reach a place of contentment and happiness as it relates to their size. I did it and I’m here to personally assist others do the same,” she says.

The facility features an aerobics studio, strength training center, treadmills, and private lockers. Qualified instructors are on hand to teach cardio endurance, cross training, step, and strength training classes. Programs are open to people of all ages, male and female, and corporate memberships are welcomed.

For hours, class schedules, and more information, visit www.nbweightloss1.com, or call 216-571-1140.



Improvements have been made to Gridley Triangle Park in the Lomond neighborhood.

Aquatic Therapy Now Offered at Shaker Heights Spinal and Rehab

Shaker Heights Spinal and Rehab, one of five locations for Ohio Injury Centers, offers a wide range of chiropractic and physical therapy services to treat sports injuries, soft tissue injuries (such as those suffered in a car accident), and post-surgical rehabilitation. New on the menu of services is aquatic therapy, which is especially beneficial to the elderly and to post-surgical patients. A pool was recently installed for this purpose.

Located inside the Shaker Heights Surgical Center at 3535 Lee Road, the office staff includes Matthew Rivers, D.C., Anthony Plescia, D.P.T., and several physical therapy assistants and massage therapists. The office accepts most major health insurance plans, Medicare, and workers compensation. For more information visit www.ohioinjurycenter.com, or contact regional office manager Sevasti Tsarnas at 216-921-8922.

Shaker News Briefs

- Shaker resident **Abby Abelson, M.D.**, was named chair of the Department of Rheumatology at the Cleveland Clinic. Abelson had served as Interim Chair since May 2008. She is an active author, researcher, and lecturer in osteoporosis, and has been named more than ten times among the "Best Doctors in America" by Best Doctors, Inc.

Abelson is a fellow of the American College of Rheumatology and a professor at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University. In addition, she chairs the medical and scientific committee of the Arthritis Foundation and is a board member of the organization's Northeastern Ohio Chapter.

Abelson is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. She completed her residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland and a rheumatology fellowship at University Hospitals

in Cleveland. She joined the staff at the Cleveland Clinic in 2002.

"I am honored to chair a department that has a long tradition of accomplishments in patient care, research and education. Our staff includes national leaders and it is an honor to support them in our continued growth," says Abelson.


- Shaker Heights attorney and law professor **Avery Friedman** was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame. Friedman has prosecuted thousands of civil rights cases throughout the United States and has appeared as an expert on civil rights and constitutional law before several Congressional committees. He was nominated by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference founded by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1955.

In addition to his practice, Friedman serves as visiting professor in Constitutional Law at Ursuline College, and appears as a weekend legal analyst on CNN. Friedman is a former recipient of the U.S. Fair Housing Achievement Award, the NAACP Freedom Award, and the Legendary Champion of Civil Rights Award, among many others.


- The Alzheimer's Association Cleveland Area Chapter presented Shaker resident **Bruce T. Lamb, Ph.D.**, with the Jennifer B. Langston Community Service Award in recognition of his efforts to raise awareness of Alzheimer's. Lamb is an associate staff scientist with Lerner Research Institute and associate professor at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. His laboratory works to identify factors that contribute to the disease that could be targeted by new drugs and therapies.

Lamb served as Chair of the Alzheimer's Breakthrough Ride last year, a cross-country bicycle ride to raise awareness of the disease. More than 55 researchers participated in the ride and gathered more than 100,000 signatures in support of the Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act, which will increase funding for Alzheimer's research to \$2 billion per year.

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Lamb personally rode 600 miles of the journey, including segments in Arizona, New Mexico, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Lamb holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from Swarthmore College, a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the University of Pennsylvania, and completed post-doctoral work in Cellular/Molecular Biology at Johns Hopkins University.

- The League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area has named Shaker resident **Lynda B. Mayer** as its "2011 Leaguer of the Year" in recognition of her outstanding efforts as an advocate for good government.

Mayer undertook a major educational effort regarding the workings of county government, and co-authored a popular League publication called "Citizen Guide to Cuyahoga County Government: Past, Present, Future." She was also instrumental in studying county charter reform for Northeast Ohio, including a recommendation for a new code of ethics for Cuyahoga County government.

Prior to arriving in Cleveland in 1975, Mayer was League County Home Rule Chair in the Philadelphia area, during which time Delaware County adopted Pennsylvania's first county charter.

"We are honored that Lynda is a member of the League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area. Her tireless devotion to local government reform is not only a source of pride to our League but of immense benefit to the community," said Susan Jankite, League co-president.

- Ohio Gov. John Kasich appointed Shaker Heights attorney **Robert C. McClelland** to the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. McClelland replaced Judge Eileen T. Gallagher, who was elected to the 8th District Court of Appeals. McClelland had been a partner at the firm of Rademaker, Matty, McClelland & Greve since 1984. He holds a bachelor's degree from Denison University and a law degree from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

- Shaker resident **Susan Warshay** received the One Million Dollar Sales Award from The Pampered Chef, a premier direct seller of high quality professional kitchen tools. Warshay is an Independent Advanced Director with the company.

- Immigration lawyer and Shaker resident **Margaret Wong** has established the Margaret Wong Scholarship Fund at the Cuyahoga Community College for students who are immigrants or are the children of immigrants. Wong, who benefited from scholarships to attend college and law school, says, "Now is my time to pay back and help the next generation of foreign-born students for what Cleveland has given me. Having been on the Board of Directors of the Tri-C Foundation for many years gave me the insight of what a wonderful job Cuyahoga Community College has done in raising the level of experience for our students."

Seasonal Reminders

Bicycle Licensing: Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm June 4, 11, 18 & 30 and July 9, 16, 23 & 25 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

Bicycle Riding: Helmets are required for everyone 5 and older when operating a bicycle and for all passengers regardless of age. Bicyclists may not ride more than two abreast in a single lane and must ride as near to the right side of the roadway as possible. Children under the age of 14 may ride bikes on the sidewalk, but must yield the right of way to pedestrians.

Block Party Requests: Register at least two weeks in advance to close streets for block parties, races or parades at shakeronline.com. Block parties are subject to visits from your elected officials.

E-News Updates: Don't miss a thing! Sign up to receive emailed news about

your community. Visit the homepage of shakeronline.com and enter your email to select the information you wish to receive.

Grass Ordinance: Grass may not be taller than 6 inches. Tall grass and weeds which are spreading or maturing seeds, or are about to do so, including ragweed, goldenrod, poison ivy, or poison oak are declared nuisances.

Jogging: Street joggers may not obstruct traffic and are required to wear reflective clothing at night.

Landscaper Registration: Landscapers, tree maintenance and removal contractors must register with the Building Dept. (\$100 fee).

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

Playing in the Street: Roller skating, roller blading, skateboarding or riding in any type of coaster or toy vehicle in the street is prohibited unless permission has been given to close streets for block parties.

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

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

For more information on the City's Codified Ordinances, visit shakeronline.com.



The Shaker Schools Update

A Postcard from India

After seven months in a classroom study of India, in Shaker and Beachwood high schools' Asian Studies course, seven students had the opportunity for a first hand encounter with the culture – on the ground.

As we walked in the cities through a maze of narrow streets filled with shops, side-stepping cows, motorcycles, bicycles, rickshaws, tuk-tuks, and cheek-to-jowl humanity, we saw an India of extraordinary variety – colors, sounds, and smells. In Delhi, Agra, and the holy city of Varanasi, students visited some of the most important historical sites in India, including Sarna, the site of Buddha's first sermon, the Taj Mahal, and the Red Fort, to name a few.

They sat in silence in the architecturally fascinating Lotus temple of the Baha'i faith; they spontaneously volunteered to shape and roll out naan (a flatbread) in a Sikh temple kitchen that serves thousands of free meals a day to any visitor; they watched priests sitting under umbrellas on the sacred riverside ghats in Varanasi – one of the oldest cities in the

world with 108 names – performing rituals for the well-being of the living and for the peace of the soul who had died; they experienced the reverent silence of the memorial park where we visited Gandhi's tomb; they experienced the undeniable shock of seeing how poverty affects the lives of countless individuals; they learned how to bargain with the dozens of entrepreneurs who approached us with their wares; they learned that those many yards of cloth making a sari can be worn in more than 120 ways; they saw an old man with a long white beard charm a cobra from a basket.

In what might have been a climactic experience, they joined thousands of people at the ghats in Varanasi for an evening religious service given to save the Ganges, watching as seven priests, amidst a roar of chanting, bell-ringing and clapping, carried out various rituals at seven altars, each strewn with millions of red rose petals. I think students would agree that India was a jaw-droppingly rich experience.

– Paul Springstubb

English and Asian Studies teacher
Shaker Heights High School



From left: Cassie Torrence, Elana Curry, High School faculty member Paul Springstubb, Kristina Bomberger, Nia Morgan, Olivia Pek, Benjami Arrington-Bey, High School faculty member Terry Pollack, and Samerika Portis during a visit to the Taj Mahal.

Marla Robinson Named Assistant Superintendent

After a national search, Marla J. Robinson has been appointed assistant superintendent, with responsibility for secondary education. She replaces James J. Paces, who is retiring after nearly 30 years in Shaker.

Robinson comes to Shaker from the Decatur Public Schools, a racially and socioeconomically diverse urban district of approximately 9,400 students in central Illinois. As deputy superintendent in Decatur, she oversaw 13 schools. She began her career as a teacher in Decatur and became a principal in 1994, subsequently becoming director of human resources and assistant superintendent.

"Ms. Robinson's leadership experience and commitment to meeting the needs of all children in a diverse district make her an excellent fit for Shaker Heights," said Superintendent of Schools Mark Freeman. "In her work and in several interviews with the Shaker leadership team, she has demonstrated clarity of purpose, deep understanding of effective instruction, and ability to motivate principals and teachers."

A graduate of Millikin University, Robinson holds two graduate degrees in education from Eastern Illinois University. She is pursuing a doctorate in education from Illinois State University, where her dissertation topic is high school reform.

Robinson, her husband, and their daughter plan to move to Shaker Heights this summer. Their daughter will enter Shaker Heights Middle School in the fall.

"Shaker Heights has a fine school district with a rich tradition of high-quality education and unique programs for students," Robinson said. "Because of this, I am pleased and honored to join the district leadership team. For me, this position is an opportunity to serve the students and families of Shaker Heights. My family is looking forward to becoming a part of the Shaker Heights community. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity for all of us."

Register Now for a Smooth Start at School

Families who are new to the community, or have an incoming kindergartner, often experience equal parts excitement and anxiety as they anticipate the first day of school. One way to ease those jitters? "Register your child as early in the summer as possible!" says Glenda Moss, registrar for the Shaker schools. "A lot of parents don't realize that the Registrar's Office is open all throughout the summer months, not just in the few days before school starts. We really encourage parents to come in as early as possible to avoid having to wait in a long line, and to get all the information they need to get their student off to a good start."

In addition to helping with the neces-

sary paperwork, Moss also provides incoming families with school schedules, lunch menus, supply lists, and other important information to help new students feel at ease in their new school.

The registrar's office is open throughout the year on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, and no appointment is necessary. "We are committed to helping every student have the smoothest transition possible to the Shaker schools," says Moss. For questions or more information about registration, call 216-295-1400, or visit www.shaker.org/registration. Registration forms may be downloaded from the website to give parents a head start on the paperwork.

Registration Checklist: What to Bring

In order to enroll in the Shaker schools, a parent or guardian must appear in person in the registrar's office at 15600 Parkland Drive, with the following information:

- A certified copy of the child's birth certificate and/or passport.
- Complete immunization record.
- Three items as proof of residency in the Shaker Heights City School District, such as a signed lease or mortgage, current utility bill, home or rental insurance, tax correspondence, or employment verification.
- Parent or guardian's photo ID.
- Withdrawal forms from previous school, if applicable
- Divorce, custody, or guardianship papers, if applicable
- Current special education records, if applicable



Board of Education Adopts Strategic Plan

In April, the Board of Education voted to adopt a strategic plan that sets the course for the District for the next several years. Developed by a committee of parents, residents, and educators, the plan is heavily based on findings from Imagine Shaker, the community engagement project involving more than 900 in-depth interviews with students, teachers, and residents.

The strategic plan includes measurable goals for three main focus areas, which were identified through the engagement process: student experience; curriculum, instruction and assessment; and collaboration, communication and involvement. To read the plan in full, visit www.shaker.org/strategicplan.

Where They're Headed

Members of the **Shaker Class of 2011** have been accepted to an impressive array of colleges and universities, including:

Ohio Public: Akron University, Bowling Green State University, University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College, Kent State University, Miami University, The Ohio State University, Ohio University, University of Toledo, and Wright State University.

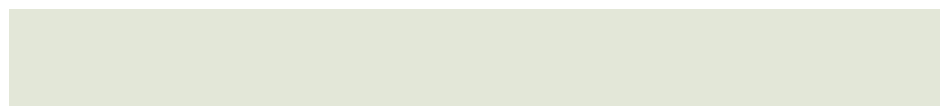
Out-of-State and Private: Allegheny College, Art Institute of Chicago, Carleton College, Case Western Reserve University, Carnegie Mellon University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Haverford College, Howard University, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina, Northwestern University, New York University, Oberlin College, Pomona College, Princeton University, Smith College, Spelman College, Stanford University, Tufts University, Tulane University, Washington University, and Yale University.

Best of luck to our 2011 graduates!

Glenda Moss registers a student for school.



A Wonderful Night for the Red & White: Co-Chairs Janice Xinakes Harris (center left) and Nancy Jackson, flanked by their husbands George Harris (left) and Mike Jackson.



Fernway Students Go Wild for COSI on Wheels



Third-graders Elizabeth Brown (left), and Ashley Watson practice spotting and protecting wildlife when COSI on Wheels presented “What’s Wild” at Fernway school last March. The PTO-sponsored assembly was a big hit with Fernway students, who participated in several hands-on science experiments and activities with a wildlife biologist from the Center of Science and Industry in Columbus. Students learned how biologists study wildlife, what to do if they encounter an injured wild animal, and why it is important to keep litter out of the land and water.



