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The Spirit of Dr. King: *An On-Going Celebration*

Shaker's celebration of the life, work, and spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will begin at a special reception at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 24, at City Hall. The reception, which honors the recipient of the 2005 Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Human Relations, is the beginning of a new and exciting commemoration of Dr. King's legacy. Immediately following the reception, a formal presentation of the award will be made at the Council Meeting in City Hall Council Chambers at 7:30. The award was established as a reminder of Shaker's continuing commitment to living the dream of Dr. King.

The City's Human Relations Commission, which oversees the celebration, has outlined a year-long community service project for 2005. The MLK, Jr. 2005 Project will involve many people over many months, not just for a brief time in February.

The MLK, Jr. 2005 Project will create opportunities for people to directly help each other. Projects may be on a small scale, such as helping neighbors with yard work through a neighborhood initiative; or on a larger scale, in which residents may participate in a community-wide public service project through a non-profit agency. The keywords for the city-wide effort are courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility, and service.

The commission will work with local non-profit groups, community groups, and religious institutions to find projects that offer a mix of opportunities that meet the varying interests of Shaker residents. These organizations will be present at a kick-off event hosted by the Human Relations Commission, at a time and place to be announced. Residents will be able to meet with the groups to make decisions about how they wish to become involved.

Some projects will be one-time, others ongoing. Participants will be able to chart their progress, anonymously if they prefer, in log books at the libraries and on the City's website, shakeronline.com.

The Human Relations Commission will report on the success of the community's efforts in January 2006, when it presents the 2006 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Human Relations. *Shaker Life* and shakeronline.com will carry updated information.



At Last — Locally Grown Produce Year 'Round

Watch for the opening of the popular North Union Farmers Market at Shaker Towne Centre on Chagrin Boulevard on Saturday, January 8.

The market, which operates outdoors in Shaker Square from mid-April through early December, will move indoors at Town Centre for 13 weeks, in the space formerly occupied by Ohio Savings Bank at 16800 Chagrin.

The North Union Farmers Market was founded in 1995 by Shaker resident Donita Anderson. It specializes in fresh, locally grown produce and the wares of Northeast Ohio artisans. In recent years the market has gained a national reputation for the exceptional quality of its organic fruit and vegetables. It was cited in *The New York Times* in 2004 as one of the best operated greenmarkets in the nation and for its support of small, regional farmers and growers.

It operates on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon.



Last years' MLK Award recipient Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell (left) with Mayor Judy Rawson.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars now for the third annual Walk As One - Rock As One celebration of diversity on May 14. Watch for more information in the March/April issue of *Shaker Life*.



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Ice Skating *Al Fresco*

Longtime Shaker residents remember when flooded corner lots became impromptu outdoor skating rinks. Weather permitting, the City plans to revive the vestpocket rinks this winter.

The Public Works Department has examined and upgraded valves used to open and close drains at three locations. When temperatures drop below freezing and are predicted to remain so for several days, the department will begin flooding the lots at the corners where Warrington meets Fernway; where Onaway meets Ashwood; and where Woodbury and Southington meet near S. Woodland.

Skating on the ponds will be permitted from dawn to dusk daily. Additional rules for use of the ponds will be posted. Skaters are advised to use common sense and courtesy regarding each other and residents of surrounding homes. There will be no official supervision, so skaters under 10 will need to be accompanied by an adult. In addition, hockey skaters are asked to yield the ice to recreational skaters by setting aside sticks and pucks. Signs will also advise that warming fires and stoves may not be used at the pond sites.

Landon Road Restricted Hours Change

For some 20 years, traffic entering Landon Road where it meets Shaker at Green has been restricted to prevent drivers from cutting through the residential neighborhood. That restriction is now being lifted on weekends when traffic flow no longer poses a safety concern. The restriction continues from 7 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays only.

E-Services Survey

Residents are encouraged to participate in a survey concerning the availability of online government services. To complete the survey, visit the City's website, shakeronline.com.

Shaker Shorts

- The American Red Cross Hero Awards were presented on November 12, 2004 to 17 extraordinary individuals, four of whom were from Shaker Heights: Community Life Director Pam Quinn, Shaker doctor Richard Schlenk, and Thornton Park lifeguards Michael Bass and Andrea Thoennes worked together to save a life on June 30, 2004. Quick thinking, CPR skills, and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) were used to revive resident Christopher Main, who lost consciousness while sitting alongside the pool in which he had just swum laps.

The American Red Cross Hero Awards recognize Northeast Ohioans who have shown extraordinary courage, compassion, character, or humanity and saved or improved the lives of other local residents

- Planner Jayme Lucas, of the Neighborhood Revitalization Department, was given a Champion of Sustainability Award from Entrepreneurs for Sustainability on November 16, 2004. Lucas, who won in the Other category, was one of eight winners, four of whom either work or live in Shaker Heights. Resident Scott Gordon of Rosby Resource Recovery won for the Building category (environmentally friendly outdoor and indoor, energy efficient building); resident Erika Welizcko of rePower Solutions won for the Energy category (renewable or energy efficient); and Jim LaRue of HouseMenders won for the Other category as well. Nominee stories are all online at www.e4sustainability.org/stories/stories.htm.