Shaker’s nineteenth annual “black-tie block party,” A Night for the Red & White, raised more than \$100,000, with 746 participating in the fundraiser for the Shaker schools. Since its inception in 1992, the event has raised more than \$1.8 million to support enrichment activities focusing on arts, technology, health, and fitness for every school in the District.

In addition to spirited bidding at the silent auction, partygoers enjoyed dinner, dancing, student performances, and a dazzling display of student artwork.

“The Shaker Schools Foundation would like to thank the members of this community for the exceptional generosity they continue to display at this event, which is ever more valued in these challenging economic times,” says Christine Auginas, Executive Director of the Shaker Schools Foundation. “All of our students benefit from this amazing level of commitment.”

Save the date: A Night for the Red & White will celebrate its twentieth year on Saturday, March 10, 2012!

For the latest news and info about the Shaker schools, visit shaker.org. To receive regular e-news updates, subscribe at shaker.org/news.

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Alumni in the Spotlight

John Morris Russell, '78, will become conductor of the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra in September of 2011. He succeeds the legendary founding conductor, Erich Kunzel, who died in 2009. Russell led the Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra in Oberlin and the Akron Youth Symphony before serving as associate conductor of the Cincinnati Pops from 1995 to 2006. He has taken the podium as guest conductor with numerous North American orchestras and recently celebrated his tenth anniversary as conductor of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra.



Russell

Austin Ratner, '90, received the \$100,000 2011 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature for his debut novel, *The Jump Artist*. The Jewish Book Council bestows the award annually to honor the contribution of emerging writers of Jewish literature. Ratner's novel is based on the true story of Philippe Halsman, who rose above rampant anti-Semitism during the Hitler era – which resulted in his wrongful imprisonment for the death of his father – to become a renowned photographer for *Life* magazine and occasional collaborator with Salvador Dalí. Ratner holds an M.D. from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and has published short fiction in numerous literary magazines. He was recently awarded a fellowship to attend the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop. He is the son of James Ratner, '62 and Susan Weisberger Ratner, '64.



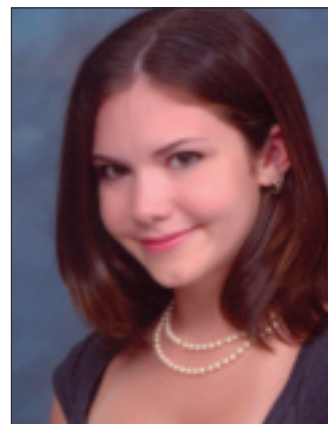
Ratner

Lauren Weaver, '04, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to South Korea for the 2011-12 academic year, where she will teach English to elementary students, lecture, and conduct research. She plans to study how the Korean early childhood curriculum blends the Japanese method of large group instruction, the American style of individualized instruction, and the influence of the Korean culture. Weaver earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Boston College in 2008, and was then selected as a corps member for Teach for America in Washington, D.C. She recently graduated summa cum laude from George Mason University with a master's degree in early childhood education. She is the daughter of Robin Weaver and Valerie Waller Weaver, '72, an English teacher at Shaker Heights Middle School.



Weaver

Alison O'Connor, '08, has a paid summer internship at Wood's Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod, one of the most prestigious private ocean research and educational facilities in the world. O'Connor was a National Merit Scholar at Shaker High, and is a chemistry and environmental sciences senior at Oberlin College, where she was recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. Her parents are Erin O'Connor and Shaker Life Editor Rory O'Connor. 🌿



O'Connor

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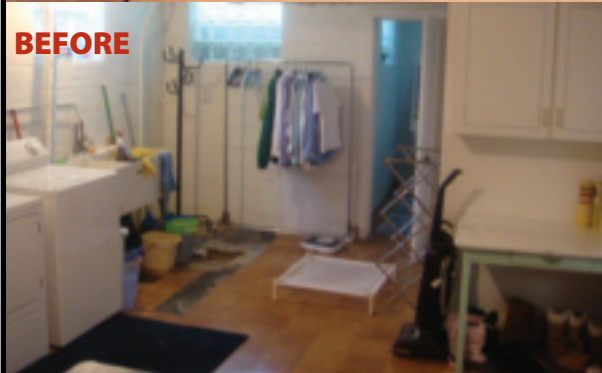
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REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between November 1, 2010 and February 28, 2011 appear below. 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	2010/11 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE
3300 ARDMORE ROAD	\$248,000	\$280,000 (2008)
3333 AVALON ROAD	\$177,000	\$207,500 (2007)
3024 CHADBOURNE ROAD	\$170,600	\$234,900 (2000)
3119 CHADBOURNE ROAD	\$242,000	\$275,000 (2005)
3305 CHALFANT ROAD	\$175,000	\$155,000 (2007)
3140 COURTLAND BLVD	\$500,000	\$502,500 (2003)
2631 COVENTRY ROAD	\$395,000	\$141,000 (2010)
23585 DUFFIELD ROAD	\$235,000	\$242,000 (2008)
2976 EATON ROAD	\$300,000	\$320,000 (2007)
3320 ELSMERE ROAD	\$260,000	\$305,000 (2003)
21505 FAIRMOUNT BLVD	\$166,500	\$210,000 (2002)
15803 FERNWAY ROAD	\$138,000	\$187,900 (2004)
3347 GLENCAIRN ROAD	\$345,000	\$380,000 (2008)
21449 HADLEIGH BLVD	\$250,000	\$218,000 (2003)
3323 INGLESIDE ROAD	\$220,000	\$145,000 (2008)
3326 KENMORE ROAD	\$162,500	\$159,000 (2006)
3135 LAUREL ROAD	\$265,000	\$265,000 (2010)
20141 LOMOND BLVD	\$285,000	\$385,000 (2008)
3565 LYNNFIELD ROAD	\$ 74,000	\$118,000 (2004)
3392 MILVERTON ROAD	\$ 34,000	\$ 8,000 (2008)
2838 MONTGOMERY ROAD	\$427,500	\$455,000 (2004)
3035 MORLEY ROAD	\$395,000	\$164,000 (2010)
18505 SCOTTSDALE BLVD	\$154,900	\$ 59,850 (2009)
14600 SHAKER BLVD	\$429,000	\$485,000 (2003)
3646 TOLLAND ROAD	\$178,000	\$172,000 (2009)
3087 VAN AKEN BLVD	\$ 70,000	\$100,000 (2009)
23500 WIMBLEDON ROAD	\$275,000	\$115,000 (2009)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

Become “Certified Shaker”

Attain certification in this unique program offered to landlords at no charge. Certified properties that meet or exceed City standards of excellence are promoted on the City’s website and are shown to prospective renters.

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

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

Certified Shaker Properties

Apartments:

Courtyard Apartments
Owners: AC Property Management
19606-19636 Van Aken Boulevard
Certified: 2009-2011

Rental Homes:

3372-74 Sutton Road
Owner: Arnell Hendricks
Certified: 2011



Stunning Renovation of Winslow Home Priced at \$150,000

A fully renovated home is for sale in the historic landmark district of Winslow Road. The home, built as a two-family house, has been completely redesigned, inside and out, to provide maximum energy efficiency and floor plan flexibility. The new owner-occupant will be able to use the home’s second unit as a home office or rental, or combine the two units into a single and spacious residence.

Qualified buyers will meet income and homebuyer counseling requirements and will benefit from downpayment assistance made available at zero percent interest with five and ten year forgivable terms. Interested individuals should visit shakeronline.com or call 216-406-5729 to learn about additional incentives and details about the offering.

library news

Survey Says!

School may be out, but Library staff is busy planning for next year, and Shaker parents and caregivers of teens (ages 12-17) can help. Please take a few minutes to share what your family would like the Library to offer so that we can meet and exceed your expectations! Please return this survey to the Circulation Desk of either Shaker Library by June 15.

Which library do you and your teen visit most often?

- ☐ Main Library
☐ Bertram Woods Branch

What school does your teen attend?

- ☐ Middle School
☐ High School

When is your teen free to attend a library program?

- ☐ After school
☐ Evening ☐ Saturday

Which of the following does your teen come to the library to find?

- ☐ Help with school projects
☐ Computers-Internet use
☐ Music CDs ☐ DVDs
☐ Manga/Graphic Novels
☐ Fiction books
☐ A place to meet friends
☐ Help from a librarian
☐ Free programs, events and workshops

Do you know that the library has an after school Teen Center open from 3:30-8 pm Monday-Thursday?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you know the Teen Center offers computers, ongoing recreational activities, resources for homework help, and free programs specifically created for teens?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your student use the Teen Center?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Has your student attended any of these free library programs?

- ☐ SAT Practice Test & Strategy Session
☐ ACT Practice Test & Strategy Session
☐ Smart Snacks-healthy foods you can make
☐ Graffiti Art
☐ Winter Luau
☐ Jewelry Making
☐ Pizza Taste-Testing
☐ How to Draw Comic Book Art
☐ Gaming Tournament
☐ Family Genealogy for Teens
☐ Hip Hop Djing
☐ Hip Hop MCing
☐ Hip Hop Beatmaking
☐ European Style Cake Decorating
☐ Free PSAT Practice Test & Strategy Session for 9th graders

Did you know you can go to www.shakerlibrary.org to

- ☐ Find out what teen programs the library is offering?
☐ Register your teen for a program?

Do you know about Reading Pays Off for Teens! at Shaker Heights Public Library, a program that helps teens erase fines from their library cards?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered YES above where did you hear about it?

- ☐ Library website shakerlibrary.org
☐ Word of mouth
☐ Shaker Life magazine
☐ Library poster or flyer
☐ School

Do you know there is a library Teen Advisory Board experience for teens that runs from September through May where teens earn Community Service hours?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Where do you look for information about area events and programs for your teen?

- ☐ Library website shakerlibrary.org
☐ Word of mouth
☐ Shaker Life magazine
☐ Library poster or flyer
☐ My teen's school
☐ Sun Press
☐ MYCOM South Shaker Youth Activities website
mycomsouthshaker.org/index.html
☐ Church or other religious institution

May we contact you for more information?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered YES above, do you prefer to be contacted by email or telephone?

Email:

Telephone:

Thanks for completing this survey!

Shaker Library Will Host “A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs” Traveling Exhibit

The Library is pleased to announce the opening on Thursday, July 14 of “A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs,” a colorful new exhibit celebrating the many Jewish composers of the American Songbook,” and their great contributions to American popular culture during 1910-1965. Shaker Library is one of only 55 sites throughout the United States selected for the exhibit tour. The exhibit will open with a live musical performance by the National Council of Jewish Women’s Entertainmobile.

Using images from Broadway musicals, classic films, and personal collections, “A Fine Romance” tells the story of Jewish artists who created songs of wit, sophistication, and optimism through America’s ups and downs during the 20th century. The songwriters combined a genius for melody, a talent for pairing it with the perfect words, and an ability to connect with a wide audience.

A high percentage of them were Jewish, from families that had immigrated to America in the 1800s or fled pogroms and persecution in Europe at the turn of the century. Their witty and romantic songs – “Body and Soul,” “Over the Rainbow,” “Thou Swell,” “That Old Black Magic,” “It Had to Be You” – became beloved classics that remain enduring.

Nextbook, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Jewish literature, culture, and ideas, and the American Library Association Public Programs Office, developed “A Fine Romance.” The national tour of the exhibit has been made possible by the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Righteous Persons Foundation, the

David Berg Foundation, an anonymous donor, and Tablet: A New Read on Jewish Life. A Fine Romance is also a book by David Lehman, published by Nextbook/Schocken.

Shaker Library, Bainbridge Library, the Beachwood Library, and the Maltz Museum are sponsoring a number of free programs and other events for the public in connection with this exhibit. For more information, visit the library’s website at www.shakerlibrary.org or call 216-991-2030. “A Fine Romance” will be on display until August 26.

Library Receives \$3,500 Grant to Digitize Building Index Cards

The Library has received a \$3,500 grant from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, through the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives and Records Administration. These funds will be used for a collaborative project between the Library and the City to preserve and digitize valuable government records and to make them available online to the public in time for the City’s centennial celebration in 2012.

Local History librarian and archivist Meghan Hays, who will work with the City to digitally scan every Building Index Card to create a free, searchable, online database of their information, will oversee the project. This information will be available on both the Library’s and the City’s websites. Says Hays, “The city’s 2012 Centennial offers an unprecedented opportunity to publicize and educate the community about preserving these historic and irreplaceable architectural records.”

Individually, each Building Index Card contains a wealth of information about a particular home. The online database will allow residents to learn more about their homes’ histories,

permit City officials to plot historical trends, and enable landmark historians to spotlight specific architects’ works. The database will also become part of a freely available iPhone historical information and mapping application, which is simultaneously being developed by the City and the Library.

This project will be made possible with the generous efforts of volunteers whose help is needed to digitally scan the building cards and type the information on them. To participate in this historic project, volunteers should contact Meghan Hays at 216-367-3016 or mhays@shakerlibrary.org. The project will be completed by December 31, 2011, in time for the Centennial celebration.

Troop 1328 Conducts Read-A-Thon at Main Library

Stroll into the Main Library Saturday morning, June 4 to see young women in action. Shaker Heights Girl Scout Troop 1328 will conduct a Read-a-Thon from 10 am to noon to raise awareness about the work of Providence House and to let the community know how it can help. The girls will read for Providence House, a free, voluntary emergency shelter and safe haven for at-risk children in the community. The troop has helped Providence House for the past two years in many different ways and the girl scouts want to encourage community members to do the same.

At their Thirtieth Anniversary Luncheon in April, Providence House honored Troop 1328 with the new Baby Blue Ribbon Award. Members of Troop 1328 have enjoyed their service experience so much they decided to continue working with Providence House to earn their Silver Award. Check out www.provhouse.org and tell them Troop 1328 sent you. To see girl scouts in action, visit Main Library June 4.

CEO Update

The Library continues to work on the Community Entrepreneur Office, which will be located on the second floor of Main Library in the former Computer Center. Renovation delays stalled the project for a few months as the Library dealt with unexpected water seepage issues.

The LSTA-grant funded CEO is due to open in September and will feature office stations, computers, a fax machine, scanner, and a copy center for home-based businesses and others seeking office space.

Now Hear This: June Is Audiobook Month

Summer is a great time to enjoy audiobooks, and you can listen using CDs, Playaways, or digital downloads. A Playaway is an all-in-one audiobook, a little smaller than a credit card, which fits in a pocket and holds an entire pre-loaded audiobook.

Library cardholders can download audiobooks from Overdrive Advantage, a service the Library purchases that provides access to popular or new titles of e-audiobooks solely for Shaker Library borrowers. To download an audiobook, click on the "Download eMedia" link under "Tools" on the library's homepage, www.shakerlibrary.org. Scroll down until you see the orange box labeled "Overdrive Advantage" in the lower left column. Click on the box and "sign on to your account" by entering your Library card number, and select the audiobooks you wish to download to your computer or digital device.

Top Ten Digital Downloads

Shaker Library cardholders' most frequently downloaded audiobooks this past year:

1. *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*
by Stieg Larsson
2. *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
3. *The Girl Who Played With Fire*
by Stieg Larsson
4. *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*
by Stieg Larsson
5. *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
6. *The Sea of Monsters* by Rick Riordan
7. *The Last Olympian* by Rick Riordan
8. *Hell's Corner* by David Baldacci
9. *Freedom* by Jonathan Franzen
10. *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave

Not only the story, but the way it is narrated adds to the appeal of an audiobook. Library staff offers the following sampling of popular CDs for leisure listening wherever your novel destinations take you. These are books to be heard, whether in the car, at the pool, while mowing the lawn, or stretched out in a lawn chair watching the grass grow. Ears to summer reading enjoyment!

Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter

by Tom Franklin

Small town life in 1970s Mississippi comes to life in this literary mystery of buried secrets and unlikely friendships. Narrator Kevin Kenerly highlights the language allowing listeners to savor each perfectly written sentence. (Also available to download.)

Cutting For Stone by Abraham Verghese

Beautifully read by Sunil Malhotra, this stunning debut novel is an epic tale of love, abandonment, and redemption that moves from India to Ethiopia to New York City over decades and through generations. (Also available to download.)

Great House by Nicole Krauss

The voices of many talented narrators are employed in this engrossing exploration

of life and loss that links a battered wooden desk to the different lives it touches.

The Lost and Forgotten Languages of Shanghai
by Ruiyan Xu

The author's precise and elegant writing conveys literal and figurative silence as an American neurologist helps a Chinese businessman regain his speech after he is nearly killed in a gas explosion. This debut novel is narrated by actress Angela Dawe. (Also available to download.)

The Memory Palace by Mira Bartok

Narrator Hillary Huber illuminates the complex nature of the mother-daughter relationship in this moving, candid memoir of the artist and children's book author who was dominated by her gifted but schizophrenic mother.

My Reading Life by Pat Conroy

This emotional memoir begins with the author's lifelong love affair with literature, a passion instilled in him by his self-educated mother. (Also available to download.)

The Paris Wife by Paula McLain

A gifted local author brings Hadley Richardson Hemingway out of the shadows cast by her famous writer husband and portrays the strength and grace of a woman scorned. Read by Carrington MacDuffie. (Also available to download and on Playaway.)

Playing the Game by Barbara Taylor Bradford

British actress Catherine Harvey narrates this grand epic of romance, scandal, and international intrigue set in the world of London art consultant and dealer Annette Remington. (Also available to download.)

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand

Narrator Ed Herrmann superbly recounts the engrossing story of Olympic athlete, Louie Zamperini, and the torture he experienced as a captured



WWII bomber. (Also available to download.)

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

Narrators David Le Doux and John Randolph Jones read this compelling novel, set in the circus world of the 1930's, as 90-year old Jacob reminisces about the loves of his life: Marlena the performer and Rosie the elephant. (Also available to download.)

Worth Dying For by Lee Child

When ex-military police officer Jack Reacher makes a stop in a small Nebraska town he becomes entangled in a 25-year-old mystery. The suspense is palpable in this superb performance by three-time Audie winner, Dick Hill. (Also available to download.)

Heard Any Good Articles Lately?

Have a print disability, but still need to do research? The Library subscribes to a variety of databases that provide articles in audio formats where listeners can find many popular, scholarly, and trade magazine articles. Listeners can locate them from the Library's homepage at www.shakerlibrary by clicking on the Research Tools link, followed by choosing Newspapers and Journals, and finally EBSCOhost Databases.

There, choose specific age-appropriate databases for articles. Popular ones include: MasterFILE Premier – Popular Magazines (Consumer Reports, Time), MAS Ultra – School Edition For High School Level, Middle Search Plus – For Middle School, and Primary Search – For Elementary School.

To search the databases from outside the library, cardholders will need their library card numbers. On the search page, be sure to check the box for full text. All articles in html format include audio. While the audio plays, the selection is highlighted in yellow and each word is

highlighted in blue as it is being read. This is especially helpful for students with print disabilities. Listeners can even choose American, British, or Australian accents. Visit the Library where staff can help get you started reading and listening!

Novel Destinations, Adult Summer Reading Program, Begins June 6

"Novel Destinations" is the theme for this summer's reading program open to adults 18 and older. The program begins June 6 and continues through July 30, and features programs, prizes, book discussions, and special events.

The adult reading program runs concurrently with the children's program, *One World, Many Stories*, and the teen program, *You Are Here*. Get the entire family involved and discover that reading can take you places.

Watch a foreign film, read an international mystery, discover travel tips, plan a dream vacation, and more. No registration is required. Simply read or listen to a book, complete a puzzle or game, or attend a class or program at the Library and enter your name in a drawing for the Grand Prize Giveaway at the end of the summer. Each reader's first entry merits a small prize.

In addition, the library invites all summer readers to show "Where in the world they have read." Visit the Library and add a sticker to the Novel Destination map to share where you've been reading.

While the Library's summer reading program begins June 6, the official kick-off features a fun family Ice Cream Social from 6:30 to 8 pm Friday June 10, at Bertram Woods Branch, one of many *Novel Destinations* you can visit this summer. Bring the family for entertainment, popcorn, lemonade, and, of course, ice cream.

Novel Destinations: Ohio Vacation Ideas from Susan Glaser, Travel Editor for The Plain Dealer

Susan Glaser, travel editor for The Plain Dealer, will lead an armchair tour of some of Ohio's novel destinations from 7 to 8:30 pm Tuesday, June 21 at Woods Branch. Plan your summer vacation or take a virtual vacation from the air-conditioned comfort of Bertram Woods Branch.

Susan Glaser has worked at The Plain Dealer since 1997 as a reporter and editor. She grew up in Shaker Heights and attended Shaker Heights High School, where she was an editor of The Shakerite. She graduated from the University of Virginia in 1987, and got her start in journalism at The Sun Press and The Canton Repository. In 1996, she spent a year at The Ohio State University as a fellow in the Kiplinger Mid-Career Program in Public Affairs Reporting.

A resident of the Onaway neighborhood, Glaser lives with her husband, Steven Brunot, and their two daughters, Rachel and Sarah, Woodbury Elementary School students, long-time participants in the Library's summer reading program, and avid travelers.

Novel Destinations: Organizing your Travel Photos

Now that you took all those pictures with your digital camera, what do you do with them? Rob Erick from the Cleveland Photographic Society will speak about downloading, organizing, and sharing your digital photos at 7 pm Thursday, June 23 at Main Library.



Glaser



Erick

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

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

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 five years.

10 am-noon Wednesdays.

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

Play and Learn programs are a partnership with Family Connections.

SATURDAY PRESCHOOL STORIES

AT PLAY AND LEARN STATION

Stories and fun for preschoolers

11 am Saturdays

No registration required.

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(12-23 months with an adult)

Explore new ways to bond with your one-year-old and promote language learning and literacy in this six-week series of classes. Topics will include Baby Sign, Baby Yoga, Nature Baby, Baby Rhymes, Baby Songs and Baby Play.

Summer Session: June 13-July 19.

10 am Mondays at Main Library, 10 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch.

Register by phone, in person or online beginning May 31. (Class size is limited.)

TERRIFIC TWOS

Stories, songs and movement for 2-year-olds with an adult. (Must be two years old by June 14.)

Summer session: June 14-July 20

10 am or 11 am Tuesdays at Main Library, 10 am or 11 am Wednesdays at Woods Branch.

Register online, in person, or by phone beginning Tuesday, May 31.

PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories, rhymes, and fun for children 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds

Summer Session: June 14-July 22

1:30 pm Tuesdays at Woods Branch, 10 am Wednesdays at Main Library.

No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.

PAJAMA STORIES

AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7:15 pm Monday, July 18

Register online, in person, or by phone beginning Tuesday, July 5.

ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES

Summer Reading Program

(2 years old through grade 8)

June 6-July 30.

Enjoy a world of reading fun this summer! Preschoolers and others not yet reading on their own may join on a read-to-me basis and receive stickers and a prize for visiting the library and sharing books. Older children keep track of time spent reading or listening to books, and add up the hours to earn prizes. Young people who plan to travel out of state or attend overnight camp this summer can participate in the program as well. Ask for details when you register. Sign up in the Youth Services Department at either library beginning Monday, June 6.

Adults can participate in our adult summer reading program, Novel Destinations! For details, visit www.shakerlibrary.org or stop by the Information desk at either library.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

AT WOODS BRANCH

Join friends and neighbors for fun, games, a mini book sale, and of course, ice cream!

6:30-8 pm Friday, June 10

No registration is required.

WORLD-CLASS STORIES

AT THE COLONNADE

Storytelling, songs and silliness for the whole family, and a cool snack, too! Bring a blanket or folding chair and we will provide the entertainment.

7 pm Monday, June 27

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Monday, June 13.

(In case of stormy weather the program will be held in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones

Community Building.)

READ TO KING AT MAIN LIBRARY!

(Grades 1 & up)

Have you ever read to a dog? King is certified with Therapy Dogs International and loves to listen to stories. Remember: Time spent reading to King counts towards your Shaker Library Summer Reading Program total.

10 am-noon Fridays, July 1, 15 & 29

School age children can register for a 15-minute time slot in person, by phone, or online beginning two weeks before King's visits.

YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR FLAG

(Ages 6-11)

Ever wonder why the Canadian flag has a Maple Leaf or why the Japanese flag has a big, red circle on it? Learn the stories behind some of the flags of the world, then invent your own "country" and create your own flag.

4:15-5 pm Tuesday, June 14

at Woods Branch

Registration began May 31.

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, June 15

at Main Library

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Wednesday, June 1.

FAST FORWARD: WORLD CUP 2014

(Ages 6-11)

The next FIFA World Cup will be in Brazil in 2014. Football (soccer) fans unite to celebrate the most international of all sports. Wear your favorite team jersey for fun!

4:15-5 pm Tuesday, June 21

at Woods Branch

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Tuesday, June 7.

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, June 22

at Main Library

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Wednesday, June 8.

KAMISHIBAI STORIES

(Ages 6-11)

Learn the history of the Kamishibai stories of Japan and listen to a traditional Kamishibai tale as you eat candy, which is a fun part of the tradition!

4:15-5 pm Tuesday, June 28

at Woods Branch

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Tuesday, June 14.

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, June 29

at Main Library

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Wednesday, June 15.

THE TRAVELING SUITCASE:

COLLABORATIVE STORYTELLING

(Ages 6-11)

Discover a treasure trove of unique items from around the world while you work as a group to create an entertaining story.

4:15-5 pm Tuesday, July 5

at Woods Branch

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Tuesday, June 21.

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, July 6

at Main Library

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Wednesday, June 22.

ME ON THE MAP –

MAKE YOUR OWN POP-UP BOOK!

(Ages 6-11)

Listen to the story, *Me on the Map* by Joan Sweeney and make your own pop-up map book.

4:15-5 pm Tuesday, July 12

at Woods Branch

Register in-person, by phone, or online beginning Tuesday, June 28.

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, July 13

at Main Library

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Wednesday, June 29.

DOG TAILS: AN IROQUOIS FOLKTALE

(Ages 6-11)

Professional storytellers from World of Difference, Ltd. present a humorous tale that will have audience members dancing and howling in delight as they learn why dogs sniff each other's tails!

4:15-5 pm Tuesday, July 19

at Main Library

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Tuesday, July 5.

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Learn some time saving techniques to name your photos in a simple batch process and quickly re-size them for posting on the web or sending in emails. In addition, Erick will demonstrate how to use Photoshop to build a digital slide show complete with music and motion to share with family and friends.

Erick is the immediate Past President of the Cleveland Photographic Society and an instructor in its School of Photography programs. An advanced amateur photographer, Erick continually seeks ways to expand his photographic horizons in creative ways through the use of imaging software.

Novel Destinations:

The Cleveland Cultural Gardens

Discover a Novel Destination right in your own backyard when a representative from Cleveland's Cultural Gardens Foundation offers a slide show and presentation about plants and trees at 7 pm Wednesday, July 13 at Bertram Woods Branch. Following the talk, enjoy refreshments in the Woods Reading Garden.