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- Shaker Heights Youth Center is the 2004 recipient of two Leadership and Program Services Awards by the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board (ADAS) of Cuyahoga County.

The Matthew Dunlap Prevention Service Award is presented to an agency that offers effective and innovative prevention services to County residents. The selection committee cited the high quality services that serve at-risk youth. Outstanding community partnerships also were cited, including those with the Shaker Heights City Schools, the City of Shaker Heights' Prevention Coalition and Police Department Juvenile Unit, the Shaker Heights Public Library, Open Doors for Youth, and the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

The second award, the Calvin Thomas Community Leadership Award, was presented to John Lisy, Executive Director of the Shaker Heights Youth Center.

- The Board of Directors of Shaker Family Center elected new members Dawn Cook, Emily Geier, Sandra Holmes, and Caroline Weingart to serve three-year terms. The 21-member Board also includes: Cynthia A. Taylor, M.D., President; David Weiss, President-Elect; Mark Klimek, Vice President; Ian Herron, Treasurer; Tom Feher, Secretary; Lynn Priemer, Historian; Janet Banks; Sandeep Bhatia; Steve Brunot; Chris Hunter; Barbara Luton; Patricia S. Mearns; Peter Nagusky; Deborah Paris; Paula Pascarella; Carol Paull; and Philip Woodcock.
- The Early Childhood Enrichment Center turned 30 in September 2004. The Center began providing day care for children ages 3-5 years old in Christ Episcopal Church in 1974. It moved to its current location in Shaker Family Center in 1985. The Center serves more than 100 children.

Reminders

- **CHILD CARE SEATS:** Is your child buckled up safely? The Fire Department offers free safety checks. Call 491-1200 for information or to make an appointment.
- **CONTRACTORS:** While the City cannot recommend contractors, lists of contractors registered with the City can be viewed at shakeronline.com. Lists are updated monthly.
- **LOST PETS:** If you have lost a pet, call the Public Works Department at 491-1490 (after hours or emergencies, 491-1499).
- **POWER OUTAGES:** Please call CEI, not City Hall: 888-544-4877.
- **SNOW POLICY:** Residents are asked not to park their cars in the street when snow reaches a depth of 2" or more. Please remember that residents are

The Hadlow & The Penbury...Bringing out the "Green" in Shaker Heights

Rysar Properties and the Cleveland Green Building Coalition have partnered to integrate green building strategies into the Penbury and Hadlow models.

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responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks fronting their property when snow is less than 6 inches deep; the City plows sidewalks only if the snowfall is deep and when scheduling allows. The City does not plow residential driveways; snow removal contractors must be registered with the Police Department and their permit clearly displayed. Do not push snow into the street, onto sidewalks, or displace it onto another person's property.

- **WOOD-BURNING STOVES AND FIRE-PLACES:** These should be cleaned and inspected regularly. Burn wood only and do not use accelerants to light a fire. Free wood is available to Shaker residents at the City's recycling outpost at 601 Columbus St. in Bedford Heights. To pick up wood, residents must first visit the Public Works Department at 15600 Chagrin Road to fill out a wood retrieval and usage waiver.

- **SMOKE DETECTORS:** All Shaker Heights residents are required to have a minimum of one smoke detector adjacent to the sleeping area in each dwelling unit and at least one smoke detector on each additional level, including the basement. Smoke detectors are provided free to low-income residents. The Fire Department will install smoke detectors for residents who require assistance.

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

- **DOMESTIC POWER TOOLS:** Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawn mower or other similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment, outdoors



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- **FIRE SAFETY:** The Fire Department offers free home safety inspections throughout the year. Using a "Home Fire Safety Checklist," two firefighters inspect dwellings from top to bottom. Among the hazards they look for are faulty or inadequate electrical wiring, improper storage of paints, thinners, and other combustible liquids, and unsafe heating and cooking areas. To make an appointment, call 491-1215 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.
- **GO-GREEN REBATE PROGRAM:** Homeowners are eligible for discounted energy audits (\$300). Depending upon results and budget, up to 25% of repair costs may be rebated. Find out more by calling 491-1370.
- **HEALTH SERVICES:** Blood pressure screening for City residents is available on Mondays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure clinics are held at the Health Department (3400 Lee Road), are free, and no appointment is necessary. Immunizations for children and adults and screenings for glucose and cholesterol are also available by appointment. For fees and information, call 491-1480 or visit the City website, shakeronline.com.
- **JOGGING:** Street joggers may not obstruct traffic and are required to wear reflective clothing at night.
- **SAFE CITY HOTLINE:** To anonymously report any suspicious activity, call 295-3434.

For more information on the City's
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Time to Winterize

It's not too late to implement solutions to reduce high gas bills. The City's Neighborhood Revitalization Department reminds residents that properly air-sealed and insulated homes can reduce heat consumption by up to 50 percent.