Teen Scene

YOU ARE HERE! TEEN SUMMER

READING PROGRAM FOR AGES 12-17

June 6-July 30

New for 2011! Email us the number of hours you read each week (minimum 1 hour) to get a spot in the weekly raffle for \$10 gift cards to area restaurants, movie theatres, bookstores and more. Every 25 hours you read earns a ticket towards the Grand Prize Raffle of a Nook. The more hours you read the better your chances of winning. Get all the details when you sign up by e-mailing TeenSummerReading@shakerlibrary.org beginning Monday, June 6.

YOU ARE HERE!

TEEN SUMMER EVENTS

in the Teen Center at Main Library:

YOU ARE HERE: JAPAN

Experience an amazing martial arts demonstration of self-defense tactics and traditional Asian forms by International Grand Master Ron Balas, Ten Degree Black Belt, Judan/SOKE, Tai Shin Doh Karate. Make your own candy sushi or try your hand at creating origami.

6:30-7:15 pm Wednesday, June 15

YOU ARE HERE: MEXICO

Chipotle Mexican Grill mixes up their authentic guacamole for you to sample at our fun fiesta. Try your hand at some colorful south-of-the-border crafts.

6:30-7:15 pm Wednesday, June 29

YOU ARE HERE: NIGERIA

Make your own AYO game to take home (we'll teach you how to play it) and munch on a Nigerian snack of chin-chin and sweet plantain chips.

6:30-7:15 pm Wednesday, July 13

YOU ARE HERE: AROUND THE WORLD

Send your taste buds on a trip around the world as we celebrate the end of our 2011 Teen Summer Reading Program. Here's your chance to sample foods from across the globe while enjoying music from different cultures.

6:30-7:15 pm Wednesday, July 27

Register online, by phone or in person two weeks before each program.

READING PAYS OFF FOR TEENS!

Read Down Your Fines in the Teen Center. Earn \$8 each hour to pay down your fines.

Teens ages 12-17 can reduce their Shaker Heights Public Library card overdue charges. Bring your library card and your own reading material – or read some of ours – in the Teen Center on the following dates and times:

3-5 pm Saturday, June 18

3-5 pm Friday, June 24

2-4 pm Saturday, July 16

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, July 19

2-4 pm Saturday, July 30

TEEN CENTER SUMMER HOURS:

JUNE 13-AUGUST 11

1-6 pm Monday through Thursday

Meet the Author:

Jan Thrope



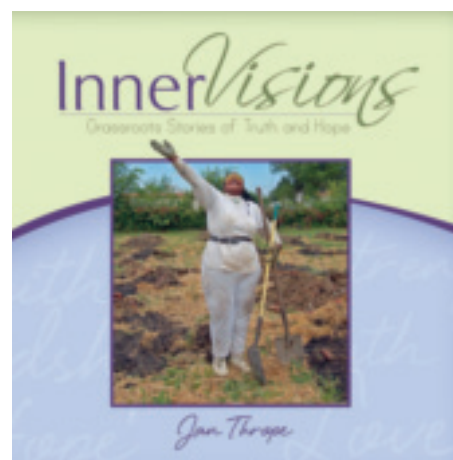
Thrope

Meet Jan Thrope, author of *Inner Visions: Grassroots Stories of Truth and Hope*, at 7 pm Thursday, June 23 at Bertram Woods Branch. Published by Orange Frazer Press, the book is a photo-

graphic look at Cleveland's inner-city neighborhoods. Thrope takes the reader on a tour through the most poverty-stricken areas to show not only despair, but also hope as residents pull together to make positive changes. Thrope will speak about her book, her mission, and the publishing process.

Thrope is a social worker and licensed independent chemical dependency counselor. She has a Bachelors degree in Sociology and a Master of Arts from Michigan State University. She is the founder of Inner Visions of Cleveland, a non-profit organization with a mission to stimulate and support Cleveland residents' inner visions for change via workshops and collaboration with other non-profit and social service organizations.

In her book, she shares the lives of the people she serves by photographing and recording their stories, enabling the readers to see the world through their eyes. Following her talk, books will be available for sale and signing.



Summer Book Discussions at Main Library

10 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Book Buzz:

In the Kitchen by Monica Ali

In an old London hotel, talented Chef Gabriel has turned around a failing restaurant only to find a dead Ukrainian porter in the basement.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Mystery Book Discussion:

Hardball by Sara Paretsky

After agreeing to try to find a man who has been missing for forty years, private investigator V.I. Warshawski is confronted with her own family secrets and Chicago's charged racial history.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Reflections Book Discussion:

Rainwater by Sandra Brown

This is a gentle story about the small town of Gilead, Texas and its diverse inhabitants during the Great Depression.

Book Buzz:

Heart and Soul by Maeve Binchy

10 AM TUESDAY, JULY 12

Set in a Dublin hospital cardiac care center, this is the heartwarming tale of family, friends, patients, and staff, and their experiences in Ireland's changing times.

Library Announces Winners in the 12th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition

This year's Barbara Luton Art competition winner was Judy Takacs for her oil painting, *A Time for Tomika*. The painting was purchased by the library and will add to the depth of the Library's public art collection.

First place was awarded to Horace Reese for his pastel drawing, *Contentment*. Second place went to Jacqueline Artman for her photograph *Taliesin West*, and third place went to David Bergholz for his digi-

tal print, *Tulip and Iris – Farmers Market*. Honorable mentions were awarded to Marilyn Dolence, Jeanne Lang Fuller, Mike Guyot, Ronnie Jeter, George Kocar, Amy Lewandowski, Penni Rubin, Patricia Schroeder, and Elias Traboulsi,

Other artists juried into this year's competition were Vincent Ballentine, Michael Benjamin, David Brichford, Alexandra Brin, Michael Cole, David Distelhorst, Zoe Enyedy, Saidah Farrell, Toni Fiderio, Boni Suzanne Gelfand, James Jackson, Carol Johnson, Milan Kecman, Dicc Klann, Alyson Haines, Penni Rubin, Mary Ryan, Rebecca Tada, Deborah Shelton Tynes, Cheryl E. Weinstein

This year's competition was juried by Denise Stewart and Leslie Edwards Humez.

Library + WECO = Financial Knowledge

The WECO (Wealth Education Collaboration Opportunity) Fund Inc. was established in 1971 on Chester Avenue in downtown Cleveland, and since then it has made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Greater Clevelanders. WECO offers a continuum of comprehensive services to teach financial management, how to repair credit, save money, start or expand small businesses, plan for the future, and achieve a measure of wealth. WECO staff support individuals through education, long-term support, and access to capital.

Learn more about the opportunities available to you through WECO at two Tuesday evening seminars at the Main Library.

At 7 pm Tuesday, July 12, Robert Houston of WECO Fund presents "Budgeting and Money Management." Looking to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth? Plan on sending your children to college, buying a house, or being able to afford retirement, even on a small income? Robert Houston will show

you how.

At 7 pm Tuesday, July 19, WECO Financial Counselor Robert Schordock presents "Small Business Microloans and Opportunities." He will explain how WECO's Small Business Microloans work and how to determine if they can help you start or grow your business.

Recent Donations to the Library

Randy Kammer donated to the Marilyn Kammer Memorial Fund in memory of Mona Jahjah Ashchi, Harold Eison, Mark Faircloth, Rita Catherine Hudec, Florence Kidder, Anthony Kujawa, Steve Lee, Mark Leimsieder, Laura Livermore, and Miriam Serkin. She also made donations to honor Amanda Simpson and Noa Sylvia Stember.

Paul Gabrail of Shaker Square Properties donated bookshelves for the Local History Collection. John Barber donated one first edition copy of *The Valley of God's Pleasure, A Saga of The North Union Shaker Community*. Author Anita Sanchez donated one copy each of *The Teeth of the Lion* and *The Invasion of Sandy Bay*. The Moses Cleaveland Chapter of the DAR donated a one-year subscription to *American Spirit Magazine*, and Luren Dickinson donated a previously owned Kenmore washer.

Correction to last issue: Margaret Prejean contributed to the Marilyn Kammer Fund.

The Bookshelf: Many Stories from Many Lands

Illustrated stories of world cultures for adults and children to share:

Adele & Simon by Barbara McClintock Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. As Adele and her younger brother Simon walk through the city of Paris on their way home from school, Simon is sidetracked by a parade,

a pastry shop, a museum, a puppet show, and manages to leave something behind at each stop, to his sister's dismay.

Coolies by Yin; Illustrated by Chris Soentpiet Philomel Books, 2001. Two young Chinese brothers who travel to America to help build the transcontinental railroad are able to make a better life for themselves and their family despite discrimination, harsh conditions, and exhausting labor.

In the Heart of the Village: The World of the Indian Banyan Tree by Barbara Bash Sierra Club Books for Children, 1996. In words and pictures, learn how the lives of the animals, birds and human inhabitants of a small village in India depend upon the old Banyan tree that sits at its heart.

Kallalool! A Caribbean Tale by David and Phillis Gershtator; illustrated by Diane Greenseid.

Marshall Cavendish, 2005.

When Granny's hungry belly tells her to "Find a shell and see what happens," the result is a huge pot of yummy soup prepared by the whole village.

Kindergarten Day USA and China by Trish Marx and Ellen B. Senisi Charlesbridge, 2010. Bright, color photos accompany a child's narrative introduction to a day at kindergarten in the U.S. Flip the book over for a similar introduction to a Chinese class, complete with a Chinese word on each page and a clock showing the time in both countries.

Painted Dreams by Karen Lynn Williams; illustrated by Catherine Stock Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1998. Ti Marie dreams of painting but supplies are too expensive for her poor Haitian family to purchase. When she is finally able to gain small amounts of paint, she uses them to express herself

to those around her.

Sitti's Secrets by Naomi Shihab Nye; Illustrated by Nancy Carpenter Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 1994. When young Mona visits her grandmother in a Palestinian village on the West Bank, the two form a strong bond that survives even when many miles separate them.

The Storytellers by Ted Lewin Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1998. Abdul walks through a lively Moroccan city with his grandfather as they prepare to start their day as village storytellers.

Where Are You Going Manyoni? by Catherine Stock Morrow Junior Books, 1993. Guess where young Manyoni is headed as she walks through the African veld early in the morning,

Yoko's Paper Cranes by Rosemary Wells Hyperion Books for Children, 2001. When Yoko and her family move from Japan to California, she decides to make some paper cranes and send them as a birthday gift to her Japanese grandmother so they will be with her even in the cold of winter.

Free Computer Classes This Summer

Check out the new Computer Center at Main Library and learn a new skill.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

GOOGLEMANIA™

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

Learn advanced Internet searching strategies using the Google™ search engine, including tips and tricks for finding better information more quickly and efficiently. Participants must have basic Internet skills and be able to use the mouse to click, drag and highlight.

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WORKING WITH WINDOWS®

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 2

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, JULY 5

This class is designed for those who can navigate the Internet and work with programs, but are not comfortable using multiple windows. Participants must be able to use the mouse.

INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT®

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 7

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, JULY 11

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.

BASIC WORD PROCESSING

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, JUNE 13

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

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

GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT®

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 14

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:

SCAMS AND SPAM

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

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

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, including formatting and design,

printing options, creating and using basic formulas. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse to drag and highlight.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

GOOGLE DOCUMENTS™

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

With just a web browser, work on documents, spreadsheets, and databases over the Internet. Invite others to edit the documents and work collaboratively. Participants must have basic Internet skills and be able to use the mouse to click, drag and highlight. Some familiarity with productivity software is useful.

FORMULAS FOR SPREADSHEETS

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Learn to make formulas, which do the calculating work in a spreadsheet. Sample a few spreadsheet programs to become familiar with how a formula is constructed, how it works, and how to make new formulas.

WINWAY RESUME WRITING

10-1:30 AM MONDAY, JUNE 27

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®

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Explore the ways 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.

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INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

ONLINE JOB HUNTING

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

This class is designed to help job seekers develop Internet and computer skills needed in online job hunting. Discover websites that can help create resumes and get an overview of local online resources and tips for investigating local companies. Mouse skills are required for this class.

OPENOFFICE.ORG

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, JULY 12

Can't afford the high cost of software? Try OpenOffice.org, a free suite of software with features and functions much like the others. Some familiarity with word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation software is helpful, but not required.

GRAPHICS AND CLIP ART IN WORD®

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Explore the many types of objects that can be inserted into a document, including text boxes, clip art, word art, and other types of graphics. Learn to crop, adjust properties and explore ways of wrapping text around graphics.

USING ONLINE AUCTIONS

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, JULY 19

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. The class will also consider the pitfalls of online auctions and security considerations to use them safely. Participants must be able to use the mouse and have an email account with username and password.

MAILMERGE

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

MailMerge utilizes list and address information from many sources, like Word tables, Excel sheets, and Access Data

Tables. A form letter can be sent to a list of contacts, envelopes and labels can be created from the list information, and catalogs of items or directories of people can be created using MailMerge.

ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, JULY 25

Everything in a slide can be animated. Learn the important objects that can be added to a slide and the menus that control them. Participants must have basic Internet skills and be able to use the mouse, and should be familiar with the basics of creating a slide show, including adding new slides and using graphics.

SOCIAL NETWORKING:

MYSPACE, FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, JULY 26

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

MACROS IN WORD® AND EXCEL®

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JULY 27.

Create and explore the uses of macros to accomplish tasks more efficiently.

Friends Annual Meeting

Friends of the Shaker Library invites the community to its annual meeting and election of officers at 7 pm Tuesday, July 12 at Woods Branch. Following a brief business meeting, Friends welcomes Ben Bebenroth, Cleveland's best sustainable chef, who will speak about food and provide a sneak preview at his new venture.

Bebenroth studied at Johnson and Wales in Charleston, South Carolina where he was in the top ten in the culinary class of 2004. He founded Spice of Life Catering Co. in 2006 with a passionate commitment to source all ingredients from small, sustainable family farms within a 100-mile radius of Cleveland, Ohio,



Friends of the Shaker Library President Sharon Heslin presents a \$500 check to Library Director Luren Dickinson for the Library's Local History projects. The check represents proceeds from the Friends' What's It Worth? antique appraisal program last fall. This gift is in addition to the \$40,000 the Friends group has given the Library in 2011.

and has spent most of his career forging relationships with local producers learning how to balance consumer demand with seasonal offerings. This knowledge and his award-winning culinary talents make him one of the most sought-after local food authorities in Northeast Ohio.

There is no fee for the program; however reservations are requested by calling 216-991-2421 or online at www.shakerlibrary.org.

End Notes

- Jeanne Shatten was elected president of the **Library Board**. Chad Anderson was elected vice president, and Kurt Miller secretary. Library Board members include Judith Allen, David Hutt, Ken McGovern, and Donna Whyte.

- **ABLE/GED Classes** are held from 9 am to noon Thursdays at the Main Library beginning June 2. Interested students must pre-register for this class through the ABLE office at 216-371-7138.

- **English In Action**, a free program for those seeking to learn to read and speak English, meets at 7 pm Tuesdays at Main Library.

- **Knit Nights** continue throughout the summer from 7 to 8:45 pm Thursdays, June 16 and July 14, at Bertram Woods Branch. Bring a project and get or give help at these sessions led by experienced knitter Fern Braverman.

- **The Shaker Art Gallery** on the Main Library second floor features the Fourth Annual Ohio Cemetery Alliance Photography Exhibit juried by Herbert Ascherman, Jr., which will be on display through June 18.

- Both libraries will **delay opening** until 10:30 am Friday, June 17 for staff professional development. Both libraries are closed Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.



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Kathryn Schulz, photographed February 2011.

the wrongologist

Shaker Heights native Kathryn Schulz wrote a book about being wrong, and found herself on a lot of the right lists.

BY SUE STARRETT PHOTOS BY ALEJANDRO RIVERA

Kathryn Schulz's *Being Wrong: Adventures in the Margin of Error* was published by Ecco/HarperCollins in June 2010 and named one of Amazon's Ten Best Nonfiction Books of 2010, one of Publishers Weekly's Best Books of 2010, and shortlisted for The Guardian's First Book Prize.

Not a bad response for an author's debut.

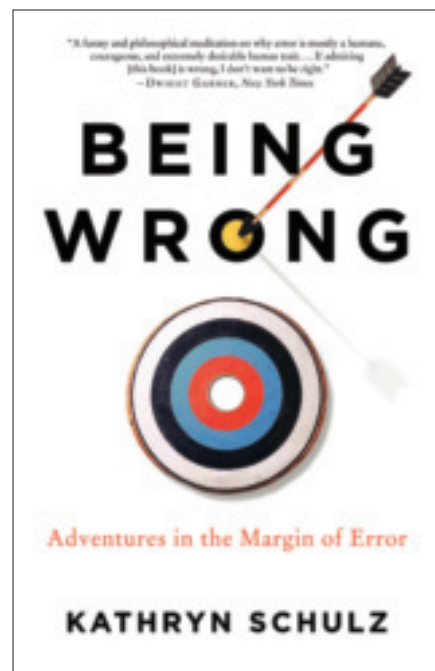
Schulz is a magazine journalist whose work has appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, *Foreign Policy*, *Nation*, *The Boston Globe*, and the *Freakonomics* blog of the *New York Times*. She was a 2004 recipient of the Pew Fellowship in International Journalism and has reported from Central and South America, Japan, and the Middle East. She also is the writer behind "The Wrong Stuff," a *Slate.com* series featuring interviews with individuals — some famous, some not — about how they think and feel about having been wrong.

Schulz's website (<http://beingwrongbook.com>), describes her book as an exploration of why we find it so gratifying to be right and so maddening to be mistaken, and how this attitude corrodes relationships between family members, colleagues, neighbors, and nations. *Being Wrong* examines human fallibility in the context of wrongful convictions, no-fault divorce, medical mistakes, misadventures at sea, failed prophecies, and false memories. Drawing on thinkers as varied as Augustine, Darwin, Freud, Gertrude Stein, Alan Greenspan, and Groucho Marx, Schulz proposes a new way of looking at wrongness. In her view, error is both a given and a gift — one that can transform our worldviews, our relationships, and ourselves. However disorienting, difficult, or humbling our mistakes might be, it is ultimately wrongness, not rightness, that can teach us who we are.

And, *Being Wrong* is entertaining.

The younger daughter of Margot and Isaac Schulz, Kathryn grew up on Chalfant Road and Falmouth Road. She graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1992, her sister Laura in 1988, and her mother in 1960. Both parents are active in the community; her father served as president of the Shaker Heights Board of Education and later, the Shaker Schools Foundation, and is currently a member of the Foundation's Advisory Committee.

This past winter, Schulz was in town for readings and book signings at both Barnes & Noble and Suburban Temple, and speaking engagements at the Cleveland Clinic and the annual meeting of the Cuyahoga County Chamber of Commerce. Then she flew to California to participate for the first time at TED, a conference celebrat-





Isaac, Kathryn, and Margot Schulz at home on Falmouth Road.

“I’m grateful to have grown up in a place that espouses American values in the best possible sense.”

ing ideas from the realms of technology, entertainment, and design. She shared the stage with Roger Ebert for the closing lectures on March 4 and received a standing ovation for her presentation.

She lives and works in New York’s Hudson Valley — “an hour and a half from Grand Central Station” — and has high regard for her hometown of Shaker Heights, especially the Shaker schools and their influence on her career.

What does “wrongology” mean and why does it matter?

I adopted the word from my friends; it is the study of wrongness. We are all wrongi- tioners, and we should be wrongologists. I’m interested in trying to understand what people think — and feel — about be- ing wrong. Understanding the origins of mistakes is the only way we learn to deal with them, as both a practical and emo- tional matter. We can’t eliminate mistakes from our lives, and we can’t assume those who err are idiotic and immoral. Em- bracing fallibility is the only way to pre- vent catastrophic error. Said another way, a better relationship with wrongness can lead to better relationships in general.

The Boston Globe review of your book includes this: the “...prescription for avoiding errors — listening to others, being open, encouraging divergent views — is a workable description of democracy.” It strikes me that it’s also a good depiction of living and going to school in Shaker Heights.

That’s true. I’m grateful to have grown up in a place that espouses American val- ues in the best possible sense. There is a commitment to democracy and letting voices be heard and learning to live with one another. I’m lucky to have lived in a place where values were both instilled and embodied.

What does Shaker mean to you?

The two strongest influences during my early years were my family and my educa- tion. Ours is a fiercely intellectual family that is very interested in ideas. Thinking

and talking together is one of the ways we connect to each other. My sister Laura is my dearest friend. She is the real repository of Schulz family brains and is on the faculty of the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at MIT.

It's so easy to be a strong advocate of public schools, having gone to the Shaker Heights City Schools. I experienced wonderful things about my town through the schools – who we are and what we look like. I was so close to my high school friends, and they influenced and shaped me as a writer, thinker, and person. I had amazing teachers all the way through, and many actively encouraged me as a writer. What would have happened to me without this support?

Have you been writing since childhood?

I've always had books in me. My third grade teacher, Pam Anderson, made it possible for me to write. In the fifth grade, I wrote a 200-page book. My teacher, Mary Mahoney, and my parents had it typed and bound as a surprise for me.

Which schools did you attend?

I went to Moreland, a math magnet school. I was such a nerd. Then I attended Byron and the high school. I credit Terry Pollack and his AP American History class for making the act of thinking more crucial to me. His was the first class where I understood the point of what we were doing was to master our minds, to develop an opinion, to think analytically. He helped me recognize myself as a mind in the world, and to do something with that.

After graduation, where did you go?

It is because of Mr. Pollack and Susan MacDonald, who taught AP Modern European History, that I became a history major at Brown University. I was so lucky to be in that genuinely intellectual community. After graduation I thought I'd take a year off and get a Ph.D. in his-

tory elsewhere, so I moved to Portland, Oregon, where my sister lived. Portland is paradise, and I worked for an educational nonprofit that encouraged girls to study math and science.

In 1999 I followed my sister, her partner, and their children to Costa Rica. The kids were enrolled in an environmental and English school for Costa Rican children, and I became assistant director of the school. Then, because I wanted to write in Latin America and use my Spanish, I became an editor and reporter for the Santiago Times. Along the way I realized that my attraction to ideas could be pursued without returning to academia.

What brought you back to the States?

I loved being in Chile, but the job was horrible. It was time to return, and a friend from Shaker (with whom I attended junior high, high school, and college) invited me to move to Brooklyn. I had sold my first piece to the New York Times while I was in Chile, and I felt I could do more with journalism in New York...or Seattle. An environmental magazine there had been courting me for an editorial position, but I declined because I felt a need to put in some New York years. The magazine asked if I would do the job from New York, and I accepted.

When did you move to New York City?

September 9, 2001. I am a member of a very strange generation of New Yorkers.

What led you to write your book?

I did not have a dramatic personal experience of being wrong, and I wasn't looking for a book idea. My background is magazine journalism, and in late 2004 I had written a series of unrelated articles for several publications. One day when I was between the fourth and fifth floors of my apartment building, it hit me – all the stories shared the theme of being wrong. That's my book.

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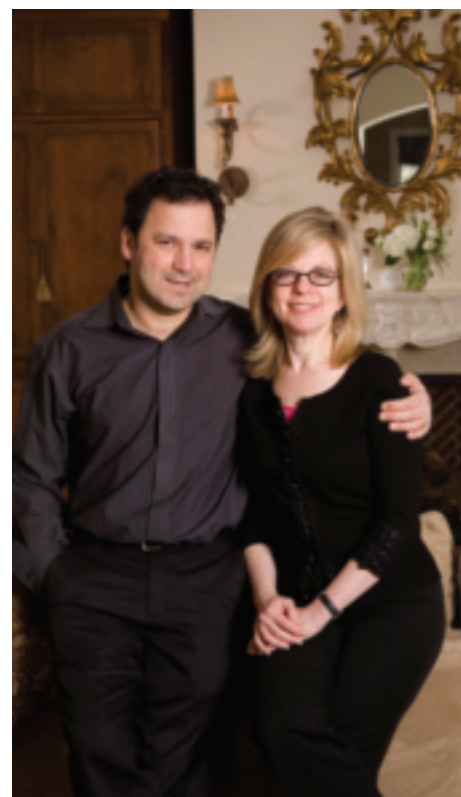
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The characteristics so beloved of Shaker's vintage homes are found throughout the couple's gracious new 4,050-square foot French Normandy-style house (previous pages), which was completed in 2008.

When Melissa Myers and Brad Ortman built a new home in Shaker, they combined traditional architectural motifs with contemporary flair and green considerations.

BY DIANA SIMEON PHOTOS BY GREEN STREET STUDIO

When Melissa Myers and Brad Ortman decided to build their dream home on Shelburne Road, they knew just what they wanted: a new Shaker classic.

“We wanted to re-create the feeling that one gets in an old Shaker home,” Melissa says, getting comfortable on a couch in the great room, while Brad claims a chair nearby and the couple’s children, Isaac and Isabel, wander in and out.

Indeed, the characteristics so beloved of Shaker’s vintage homes are found throughout the couple’s gracious 4,050-square foot French Normandy-style house, which was completed in 2008.

For starters, there’s the vaulted entry hall, with its timeless curved staircase. An elegant dining room boasts wainscoting and crown molding. The wood-paneled library is just the place to curl up with a book. And the master bath, with its subway tile, pedestal sink, and claw foot tub, would be at home in any of the City’s historic residences.

Details like bronzed patinas for bath and kitchen fixtures, old-world lighting, and even cut-crystal doorknobs, are the finishing touches on the home’s classic appeal.

“We used a lot of old-fashioned materials. This makes it feel substantial, like an old Shaker home,” explains Melissa, a physician with MetroHealth.

But Melissa and Brad also wanted to take advantage of what today’s new homes can offer busy families, starting with an updated floor plan. “We did want a bit of an open floor plan, where the kitchen is open to the great room,” Melissa says.

The couple also opted for a first-floor master suite, with a walk-in closet that’s decked out with built-ins. There is a mudroom, a first-floor laundry room (yes, there’s a chute), and a sunny playroom just off the landing on the second floor, where there are three more bedrooms and two full baths.

And, of course, the house is energy efficient in a way that older homes cannot hope to match. The couple estimates the energy costs to be about a third of what they were in their previous home, a Tudor in Shaker’s Fernway neighborhood. And on this cold winter’s evening, there is not a hint of a draft from the floor-to-ceiling windows in the

spacious great room, where a fire burns cheerfully in the fireplace.

Melissa and Brad, an attorney with Rosner Partners, first located to Shaker in 1998.

After the lot was purchased 2007, it took about a year for the house to be built. These days, with the months of construction a fading memory, the couple couldn’t be more delighted with their decision to build in Shaker.

“We’re walking distance to Horseshoe Lake Park – we’re there all the time in the summer – to the Nature Center, and On The Rise Bakery on Fairmount. And it’s a quick drive to University Circle,” says Melissa.

And, most importantly, they get to live in the home of their dreams while staying in the city they hold dear. “We love Shaker Heights. The area is, in our view, one of the best things about Cleveland,” says Brad.



The home’s contemporary kitchen (this page), and traditional dining room (next page).



Building in Shaker

Would you like to build your dream home in Shaker? There are 40 City-owned and 75 privately owned lots on which to do so. Here's how to get started.

First, contact the Planning Department for a copy of the City's Residential Infill Design Guidelines. Then, if you have purchased a lot (or are about to) from either the City or a private owner, set up an appointment with Senior Planner Dan Feinstein, who will walk you – and your architect and contractor – through the process of residential building. Shaker's website (shakeronline.com) has additional information on materials and other requirements.