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REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between April 1 and May 31, 2004 appear below. The list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are "quit claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value. (Real Numbers information in the November/December 2004 issue was for the period December 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004.)

ADDRESS	2004 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
3574 Avalon Road	\$155,000	\$ 91,000 (1995)	\$ 7,500 (1926)
21888 Byron Road	\$253,000	\$195,400 (1999)	\$ 25,000 (1954)
22325 Calverton Road	\$379,750	\$368,500 (2002)	\$ 13,500 (1935)
19432 Chagrin Blvd	\$159,000	\$120,000 (2000)	N/A
21026 Colby Road	\$435,000	\$321,500 (1998)	\$ 33,500 (1949)
3370 Daleford Road	\$286,000	\$189,000 (1996)	\$ 26,000 (1957)
22175 Douglas Road	\$391,000	\$340,000 (2002)	\$ 16,000 (1942)
24037 Duffield Road	\$291,000	\$192,000 (1995)	\$ 33,000 (1954)
2869 Eaton Road	\$475,000	\$334,500 (1998)	\$ 15,000 (1924)
3299 Elsmere Road	\$254,000	\$141,500 (1996)	\$ 10,000 (1925)
22535 Fairmount Blvd	\$164,900	\$129,000 (1995)	\$ 6,000 (1938)
3335 Glencairn Road	\$291,500	\$271,500 (2002)	\$ 12,000 (1928)
3265 Grenway Road	\$255,000	\$219,000 (2002)	\$ 9,800 (1924)
3714 Gridley Road	\$212,500	\$184,900 (1999)	\$ 14,000 (1931)
20975 Halburton Road	\$154,000	\$152,875 (1998)	\$ 15,000 (1951)
23349 Hardwick Road	\$212,500	\$145,000 (1999)	\$ 25,000 (1951)
2554 Kendall Road	\$165,000	\$125,000 (2001)	\$ 3,500 (1917)
3306 Kenmore Road	\$292,000	\$197,000 (1997)	\$ 7,500 (1922)
3674 Lynnfield Road	\$168,500	\$159,500 (2001)	\$ 14,000 (1947)
19901 Malvern Road	\$492,000	\$394,900 (2000)	\$ 20,000 (1925)
17117 Scottsdale Blvd	\$158,000	\$120,000 (1998)	\$ 9,800 (1936)
17121 Scottsdale Blvd	\$173,000	\$162,000 (2001)	\$ 9,500 (1931)
20020 Scottsdale Blvd	\$157,100	\$130,000 (1997)	\$ 12,000 (1945)
19600 Shelburne Road	\$1,050,000	\$729,000 (2000)	\$ 35,000 (1927)
17929 Sherrington Road	\$200,000	\$169,900 (1999)	\$ 13,000 (1928)
3252 Somerset Drive	\$279,000	\$197,500 (1997)	N/A
3266 Somerset Drive	\$255,500	\$197,000 (1996)	\$ 25,000 (1954)
3698 Storer Road	\$154,500	\$126,200 (1999)	\$ 16,000 (1948)
3695 Strandhill Road	\$178,000	\$140,000 (1998)	\$ 9,500 (1938)
20775 Sydenham Road	\$290,000	\$249,000 (1999)	\$ 30,000 (1953)
3621 Tolland Road	\$193,500	\$157,200 (1998)	\$ 9,500 (1929)
22526 Westchester Road	\$255,000	\$200,000 (1994)	\$ 12,000 (1930)
18016 Winslow Road	\$210,000	\$151,000 (1998)	\$ 15,000 (1930)
18032 Winslow Road	\$169,910	\$120,100 (2000)	\$ 23,000 (1953)
2848 Woodbury Road	\$289,000	\$237,000 (1999)	\$ 10,000 (1919)
17575 S Woodland Road	\$280,000	\$237,500 (2001)	\$ 40,000 (1953)
21346 S Woodland Road	\$263,000	\$222,500 (2002)	\$ 30,000 (1955)

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Workshops Planned

During the coming year, the Neighborhood Revitalization Department is offering free workshops on subjects of interest to rental property owners, homeowners and prospective residents. Reminders will appear in future issues of *Shaker Life*. Sign up early to reserve your spot. All workshops are free and are held at the Shaker Community Building, 3450 Lee Road. Call 491-1370 for more details and to register.

TAKE THE GUESSWORK OUT OF TENANT SCREENING/CREDIT CHECKS (10 a.m.-noon, February 6)

For rental property owners who want to learn about the benefits of tenant screening and how to evaluate the various types of background information now available.

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HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR LANDSCAPING

(10 a.m.-noon, April 30)

Learn how to care for shrubs, trees, and perennials. Hands-on demonstration of pruning, weeding, and mulching to make landscaping look its best.

INTERIOR DESIGN (date and time to be determined, August 2005)

For rental property owners interested in learning how to make a property more marketable by updating its interior.