There are incentives connected to purchasing a City-owned lot. Check out the Vacant Lot Program section of Shaker's website (www.shakeronline.com/about/incentive/VacantLotProgram.asp). You can download a list of available lots and get details on making a purchase. There is also information there on the City's \$5,000 Architectural Excellence Grant, which can be used toward the cost of developing your architectural plans.

To be eligible for this grant, your plans must be approved by the City and your architect must agree to allow Shaker to include them in its pool of pre-approved plans, which are available for \$1,100 per plan.

– *Diana Simeon*

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In Their Own Words:

Students Speak Out to “Stop the Hate”

Words have the power to hurt, and to heal. This is the message of *Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out!*, an essay contest sponsored annually by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage.

Students of all backgrounds may enter the competition. In their essays, entrants are required to describe an act of discrimination, reflect upon their response, and commit to a plan of action. Linda Bender, Director of Education and Public Programs for the Maltz Museum, said, “Shaker Heights produced four student winners this year, more than any other school district. Their outpouring of ideas on how to combat the effects of hate in our society has made an impact on our community.” Two other Shaker students were winners in 2010.

Following are excerpts from six winning essays submitted by Shaker students in 2010 and 2011. To read the essays in full, visit <http://stopthehate.maltzmuseum.org/>.



Kourtney Burns, Honorable Mention and \$1,000 winner (2011)

Kourtney is a junior at Shaker Heights High School. She is an honor roll student who enjoys singing and dancing, and hopes to become a high school choir teacher. Her essay focused on the prejudice she encountered from peers due to her size.

Most of my school career I had been ridiculed for my size, and although I wasn't much bigger than the other kids, someone always found reason for me to believe that I was huge in comparison to everyone else. I got more tired than everyone else in gym because of my size, and was often made the subject of many snickers and jokes, making me feel even more isolated.

One day in my freshman year, I found a program called the MAC Sisters (Minority Achievement Committee). Some of the upperclassmen taught me that not only was I beautiful, but smart too, and that I had a bright future ahead of me, regardless of my size.

When I became a sophomore, I was chosen to assist in leading this same group of underclass girls and mentor them. Girls now look up to me, and I feel inspired and rewarded to continue mentoring and helping them to find confidence academically and with a positive self image.

Tamar Kodish, Honorable Mention and \$1,000 prize winner (2010)

Tamar is a 2010 Shaker graduate. She attends the Honors program at The Ohio State University, where she is majoring in psychology. Her essay described hostile reactions she encountered when traveling in Jerusalem, from both Arab and Orthodox Jewish natives.

Five years old, I sit in the back seat of our rental car while my parents navigate the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem. As Arab children pour out of school, my mother sees two young boys bending down to pick up stones. It is not until we have safely escaped that I notice the shattered glass, only inches from my head.

Twelve years later, as I stroll through Meah Sherim, I am stopped by the shrill voice of an Ultra-Orthodox woman. I am dressed in knee-length shorts and a t-shirt. She beckons me back, slurs hateful words at me, and yells that I should be ashamed of myself.

Instead of taking the easier route and simply ignoring these events, I spent six weeks on a program in Israel where I participated in very heated discussions with Palestinians, Israeli Arabs, Israeli soldiers, and right-wing Jewish settlers.

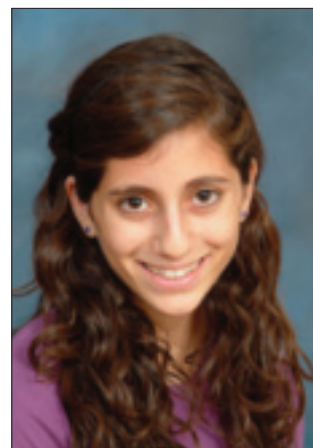
As the days passed in this intense atmosphere, I came to understand something: all of the anger that came forth during these discussions was reconciled by one fact. Ultimately, we all want an end to hatred. To make a difference we must believe that we can learn from each other.

Diane Ryu, Second runner up and \$15,000 scholarship winner (2010)

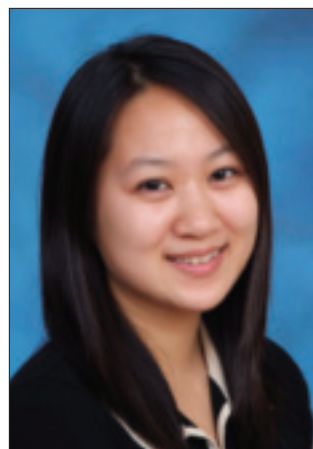
Diane is a senior at Shaker Heights High School, where she has won multiple academic awards. She enjoys painting, reading, and sports, especially lacrosse, baseball, and basketball. She plans to



Burns



Kodish



Ryu

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Semel



Shumate



Sullivan

major in environmental science or psychology in college. In her essay, Diane described her reaction to a verbal attack about her Korean ethnicity.

I moved back to the United States in the middle of my first-grade year [from Korea]. I felt awkward entering a classroom with students of all different ethnicities and ranges in skin and hair colors, speaking an unfamiliar language. But the differences that separated us did not stand as barriers for long.

Seven years later, I was walking down an emptied hallway when I passed two girls joking around with each other. One of them shouted, “Go back to your country.” Anger, shame, and humiliation rushed through my being. The words they had spoken as a mere joke had provoked my deepest fear of being an outcast.

For this reason, I joined a club called Student Group on Race Relations. SGORR is a program where high school students go into elementary classrooms and demonstrate how to avoid stereotyping and discriminating. By teaching others the value of keeping an open mind, we begin to truly understand the lessons we advocate.

Kari Semel, Honorable Mention and \$1,000 prize winner (2011)

Kari is a senior at Shaker Heights High School. She is an active member of B’nai B’rith Youth Organization, and enjoys theater and singing. She decided to defer attending college for a year while she works in orphanages in Ghana and Israel. Her essay describes a group that she founded to help combat negative self-image among teenage girls.

While ‘Lucy’ [not her real name] and I were talking, we discussed why she wasn’t involved in my youth group. She told me that she had always struggled with her weight and her lack of self confidence.

I know that there are so many girls like Lucy in my community. They should be able to feel great about themselves, on the inside and the outside. My talk with Lucy was the inspiration for Project Orchid. The goal of Project Orchid is to bring girls together as Big and Little Sisters. Each eighth grade Little Sister will be paired up with an eleventh grade Big Sister. The Big Sisters will act as mentors to the younger girls. By helping to start Project Orchid, I am planting the seed for a program that can hopefully change girls’ lives.

Jasmyn Shumate, Honorable Mention and \$1,000 prize winner (2011)

Jasmyn is a junior at Shaker Heights High School. She enjoys sports, writes poetry, and composes music. In her essay, she recounts the prejudice she experienced as a minority student in a predominantly white honors class.

I anxiously walk into my first honors class. I enter the classroom and quickly notice, as an African American female, I am a minority. As I take my seat, I am greeted by stares and sarcastic giggles.

The lack of diversity within my school in advanced classes is discouraging. I asked minority schoolmates why they preferred not to take higher level classes. Their responses revealed that they do not want to be in an environment where they are the center of attention or face an enormous workload. But, I do not accept these excuses. I challenge myself by enrolling in Honors and AP classes to change not only academic

statistics, but also the mentality of those who believe in them.

I have made it my mission to bring about change and each year, I progress. Each year, I take my seat and look around and notice more students who look like me. Integration not segregation allows people as a community to share unique ideas to strengthen the community. I enter the classroom now with my head held high.

Brenton Sullivan

3rd Place in Grade 6-10 Division; \$100 prize winner (2011)

Brenton is a sophomore at Shaker Heights High School. He is an honor student, a member of the varsity swim team and participates in theatre, MAC Scholars, and SGORR. His essay describes his reaction to the use of a racial epithet.

Everyone has their own form of kryptonite. I was at what felt like a superhero status, unstoppable, confident and protected. That was until the "Dinosaur" decided to verbally attack many innocent black people. Poor treatment can negatively affect anyone, and sometimes key words cut like a knife. I thought I would be resistant, immune to such a word; yet I was wrong... it hit me hard.

I refused to let these attacks continue! I wanted to show that the word he was using was more than six letters, but generations of pain and hate. I have eliminated the word from my vocabulary, and I continue to try to assist others to do the same. There is no compliment or comfort in the word, but insolence, ignorance and hatred. With awareness and knowledge, there is room for respect. Then we could truly feel like superheroes once again. 🦸

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The Shaker Town Center district is now well on its way to resuming its original charm as a retail and residential neighborhood.

BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON PHOTOS BY CAYDIE HELLER

As the redevelopment of the south side of Chagrin Boulevard across from the Shaker Town Center shops nears completion, the revitalized stretch has acquired so much character that it now sports its own name: Shaker Commons.

Initiated by the City to complement the remodeling of the north side of the center some ten years ago, the project was greatly energized once Bluewater Capital Partners of Cleveland acquired seven of the 13 buildings on the south side in 2006. Bluewater later tore down one of the buildings to help widen a driveway, but has focused on thoroughly renovating the remaining structures in the two blocks they own just west of the new firehouse.

"We believe this project has already been highly catalytic in changing the physical environment of Shaker Town Center," declares Russell Lamb, principal of Bluewater Capital Partners.

Since 2006, Bluewater has refurbished the facades of its buildings and modernized them with energy-efficient infrastructures and upgraded mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems. Bluewater has also added several new tenants. One of those is Crosby's Corn, a gourmet popcorn shop located in the same block next to the firehouse with East China Restaurant, Al Nola Shoe Repair, A Touch of Italy, and Chagrin Wine & Beverage.

"As far as renovating the buildings and the area, Shaker and Bluewater have done an excellent job," says Jana Crosby, who co-owns Crosby's Corn, with her husband Marc and son James.

Bluewater also owns the next block to the west, which includes the New Millennium Salon, Robin Gorman's State Farm office, Amy Joy Donuts/Hershey's Ice Cream, Sherwin-Williams, Boost

Mobile and Mr. Hero. That block features 4,500 square feet of second-floor, loft office space with exposed brick walls and a high ceiling.

Shaker Heights, Lamb says, has been a great partner throughout the project.

During the past decade, the City has narrowed Chagrin Boulevard between Avalon and Lee roads from five lanes to three, improved the streetscaping, replaced street parking with convenient front-in parking on the south side, and completely redone the east end parking lot behind Shaker Commons, including new lighting and underground utility lines. The City widened and landscaped the walkway behind the parking lot that connects to Kenyon Road and the Lomond neighborhood.

This summer, Shaker will redo the west parking lot and also complete a small plaza on Chagrin to add greenspace to the Commons. The City received a \$50,000 federal grant through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to create the space.

In 2012, construction of a new 11,000-square-foot CVS store at the corner of Chagrin and Avalon will be the next component of the Shaker Commons facelift. The CVS currently located in Shaker Town Center prefers to have a drive-through pharmacy, which wasn't possible in its current location. Bluewater helped by moving East China and the beverage store down to its buildings. Sam's Fashion Post arranged to relocate to Van Aken Shopping Center, clearing the way for demolition.

According to Tania Menesse, economic development director, the goal is to populate Lee Road with a mixture of stronger retail and restaurants, but also

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Welcome to Shaker Commons

A Touch of Italy: Cooking and Boosting...And A Sinatra Tattoo

When you dine at A Touch of Italy, it's easy to find the founding owner. He's the burly, gregarious guy with the deep, gravelly voice who relishes conversing with his patrons. On his website, he even gives "a quick shout-out to Ron Antonick of GenX Tattoos...in Willoughby for my new Sinatra tattoo."

Michael Srp has owned the Italian restaurant at Shaker Commons for 36 years. He bought it in 1975 when it was a Master Pizza parlor. In the early '80s, he changed the name when the franchiser started to founder and go out of business.

"I owned my first pizza shop at 20, so this is the only business I know," he says.

Over the years, he has expanded the former pizza shop into a restaurant, successful catering business, and bar/lounge, and brought in his son, Michael, Jr., as co-owner.

Srp prides himself on using only the freshest ingredients; moreover, he makes his own bread daily – same for his sauces, lasagna, and meatballs.

"Anything I can make myself, I make myself," he states. The restaurant has loyal customers who have been coming from all over Greater Cleveland for 30 years.

Srp also likes to boast of his long-term commitment to the Shaker community and is quick to point out his four Shaker High Booster of the Year plaques. Just ask anyone who has played football at the high school over the past 25 years. Srp has donated freshly prepared meals served before Friday night away games over all that time.

He also enjoys participating in the annual Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival in June, and he has some new dishes planned for this year's event. Don't miss out.

Michael Srp with one of his signature dishes.



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She also expects Shaker LaunchHouse, the new business incubator and shared office space on Lee Road near Chagrin, to spur further economic development by spinning off start-up companies that could seek space in the loft offices of Shaker Commons or along Lee. Employees from those new ventures will generate additional foot traffic, boosting business for the restaurants and retailers at Shaker Commons and Shaker Town Center.

Joyce Braverman, planning director, says that the entire southwest corner of Shaker Heights is an interconnected district. That's why in 2006 the City built its first new street in nearly 50 years, Winslow Court, to create a spine that runs from Van Aken by the Avalon Station loft condominiums through Shaker Town Center and into Shaker Commons.

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Christina and Bradley Forward, with their latest family addition, Sydney.

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Brown-Forward Funeral Service: Changing With The Times

Robert (Robb) L. Forward now knows that when it comes to interior design, sometimes it's hard to see what's right in front of you. Forward, who joined the family business in 1972, serves as president and runs the historic funeral home with his sister, Judith, executive vice president.

However, his son Bradley (a 1995 graduate of Shaker Heights High School) and Bradley's wife Christina, who joined the business in 2008, were the ones who pointed out the need for updating the home's décor.

"We were inspired to do our remodeling by the fact that the south side of Chagrin Boulevard was getting a make-over," says Robb. "I walk up and down the south side with a big grin on my face. It's nice to see what the City and Russell Lamb have done."

Christina spent 18 months designing and planning Brown-Forward's own remodeling effort. Last summer, contractors completed the job in ten days. The refurbishment includes a new floor and ceiling, new woodwork in the main chapel, a fresh coat of paint, new furniture, and wide-screen TVs for slide presentations.

The goal was to make the space brighter and more modern, but maintain its traditional styling; it is the oldest continuously operating funeral home in Ohio. Founded as a cabinet-making enterprise in 1825 on East Ninth Street in Cleveland, it has relocated several times over the centuries, settling at its current location in the 1940s, making it one of the oldest businesses along that section of Chagrin, along with Heinen's and Shaker Hardware.

The Forward family bought the business in 1951 and has long been active in the community. As well as being a member of the Friends of Shaker Town Center, Robb served as the president of the board of the Shaker Schools Foundation from 1996-1999. Christina helps organize charity events for the church group Serving Shaker: Faith In Action.



Siblings Robb Forward and Judy Forward (above), and Rocco the therapy dog.

Shaker Commons

Moreover, the City got RTA to bump up its plans for the \$3.5-million reconstruction of the Rapid station on Lee Road – including new elevators for ADA access – to this year instead of 2014. Shaker also received a \$65,000 grant through the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency to analyze the traffic patterns, sidewalks, streetscaping, and the business mix along Lee Road.

Additionally, Shaker City Council approved financing tools in April to spur business growth that includes a microfinance loan program for new enterprises, through a partnership with WECO Fund, Inc., a Cleveland-based financial services organization that helps small businesses obtain financing. In addition, building renovations can be accomplished through the City's new forgivable loan program targeted to established, growing businesses that are ready to move into office space in Shaker Heights – the program offers a forgivable loan to make tenant improvements and purchase equipment based on the amount of income/payroll taxes the City will collect over a three to five year period.

"We think Shaker is a great place to start a business," says Menesse. "If an entrepreneur agrees, we want to help them as much as we can to get started here." 🌿

Russell Lamb of Bluewater Capital Partners.



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The Wrongologist

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Did you stop everything and start writing?

I did not. I sat on the idea, but I mentioned it to a good friend and to my sister. Both were excited. Six months earlier, one of my articles had attracted some attention and several agents had contacted me. That experience planted a seed and gave me a sense of what might be possible. In the spring of 2005, I was offered an editorial job at The Nation. That would have been my dream job, but I found myself on the fence. I decided that if I turned down the job, I would write the book.

As they say, “the rest is history.” But what really happened?

I submitted a proposal in late 2005, and it was inked in 2006. I finished writing the book on July 1, 2009, and it was published in 2010. My publisher set up the first round of book tours, which lasted about eight weeks. Then I started doing lecture events. I’ve been on the road since last June, and it’s been exhausting and hectic. I hope to put the brakes on this spring, because I haven’t taken a vacation in three years, and I haven’t been able to do my actual job – thinking and writing – for a while.

What’s next?

I don’t know, other than writing book reviews, which is very helpful, primarily for the New York Review of Books and the Boston Globe. A few months ago I would have said anything but another book. Now – I don’t know where or when the next one will appear.



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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 from birth to 5 years old can play, and make friends. Playroom is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am-noon or Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 4-6 pm. Membership includes use of gym and muscle room during specific hours. 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-spon-

sored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

THURSDAYS: Alateen, 4:30 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Fellowship of young Al-Anon members, usually teenagers, whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. Share experiences, learn effective ways to cope with problems, encourage one another, and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. INFO: PAT 216-375-4387 OR CHRIS 216-295-4232.

FRIDAYS: Family Fun Fridays for Families Raising Children 3-6 with Special Needs, 1-3 PM, PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, facilitated playgroup for parents with children ages 3-6 with special needs. Special activities held on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month. INFO: 216-921-2023.

SATURDAYS: Make Room for Daddy, for Families Raising Children Ages 3-6 with Special Needs, 10 AM-NOON, THE PATRICIA S. MEARN'S FAMILY

PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Free, drop-in, facilitated playgroup for fathers with children ages 3-8 with special needs on two Saturdays of the month. Grandfathers or siblings ages 6 and under are welcome. INFO: 216-921-2023.

SATURDAYS: Birthday Parties, 11 AM-1 PM OR 2-4 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Hold your child's birthday party at the Family Center. Birthday parties are available for children birth-6 years. Enjoy lunch or cake in the Shaker Family Center's Party Room and private use of the gym, complete with riding toys and equipment. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

Ongoing Activities for Adults

TUESDAYS: English in Action, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Free English classes for those who need help led by Brondy Shanker. INFO: 216-991-2030.

SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. Summer bounty abounds at the open-air market on the Square.

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Destinations...

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

MAIN LIBRARY
16500 Van Aken Boulevard
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**STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES
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3450 Lee Road
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216-921-2023

SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
15911 Aldersyde Drive
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**SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
& MUSEUM**
16740 South Park Boulevard
216-921-1201

SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
20600 Shaker Boulevard
216-295-4100

THORNTON PARK
3301 Warrensville Center Road
216-491-1295

June

highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (p. 49)			North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (p. 49) Troop 1328 Read-a-Thon 10 am, Main Library. (p. 52)
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Shaker Symphony Orchestra 3:30 pm, Tubbs Jones Community Building. (p. 52)		Babes in Nature: Summer Sensations 10 am, Nature Center. (p. 54)	Senior 50+ Picnic 12:30 pm, Community Colonnade. (p. 52)	End-of-School-Year Pool Party 1 pm, Thornton Park Pool. (p. 52) Gene's Jazz Hot 7 pm, Loganberry Books. (p. 52)	Ice Cream Social and Summer Reading Kick Off 6:30 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 52)	Parade the Circle Noon, Wade Oval University Circle. (p. 57) An Evening in the Woods 6 pm, Nature Center. (p. 54)
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	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (p. 49)	Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (p. 49)	Brown Bag Bingo for Seniors 50+ 12:30 pm, Tubbs Jones Community Building. (p. 52) Wade Oval Wednesdays 6 pm, Wade Oval University Circle. (p. 58)	Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 52)	Lois Becker's Summer Jewelry Show 11:30 am. (p. 52)	Used Sports Equipment Sale 10 am, Thornton Park. (p. 52) Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival 6/18-19 10 am. (p. 53)
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Ninth Annual DadsDay Run 9 am, Shaker Family Center. (p. 53) 7th Annual Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights 1 pm. (p. 53)		Novel Destinations: Ohio Vacation Ideas 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 53)	Meet the Author Jan Thrope 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 53) Shade Gardening Using Native Woodland Plants 7 pm, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. (p. 58)	Novel Destinations: Organizing Your Travel Photos 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 53)		Hike with a Friend Ongoing. 3:30 pm, Nature Center. (p. 54) The Natural History of Melons 6:30 pm, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. (p. 58)
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A Most Excellent Run, A Most Excellent Race 7:30 am, Beaumont School. (p. 57)	Movies for Seniors 12:15 pm, Tubbs Jones Community Building. (p. 53) Shaker Library Family Story Telling 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (p. 53)		Wade Oval Wednesdays 6 pm, Wade Oval University Circle. (p. 58)	Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (p. 49)		



July

highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Larchmere Festival 10 am, Larchmere Blvd. (p. 54)
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	INDEPENDENCE DAY Fireworks at dusk, Shaker Middle School. (p. 54)		Wade Oval Wednesdays 6 pm, Wade Oval University Circle. (p. 58)		An Evening of Cooking with C.A.R.E. 6 pm, Shaker Historical Society. (p. 54)	Cain Park Arts Festival 7/8-10 Noon, Cain Park. (p. 58)
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	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (p. 49)	Budgeting and Money Management 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 54) Photography Club 7 pm, Nature Center. (p. 54)	Novel Destinations: The Cleveland Cultural Gardens 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 54)	Breeding Birds Bird Hike 7 pm, Nature Center. (p. 54) Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 55)		Cleveland Shakespeare Festival 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (p. 55)
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Cleveland Shakespeare Festival 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (p. 55)		Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 6 pm, Main Library. (p. 49)	High Tea & Honey Tasting in the Garden 4 pm, Shaker Historical Society. (p. 55)	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (p. 49)		North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (p. 49)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Shaker Heights Community Band 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (p. 56) The Jazz Singer 7 pm, Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. (p. 58)	A Fine Romance 7 pm, Alma Theater, Cain Park. (p. 58)	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (p. 49)	Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (p. 49)
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Events for *June*

June 4: Troop 1328 Read-a-Thon, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Girl scouts stage a read in to promote awareness about their service project, Providence House. INFO: 216-991-2030.

June 5: Shaker Symphony Orchestra, 3:30 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Violinist and Shaker Heights native Andrew Sords performs. Tickets: Adults \$15/adults; \$8/students & seniors. INFO: 216-491-1360.

June 6-July 30: One World, Many Stories/You Are Here/Novel Destinations, MAIN LIBRARY & BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Whether a child, teen, or adult, the Library's summer reading program offers something for everyone! Enjoy a summer filled with programs, prizes, and reading incentives all generously funded by Friends of the Shaker Library. INFO: 216-991-2030/216-991-2421 OR www.shakerlibrary.org.

June 8: Senior 50+ Picnic, 12:30-2 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE, 3450 LEE RD. Enjoy a picnic lunch among friends. Advance reservations required by June 1. Cost: \$7 due at registration. INFO: 216-491-1360.

June 9: End-of-School-Year Pool Party, 1-4 PM, THORNTON PARK POOL. Activities include an airbrush artist, DJ with all your favorite music and an inflatable obstacle course. Daily admission rates apply. INFO: 216-491-1295.

June 9: Gene's Jazz Hot, 7-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Hot foot it over to Loganberry Books for a cool evening of hot jazz. INFO: 216-795-9800.

June 10: Ice Cream Social and Summer Reading Kick Off, 6:30-8 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Join in the fun of the Library's summer reading program with an old fashioned ice cream social and mini book sale. Free. INFO: 216-991-2421.

June 11: Explore Foster Care, NOON-2 PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Change a life! Learn what it takes to become a foster parent. Meet and talk with current foster parents and Bellefaire JCB professionals. RSVP TO LORE: 216-320-8640 OR pierzchalal@bellefairejcb.org.

June 13-17: Bee the Buzz Adventure Camp, 10-11:30 AM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Children in grades 2-4 can learn about the honeybee through hands-on lessons, games, crafts, exploration, and investigation of antique and modern beekeeping. \$40/person. INFO: 216-912-1201 or www.shakerhistory.org.

June 15: Brown Bag Bingo for Seniors 50+, 12:30-1:30 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. *Hey caller, make me holler: Bingo!* Join staff members of Shaker Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a rousing round of bingo with prizes! Participants should bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and dessert provided. Free. INFO: 216-491-1360.

June 15-17: Used Athletic Equipment Drop Off, 4-7 PM, THORNTON PARK. *A sporting recycle opportunity!* Tired of tripping over

all that unused athletic equipment? Be a sport and donate it to the Used Athletic Equipment Sale to benefit the Shaker Heights Youth Center. INFO: 216-752-9292 OR FOR ALTERNATIVE DROP OFF DATES.

June 16: Knit Night, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring a project and get or give help at this creative evening led by experienced knitter Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

June 16: The Art of Papermaking, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Northern Ohio Bibliophilic Society program. INFO: 216-795-9800.

June 17-19: Lois Becker's Summer Jewelry Show, 11:30 AM-5 PM, 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Hand-made necklaces, earrings, bracelets, pins, and fun decorative vests. Cash or checks only. Show special: buy a pair of earrings and get the second pair of equal value for 50% off. INFO: 216-921-3083.

June 18: A Twilight Tour of the Van Sweringen Estate, 7-10 PM, 17400 S PARK BLVD. Cocktail buffet and tour of the historic Van Sweringen house and gardens to benefit Young Audiences. Tickets: \$150-\$250/person. INFO: 216-561-5005 OR www.yaneo.org.

June 18: Community Meal, NOON-1 PM, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD. A free lunch for anyone in need of a meal, or conversation! A hearty meal, filling yet healthy, is prepared every third Saturday by church volunteers including an entrée, side dish, and dessert. INFO: 216-991-3432.

June 18: Used Sports Equipment

Sale, 10 AM-5 PM, THORNTON PARK. Be a good sport and benefit the Shaker Heights Youth Center. Drop off Dates/Times for Used Equipment: June 15-17, 4-7 pm at Thornton Park. INFO: 216-752-9292 OR FOR ALTERNATIVE DROP OFF DATES.

June 18: Pajama Stories, 7:15 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Take the kids for stories before you tuck them in bed. INFO: 216-991-2421.

June 19: Ninth Annual Dads Day Run, 9 AM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. This race is for everyone, not just Dad! Runners, walkers, and strollers are welcome to take the 1- and 5-mile loop courses. Awards presented to top finishers. All participants receive a t-shirt and necktie in honor of Father's Day. Also a free Kid Sprint for children 3-12. Refreshments, raffle prizes, and family entertainment. Proceeds benefit Family Connections. FEES: \$15, \$20, \$25. REGISTER ONLINE AT www.zapevent.com.

June 18 & 19: Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival, 10 AM-10 PM, FARNSLEIGH RD. AND VAN AKEN BLVD. The City, Shaker Arts Council and Ohio Designer Craftsmen bring a juried craft show, musical entertainment, kid's activities (on Saturday), and great food from local vendors. 11 am to 5 pm Sunday. INFO: COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH, 216-491-1419.

June 19: 7th Annual Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights, 1-5 PM, Take a self-directed tour of eight creatively designed and meticulously maintained private gardens in Shaker. Tickets (\$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event) may be purchased at The Shaker Historical Society; Gali's Florist and Garden, Beachwood; J. Pistone; Bremec on the Heights (formerly Heights Garden

Center), Cleveland Heights; Shaker Heights Hardware; Jan Dell Flowers, Rocky River; and Cahoon Nursery, Westlake. INFO: 216-921-1201.