Learn from Expo Design Center experts how to utilize appropriate interior design techniques.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY (10 a.m.-noon, September 10)

Learn how air leakage, insulation, and heating systems have an impact on a home's energy efficiency and how improvements can be made to stop wasting heating and cooling dollars.

Also, watch for workshops offered by Neighborhood Housing Service. These classes are free five-day sessions that help prepare for homeownership, including one-on-one credit counseling. Call 491-1372 to register, or email mharris@nhs-cleveland.org.

March 7-12 (Mon.-Thurs. 6-8 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-noon)

June 13-18 (Mon.-Thurs. 6-8 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-noon)

November 14-19 (Mon.-Thurs. 6-8 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-noon)

Neighborhood Grant Program

Applications for the 2005 Neighborhood Grant program are now available at City Hall and at the Shaker Community Building, 3450 Lee Road, as well as on the City website, shakeronline.com.

Projects that address the goal of improving housing stock will receive priority in the award process.

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The 2004 Neighborhood Grant program awarded twelve grants to neighborhood groups whose projects met the goals of improving the housing stock of the community, or improving public places. The grants were awarded in April 2004; project work was completed during the summer and fall months.

Some projects were undertaken by established groups, such as the Boulevard, Mercer, Woodbury, and Middle School PTOs, all of which worked to improve exterior landscaping at each school.

Some groups worked together on mutually beneficial projects: the Sussex Community Association and Shaker Family Center jointly sponsored the installation of two picnic areas on the Center's grounds. The areas are used by Center children, as well as by neighborhood residents and families of children participating in sports programs at the Sussex fields.

A newly formed group, the Friends of Shaker Towne Centre, installed a community sign at the corner of Van Aken and Lee. The sign will display information about events held in the Shaker Towne Centre area.

The Hanna Perkins Center created a multi-use garden which was the site of workshops for neighborhood children to grow flowers and vegetables. It also serves the neighborhood as a place for relaxation and reflection.

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes received a grant to restore native plant gardens. The Thornton Park Community Association planted a garden at the western entrance to Thornton Park to complement the eastern garden planted in 2003. The Shaker Heights Community Church renovated its front entrance and flower beds, and Heights Christian Church, in cooperation with Heights Cooperative Nursery School, installed new landscaping and lighting along Winslow Road between Avalon and Daleford.

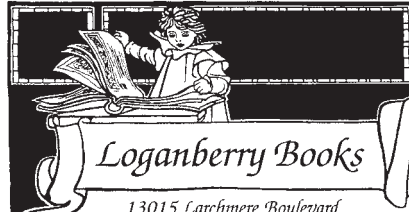


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How *To Stay* In Shaker



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BY LINDA TUTHILL

When Jean Napoli hosted a welcome-to-the-neighborhood party for newcomer Nancy Falkner several years ago, she never imagined their friendship would lead to a much-needed second floor addition to the Napoli's four-bedroom colonial home.

Falkner, an interior designer, and her husband, architect Louis Trostel, collaborated with builder David Fritsche to create a master bedroom, bath, and a laundry room. But Nancy served as much more than a consultant to her friend. The new space is emblematic of how Shaker neighbors help one another for the benefit of each other and the city itself.

Jean and her husband Charles, a software consultant, lived in Lyndhurst with their three children when they bought the Shaker house in 2000. They soon added two more kids to their flock.

"It's a great house, but we thought we had outgrown it," Jean says. So the Napolis began looking for a larger home in Shaker. They did not want to leave.

"We love the schools, community offerings, the sports programs, the sidewalks, the access to downtown," Jean says.

However, after months of fruitless searching, she decided to expand the hunt to other suburbs and newer housing developments. But the couple could not find the construction quality they wanted. Moreover, Shaker's basic amenities — trees, sidewalks, beautiful neighborhoods — just were not the same, or didn't exist at all, in newer developments.

Nancy Falkner had been keeping abreast of the Napoli's search. One day, she marched over to her friends' house and said, "Jean, you're crazy. I'm going to show you how you can stay."



The Napoli family is staying put. From left, Abby, Ellen, Jack, Bridget, Charles, Jean, and James.

Nancy Falkner



Do not go up the stairs

As an interior designer, Nancy needed to know how the new space would actually be lived in. The basic need was for an extra bathroom because of the kids and the large number of the Napoli's out-of-town relatives who come to visit.

There was one small obstacle, Nancy says: "Jean didn't want me to see her upstairs."

"I'm not much of a housekeeper," Jean says. "I open a closet and shove things in. You need a hard hat — you don't know what will fall out on you." Nancy went up the stairs

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anyway and looked at the walk-in attic, off the original master bedroom and above the garage. She envisioned the space as a master bedroom suite.

She drew up a preliminary sketch, which included a laundry room, something Jean hadn't considered. "The thought of having a laundry room upstairs was awesome," Jean says. It now ranks beyond merely awesome — a major godsend — because during the project she became pregnant with her fifth child, James.

Jean then interviewed builders, keeping resale value and aesthetics in mind. During their search for a new home, the Napolis noted that some houses had add-ons that were completely inconsistent with the house's original architectural style.

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One builder responded with a proposal for Jack-and-Jill bedrooms with a connecting bath. This plan would have created bedroom space for two children without changing the existing master bedroom. Another builder told her the addition couldn't be done within the budget. A third never called back after one visit to the home.

The fourth builder, David Fritsche, agreed with Nancy and her architect husband Lou's assessment that attic space over the garage could blossom into a master suite and laundry room.

"Plus, he came in with the most reasonable bid," Jean says.

The women already knew the man and his work. Nancy had worked with Fritsche at her own house. Jean had watched from her window as Fritsche Builders put a major addition on a

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house across the street. Both women were particularly impressed by Fritsche's reliability and follow-through.

"He does what he says he's going to do," Jean says. "The crew would arrive at 7 a.m. every day. David didn't leave the work site. He likes to take one project at a time."

Jean especially appreciated his thoughtfulness. In the early weeks of construction Jean reeled with morning sickness, so was doubly glad that she didn't see David for a couple of weeks. "He worked from the outside as long as he could. He would come in and out by a latch door on the second story."

Fritsche also did some minor projects downstairs. He installed recessed lighting and crown molding in the family room, and made a computer workstation out of an armoire. He built storage closets in the mud room and he created a dining alcove in the kitchen.

Nancy, ever-watchful, stepped in and prevented what she and Jean considered a glitch in Fritsche's idea for accessing the attic space above the new master bedroom closet — a trapdoor in the closet. Nancy protested, "Wait a minute. No one's going to climb up there! Wouldn't it be horrible to have service people climb through your clothes?"

Jean laughs. "Unless they do laundry."

The solution was pull-down attic stairs from Home Depot.

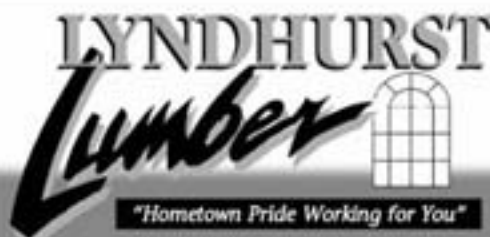


Function first, beauty second

Nancy's husband Lou designed the new space so skillfully that it isn't obvious where the old part of the house ends and the new begins. Part of the magic involves the roof line, which he set back to create architectural interest from the outside.

"Our addition isn't just a rectangle. The whole house looks better than it did before," Jean says.

Choosing paint, fixtures and furniture for the interior gave Nancy and



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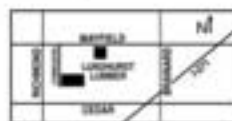
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Jean a chance to brainstorm ideas.

Always practical, Jean's priority was function first, beauty second.

"Jean has great taste," Nancy says. "It was easy to get on the same page with her. She's very specific." Jean, who has a business background, admits, "I'm not a visionary. I love art, I love color. But I have no talent. Nancy focused on color. She brought over fabrics. It only took a few meetings and then we were finished."

Having a master suite situated above the garage worried Jean at first, an anxiety allayed by Nancy and David. "They said to insulate the garage ceiling." The advice proved sensible. Built-in closets between the former master bedroom, now a girls' bedroom, and the new master suite also function as a sound barrier.

Furniture for the airy master bedroom came from Paysage, another of

Nancy's suggestions.

To help plan for the expansive master bath, Nancy used a picture in a magazine. "We have a Pottery Barn look — clean and functional," Jean comments. The Corian shower has no grout to clean. "I wish I had done that in my house," sighs Nancy. The double sinks also have Corian counters. Referring to the double sinks, Nancy jokes, "They each have their own sink, so they don't have to fight."

Nancy took care of other little details such as built-in cabinet doors opening a certain way and recommending Panasonic fans for the bath-

room because they're exceptionally quiet. Rino's Woodworking did the bathroom cabinetry. A padded seat next to the tub provides the luxury of a place to sit and lifts up to reveal storage space underneath.

"There's storage everywhere," says Jean happily. Plans originally called for a wall between the tub and sink area, but instead a half wall was installed, allowing natural light to flood the bathroom.

For the tile floor of the laundry room, Nancy suggested "go gray" on the grout, since it will quickly become gray anyway. Besides the standard washer, dryer, and laundry tub, the room has pegs around the wall for hanging wet swim suits or line-dry-only clothing.