June 21: Novel Destinations: Ohio Vacation Ideas, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Susan Glaser, Travel Editor for The Plain Dealer leads an armchair tour of some of Ohio's novel destinations. INFO: 216-991-2421.

June 23: Meet the Author, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Meet Jan Thrope, author of *Inner Visions: Grassroots Stories of Truth and Hope*, published by Orange Frazer Press. Thrope will speak about her book, her mission, and the publishing process. Following her talk, books will be available for sale and signing. INFO: 216-991-2421.

June 23: Novel Destinations: Organizing your Travel Photos, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Rob Erick from the Cleveland Photographic Society will speak about downloading, organizing, and sharing digital photos. Free. INFO: 216-991-2030.

June 27: Movies for Seniors, 12:15-2:30 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy a free movie and complimentary coffee and dessert. Popcorn is 25¢. INFO: 216-491-1360.

June 27: Shaker Library Family Story Telling, 7 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and settle in for some fun family stories. In the event of inclement weather, events are held in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. Free.



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TUESDAYS: Stone Oven Days, 2267 LEE RD. The Stone Oven donates a percentage of every Tuesday sales to the Nature Center programs. Dine and donate! Enjoy a good meal and support the Nature Center.

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.

June 5: **Family Bird Walk**, 3-5 PM, Bring the family – the entire flock – and enjoy an afternoon walk with the birds!

June 7: **Babes in Nature: Summer Sensations**, 10-10:45 AM. Experience the scents, textures and sights of the summer season. Stroller fee: \$5/members; \$7/non-members.

June 9: **Breeding Birds Bird Walk I**, 7-9 PM. Are you a well-bred birder? Take the first of two special walks and talks about breeding birds.

June 11: **An Evening in the Woods**, 6 PM-MIDNIGHT. Outdoor gala to benefit the Nature Center. Whose woods these are I think I know...they'll be serving good Bordeaux! Enjoy a night of elegance and enchantment under the stars with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dinner provided by Marigold Catering. Auctions and Raise the Paddle, live music and dancing. Presentation of the 2011 Great Blue Heron Award to Fairmount Minerals for their leadership in sustainability. Tickets: \$150 member/\$175 non-member/\$250 VIP.

June 14: **Photography Club**, 7-9 PM. Shutterbugs of all proficiency levels- digital and film-are welcome! Free.

June 20-Aug. 18: **Outdoor Adventure Camps**.

July 12: **Photography Club**, 7-9 PM. All proficiency levels, digital and film, welcome. Free and open to all.

July 14: **Breeding Birds Bird Hike**, 7-9 PM. Are you a breeding liberal? Take the second of two hikes featuring breeding birds.

Events for July

July 2: **Larchmere Festival**, 10 AM-5 PM, LARCHMERE BLVD. Stroll the boulevard for fun and unique finds at this old-fashioned street fair. Be sure to go down Loganberry Books' Author Alley from noon to 4 pm to meet and greet local authors. INFO: 216-795-9800.

July 4: **Independence Day**. City offices and libraries closed. Fireworks blast off at dusk at Shaker Middle School. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the patriotic party. INFO: KEVIN CROWE, 216-491-2595.

July 8: **An Evening of Cooking with C.A.R.E.**, 6 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. "What's for dinner?" Learn fun and easy ways to prepare dishes using local produce from the garden with Chef Robin Blair who will teach you how to cook with Confidence, Artistry, Resourcefulness & Ease – C.A.R.E. Free for members; \$5/non-members. INFO: 216-921-1201.

July 9: **Explore Foster Care**, NOON-2 PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Change a life! Learn what it takes to become a foster parent. Meet and talk with current foster parents and Bellefaire JCB professionals. Take the first step in becoming a foster parent. RSVP TO LORE: 216-320-8640 OR pierzchalal@bellefairejcb.org.

July 12: **Budgeting and Money Management**. 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Robert Houston of Cleveland's WECO Fund will speak on how to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth. INFO: 216-991-2030.

July 12: **Friends of Shaker Library Annual Meeting and Speaker**, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Following a brief business meeting and election of officers, Friends will welcome chef Ben Bebenroth, founder of Spice of Life Catering, who will speak about food and provide a sneak preview of his new venture. INFO: 216-991-2421 OR ONLINE AT www.shakerlibrary.org.

July 13: **Novel Destinations: The Cleveland Cultural Gardens**, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Can't get to the actual gardens? Cleveland's Cultural Gardens Foundation offers a slide show and presentation about the cultural gardens and its plants and trees. INFO: 216-991-2421.

July 14: Knit Night, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring a project and get or give help at this creative evening led by experienced knitter Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

July 14: Gene's Jazz Hot, 7-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Enjoy jazz in an old-world bookstore atmosphere. INFO: 216-795-9800.

July 14: Entertainmobile, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. The National Council of Jewish Women helps unveil the Library's exhibit, "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs." INFO: 216-991-2030.

July 16: Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, 7 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE. Enjoy Shakespeare's *Othello* al fresco.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, events are held in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. Free.

July 17: Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, 7 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE. Enjoy Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, events are held in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. Free.

July 19: Small Business Microloans and Opportunities, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Cleveland's WECO Fund Counselor Robert Schordock talks about WECO's Small Business Microloans and how they can help grow small businesses. INFO: 216-991-2030.

July 20: High Tea & Honey Tasting in the Garden, 4 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Enjoy your favorite teas accompanied by light sandwiches, scones, and pastries and become a honey connoisseur as you savor delicious flavors of local varietal honey including Orange Blossom, Ohio Wildflower, Star Thistle, Black Locust, Clover, Basswood, Orange Blossom, Tupelo, Buckwheat. Free for members \$5/non-members. INFO: 216-921-1201.

July 21: Northern Ohio Bibliophilic Society (NOBS) Forum, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. NOBS members hold a show and tell of their unique books. INFO: 216-795-9800.

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July 24: Cooking with C.A.R.E. for Kids, 3 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Chef Robin Blair will teach you and your child fun and easy ways to prepare healthy dishes such as veggie pizza and funny face chicken salad using local produce. Fees: \$22/member and one child; \$25/non-members and one child. \$7 each additional child. INFO: 216-921-1201.

July 25: Movies for Seniors, 12:15-2:30 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy a free movie and complimentary coffee and dessert. Popcorn costs 25¢. INFO: 216-491-1360.

July 27: Shaker Heights Community Band, 7 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE. Luiz F. Coelho conducts a community band. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, events are held in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. Free. INFO: 216-491-1360.

Art

JUNE 2-JULY 5: Visual Arts of Judith Angelo, ANNEX GALLERY AT LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. INFO: 216-795-9800.

JUNE 5: Getting Back to Our Roots: Gardening Shaker Style, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Antique and modern beekeeping artifacts and the Shakers gardening industry including seeds, herbs, and botanical remedies. On display through September 30. INFO: 216-921-1201.

THRU JUNE 18: 4th Annual Ohio Cemetery Alliance Photography Exhibit. MAIN LIBRARY. Winning photos juried by Herbert Ascherman, Jr. on display through June 18. INFO: 216-991-2030.

JULY 10: Art House Exhibit Opening, 5 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Art House, Inc., is a nonprofit arts center located in the historic Brooklyn Centre section of Cleveland. The exhibit, in the newly created Jack and Linda Lissauer Gallery, will feature works by students from the Urban Bright program, an Arts-in-Education program for Cleveland Metropolitan Schools. FEES & INFO: 216-921-1201.

JULY 14-AUGUST 26: A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. View the exhibit celebrating the many Jewish composers of the American Songbook and their contributions to American popular culture: 1910-1965. Shaker Library is one of only 55 sites throughout the United States selected for the exhibit tour. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Commencements

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JUNE 7: Laurel School
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JUNE 5: 11th Annual Race for the Place, 7:30 AM, BEACHWOOD PLACE, 23600 CEDAR RD. Annual race to benefit The Gathering Place. \$10-\$23/runner. INFO: 216-595-9546.

JUNE 19: Towpath Ten-Ten, 7 AM. VALLEY VIEW. Ten-miler starting location: West Canal Road at Lombardo Drive; 10K starting location: Canal Road at Bacci Park. INFO: 216-520-1825.

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JUNE 25: Poker Run, 11 AM, MONTROSE AUTO GROUP, 3960 MEDINA RD. IN AKRON. Sponsored by Leathernecks Nation MC and Montrose Auto Group. \$10/rider. Ride to benefit Akron Children's Hospital ends with giveaways, prizes, food, and more. INFO: 330-571-7659.

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JUNE 25: Summer Solstice Party, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART, 11150 EAST BLVD. Welcome the longest day of the year with an all-night party. FEES & INFO: 216-421-7350.

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JULY 27: The Jazz Singer, 7 PM, MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE, 2929 RICHMOND RD. Watch Al Jolson in the 1927 original talking picture! Young Jackie Rabinowitz defies the traditions of his devout Jewish family to become a talented jazz singer. Bill Guentzler, Artistic Director for the Cleveland International Film Festival, leads a post-viewing discussion. \$12/person; \$10 museum members. Purchase in advance and save \$2 per ticket. For reservations call 216-593-0575.

JULY 28: A Fine Romance, 7 PM, ALMA THEATER, CAIN PARK. A love song cabaret. Tickets \$22/20 advance; \$25/\$23 day of show. INFO: 216-371-3000.

JULY 29-31: Pulpfest, RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 4900 SINCLAIR RD, COLUMBUS. A convention that focuses on the pulp magazines and popular fiction of the early 20th century with guest of honor Kent Allard, veteran of World War I and long rumored to be The Shadow. INFO: www.pulpfest.com.



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Goodbye, My Friend

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

On March 10, 2011, Shaker lost one of its most inspiring residents. In his unique way, Todd Gauchat used his 57 years here on Earth to say “To Hell With Impossible,” the title of his memoir. Dependent on a wheelchair and a computer to “speak,” Todd was the kind of person who usually remains invisible to those of us who do not struggle with disabilities. Yet Todd’s life, love, and laughter touched people throughout our community, teaching us to see and appreciate diversity of all kinds.

Todd was born with cerebral palsy, and was not expected to live. But, as he wrote, “Minutes after I was born, the theme of my life was set: I’ve never done what people expected.” His birth mother left home when he was two; his father, Bill Mize, tried hard, but was unable to care for Todd and his twin sister, Tolisa. Back in the 1950s, kids like Todd were usually institutionalized. But when the Gauchat family of Avon adopted Todd, his mother, Dorothy, recognized the intelligence and humor locked inside her little boy, and hired tutors so he could learn to read, write, and later communicate via computers. He became Cleveland’s Cerebral Palsy Poster Child, and later wrote about sports and disabilities for the Elyria Chronicle-Telegram.

But Todd had one overarching goal in life – to find love. He wrote in his memoir, “I wanted to have a passionate, intense, long-term relationship, and I wanted it more than I wanted to walk, talk, or feed myself.”

He found his soul mate in Rosalind King, who saw beyond the wheelchair and heard beyond the garbled speech. At their wedding in 1986, Todd wrote, “Ros’ and my wedding is a miracle.... Some people often criticized me for

having [a] one-track mind about love. But it is a kind of nourishment that a human body needs to survive. It does not matter if you are a good-looking or a frail person. What is real is love.”

Though others claimed it would be...impossible, Rosalind and Todd conceived and raised three sons: Jonathan, 19, Peter, 15, and Benjamin, 13. When it became clear that Benji had autism, the family decided to move to a community that would be accepting and inclusive of their various special needs. They found Shaker Heights, and we are all the richer for it.

The Gauchats live around the block from me. Our families have become intertwined over the years. Meeting Ros and Todd taught me to check my assumptions at the door. Ros is friendly, non-judgmental, and the most loyal friend you could imagine. She is a one-woman bridge builder between people from different backgrounds. Todd was, I discovered, smart, funny, and sensitive. Rosalind would usually translate Todd’s speech when he didn’t use his computer, but he communicated a lot of his thoughts through his eyes, as well. People who avoided talking directly to Todd missed a lot.

Todd’s involvement in the Shaker schools has prodded staff, parents, and students to think much more deeply about inclusion and accessibility. Together, Ros and Todd built a warm and welcoming home that has been a microcosm of the diversity that Shaker values so highly.

When Todd died unexpectedly, a huge network of family and friends stepped forward to demonstrate the qualities of compassion, community, and diversity that the Gauchats live by. His memorial service was extraordinary. Todd’s church was one of those

closed by the Catholic diocese, so there was no obvious location to hold the service. Moreover, it was to be an ecumenical, non-traditional funeral. Family friend Sheryl Harris approached her pastor, Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe of Plymouth Church, who agreed to host the service.

A huge rainbow coalition attended, scores of whom brought food. Who else but Rosalind would plan a service that included a recitation from the Koran, a Hebrew prayer, readings from the Bible, a Hawaiian chant, a Gospel choir, Beethoven, Scott Joplin, and a show tune (“The Impossible Dream,” of course)? Where else would you find, alongside the flowers on the altar, a large red onion?

Father Dan Begin, Todd’s priest, concluded his homily with a story of great personal significance to Todd. Dostoyevsky’s “The Onion” tells of a selfish woman condemned to Hell. Her guardian angel tells God that her sole good deed was once to give an onion to a beggar. God tells the angel to extend an onion to the woman and pull her out of the lake of fire.

“But if the onion breaks, she must stay where she is,” God warns.

As the woman is being lifted from the inferno, her fellow-sufferers grab on to her legs to be rescued, too. She kicks at them viciously, claiming, “I’m the one to be pulled out, not you. It’s my onion, not yours.” As she speaks, the onion breaks, and she remains in Hell to this day.

Todd lived his whole life reminding us to share the onion – to commit to bringing everyone along for the ride. *Shalom, chaver* – goodbye, my friend. And thank you for all you taught me.



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