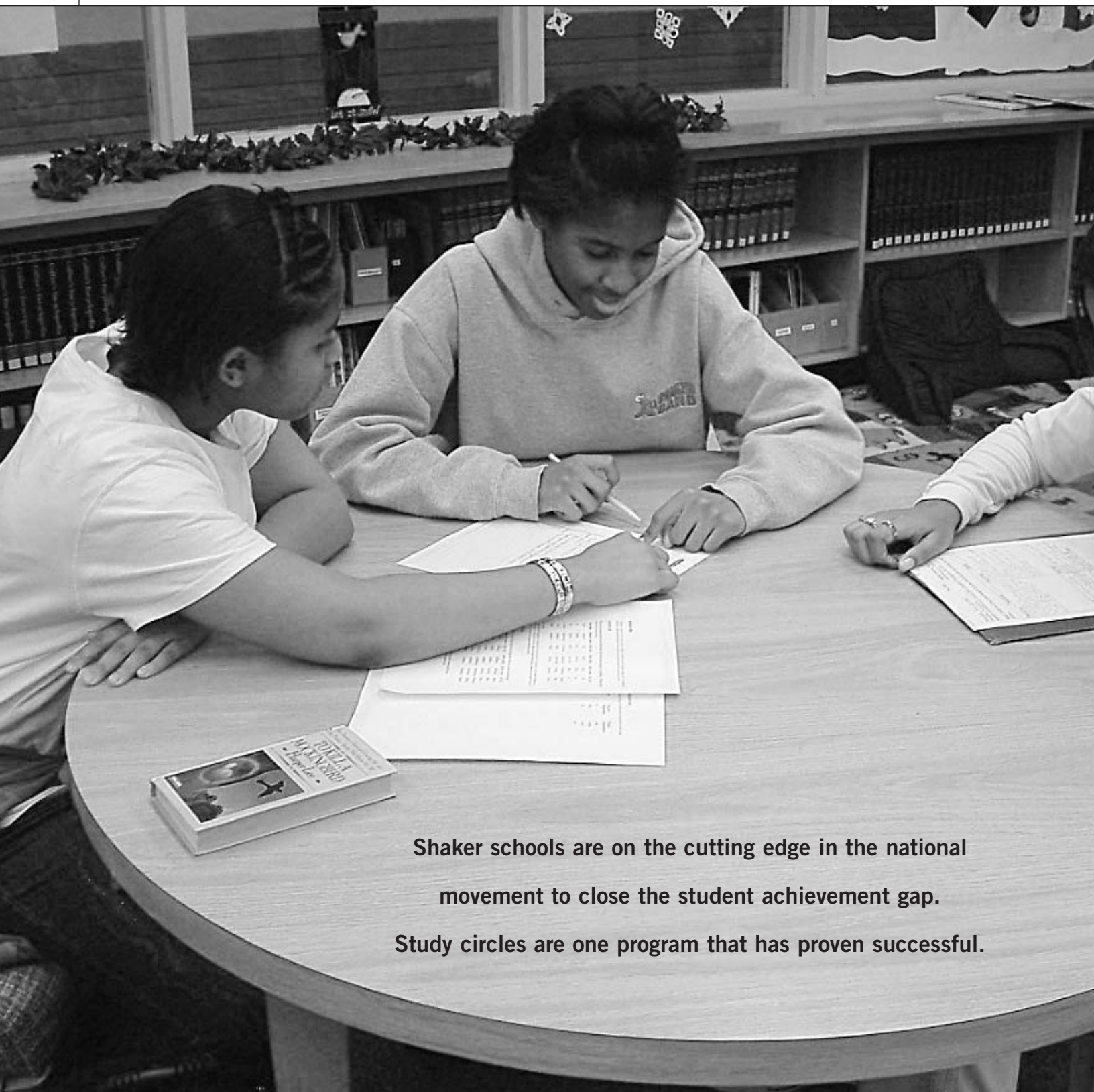
Reflecting on the coordination between Nancy, Lou, and David, Jean says, "They were such a great team. It was so nice to have it all work out. It was a perfect timeline from start to finish — six weeks."

Because seven family members, plus Alice Elizabeth, the dog, fill the house to capacity, the Napolis may decide to look for larger quarters in Shaker. But because of the new addition, they don't feel pressured.

"If we do find a house that meets our needs, we'll know that whoever buys this house will get a great house," Jean says. Looking at Nancy, neighbor, friend, and interior designer, she says, "Here Nancy, give me your hand. You can see we're still friends."



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Shaker schools are on the cutting edge in the national movement to close the student achievement gap. Study circles are one program that has proven successful.

Study Circle photos by Colleen McCreary



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BY SUSAN ILER

It's 7 p.m. on a school night, a time when most kids are winding down. But at Shaker Heights Middle School, some 40 dedicated students are just starting their second hour of study circle. Despite the occasional conversation not related to science or math, these students are kept on task, working through the day's homework or preparing for the next big test. All is orchestrated by a devoted group of Middle School teachers who guide these

Middle School Study Circle participants, from left, Ariana Smith-Bland, Lauren Holloway, and Maya Madison.

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Throughout the Shaker Heights City School District, similar circles are taking place – on almost every night of the week for students in grades 6-12. Students stay after school, or return to school, not for tutoring, but to learn to work with other students toward a common goal of achievement.

Study circles are one component of the District's overall effort to narrow the aggregate achievement gap between white and African-American students, and are supported by grants from The Cleveland Foundation and The George Gund Foundation.

Recently, the District was awarded a third two-year grant from The Cleveland Foundation and The Gund Foundation for all the District's efforts regarding the achievement gap, \$270,000 and \$80,000 respectively.

The achievement gap is a national educational concern that is defined by gaps in achievement between students from low-income families and higher-income families, and between non-Asian minority and majority populations.

These gaps are most noticeable in a school's standardized test scores and in student participation in advanced classes. Study circles provide a support system for students in advanced courses by building strong relationships between students. Anecdotal evidence suggests that study circles are playing a role in the retention of students in high-level courses and in improved classroom performance.

Additionally, study circles promote a can-do attitude, where kids who at one time didn't see themselves as achievers begin to develop the confidence to succeed at high levels.

"Study circles provide another support system for kids, another place to go," explains High School Social Studies teacher Terry Pollack. "There's no reason for a kid to drop out of an honors or advanced placement class. There is a support system for them, not just to build skills but to also build confidence."

After reading research on study circles conducted at the University of California-Berkeley, Pollack organized study circles at the High School. The



Emmanuel Gerald and Douglas Hairston



Jessyca Watson (foreground)
and Alexis Sims

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Helping kids to be more resourceful in study circles has made a marked difference in Kelly Anderson's science classes at the Middle School. "I've seen their whole thought process change."

research suggested that students who enrolled in advanced classes, and remained in those classes, tended to study in groups, while students who studied in isolation frequently dropped out of advanced courses.

Pollack's success at the High School sparked the District to expand the program — a natural complement to other programs that are designed to chip away at the aggregate achievement gap. Over six years, The Cleveland Foundation and The George Gund Foundation have provided Shaker with grants totaling \$996,560 to boost minority achievement and share effective practices with other school districts locally and nationally.

"These foundations have been committed to helping first-ring districts that are aggressive in pursuing the achievement gap issue," says James Paces, Executive Director of Curriculum for the Shaker schools. Since 2000, the District has used these grant funds to create and administer more than 20 programs and resources for teachers, parents, and students designed to bolster achievement for Shaker students.

The Tripod Project

In addition to study circles, the District has offered several teacher development programs on the issue. Over the past four years the District has been a part of the Tripod Project, a collaboration led by Harvard University professor Ronald Ferguson. Shaker is one of 20 school districts across the country working with Ferguson to identify the areas where students struggle, and to develop teaching methods that keep those students engaged.

Ferguson works throughout the year with teachers and administrators to tap into the roots of student underachievement and to create teaching strategies that lay the groundwork for classroom learning.

Photo by Kevin G. Reeves.



"Through our work with Ferguson, teachers begin to understand the unique learning behavior of kids who are struggling and their attitudes toward learning that we had not been able to explain before," says Yvonne Allen, an English teacher at Shaker Heights High School, who coordinates the District's involvement in the Tripod Project.

Woodbury Language Arts teacher Dianne Derrick is also a part of the Project's leadership team. As a Woodbury study circle teacher, she has seen the positive impact of the Tripod Project's approach to relationship building in her classroom and at the study circles. Derrick and three other Woodbury study circle teachers have placed building student-teacher and student-student relationships at the core of their study circle.

Woodbury study circles are open to sixth graders who have been recommended by their fifth grade homeroom teachers. These students have demonstrated commitment, academic potential, and the desire to achieve.

"For children who are already in advanced classes, we are nurturing their potential. For students who are not in those classes, we're saying that moving into advanced classes is an attainable goal and here's how you're going to get there," says Derrick.



Shaker High
School English
teacher Yvonne
Allen, who helps
coordinate
Project Tripod for
the District.

The first hour of the two-hour study circle is devoted to building camaraderie between students as teachers lead kids in relationship-building activities. The second hour is devoted to academics with students splitting into groups according to which subject they choose to study.

The relationship-building component of a Woodbury study circle can take many forms, from an algebraic card game to a recent challenge to build the largest tower from dry spaghetti. Teams of students were given a budget of \$2,000 to buy spaghetti (\$100 a strand), marshmallows, and masking tape. After 20 minutes of frenetic tower design and supply buying, students were given 15 minutes to construct the largest spaghetti tower with the requirement that the structure must support a ping-pong ball. The teams were rated on their ability to build the highest tower for the least amount of money while including all team members in the task.

The winning team built a tower with long strands of spaghetti taped together end to end, which was then pressed into a base of marshmallows. The ping-pong ball was placed on the marshmallows, not at the top of the tower. "We never said the ping-pong ball had to be at the top to win – they really read the directions," says Larry Miller, Woodbury Science teacher and member of the Woodbury study circle team.

Be all you can be

Shaker has offered differentiated levels of instruction in selected subjects for decades. Enrollment in upper-level courses is open to all. Students are encouraged to take the highest level of instruction matching their motivation, interest, and previous learning.

At Woodbury, fifth and sixth graders may remain in the regular classroom for all subjects or they may take enriched language arts, enriched mathematics, or both.

More choices become available as students progress through the system. Almost all secondary classes are designed to prepare students for higher education; hence, the "regular" level of instruction is known as College Preparatory. More difficult options are available for students who wish to take on the challenge.

At the Middle School, students may take English and science at the College Prep or Advanced level. In math, they may choose College Prep, Honors, and Advanced, with Advanced being the most difficult.

The High School offers College Prep and Honors courses in most departments. The term "Advanced" takes on a special meaning at the High School, where Advanced Placement (AP) classes are taught according to a curriculum prescribed by The College Board and culminate in a national examination. Although African-American students remain underrepresented in Honors and AP courses, their numbers are increasing, due largely to recruitment and retention efforts such as study circles.

The High School offers AP courses in 17 subject areas, and the number of students enrolling is on the rise. In May 2004, 363 Shaker sophomores, juniors, and seniors took 817 AP examinations, with 89 percent earning a three, four, or five on a five-point scale – a score generally sufficient to earn college credit.

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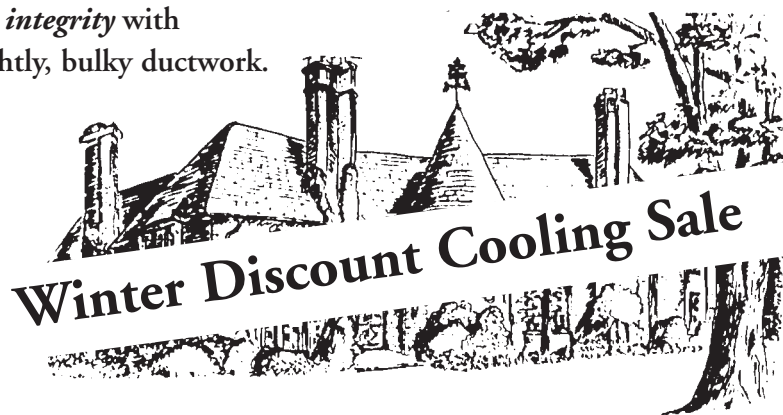
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Pollack believes building relationships this way will benefit the kids for years to come.

"These kids will go through school together and as they move through the grades hopefully they will seek each other out in their honors or advanced classes and work together," explains Pollack.

The unique needs of teenagers

Middle School study circles are also focused on building relationships among students and between students and teachers. But these study circles are tailored to meet the unique needs of teenagers.

"At this age, they would rather listen to their peers than to adults," says Middle School Science teacher Kelly Anderson, one of the four Middle School study circle teachers.

These teachers have turned the tables and been able to use this to their advantage. Instead of answering each question for students, teachers facilitate discussions between students in the hopes that they'll begin to work together to solve problems.

"Kids at the tables end up sharing tips on what to study, what worked for them, and how they did well with little help," says Anderson.

The Middle School study circle takes place only once a week, with all subjects covered in one night, in one room with four different teachers. Each week students sign into the 6 p.m. study circle and are assigned a table based on their team and grade level. Four teachers circulate throughout the room, facilitating student discussions on working out homework problems in science, math, language arts, and social science.

Helping kids to be more resourceful and instilling a belief they can achieve has made a marked difference in Anderson's classroom.

"I've seen their whole thought process change. Before they attended study circles they never participated in classroom discussions; now they add to the discussion," says Anderson.



Ronald Ferguson

While weekly attendance is required for study circle students at Woodbury and the Middle School, High School students are given a little more latitude. High School study circles occur throughout the week, with each study circle in math, science, language arts, and foreign language offered once during the week. A student could attend the history study circle one week and not return until sometime in the future when the need arises.

"I can't see how we can mandate commitment from high school kids at a time when we're trying to teach them to use their judgment. They need to make the call each week," says High School physics teacher Dave Klapholz, who runs the science study circle.

Each High School study circle includes all grade levels in each session, so the science study circle is attended by students from grades 9-12. To facilitate teamwork, Klapholz tries to group together students who have the same teacher or who are in the same grade level.

Klapholz offers students techniques in breaking down each problem into a smaller set of skills and eventually using those skills to help them navigate through a problem to its answer.

"I try to give them tricks for their toolbox, such as rephrasing the question, asking the person studying next to them

for help, or looking at the book or at their notes. Hopefully, I'll be number eight on their list of ways to get this done. Then they'll learn how to learn without me," says Klapholz.

The gauge of the success of study circles is student retention in honors and advanced classes. Klapholz has seen an increase in students continuing with honors classes over the years. "I remember seeing kids in class and study circles who were young and scared, who a few years later are now in my honors physics class. That's really cool," says Klapholz.

Terry Pollack has also seen an increase in students participating in honors and advanced classes and, more important, an increase in students staying with those classes.

"Learning is like teaching someone to climb a ladder. To get them to climb the ladder you have to at least get them started on the first rung — which would be confidence. These study circle teachers are doing a beautiful job at building that confidence."



SUSAN ILER IS A SHAKER HEIGHTS FREE-LANCE WRITER WHO LIVES IN THE ONAWAY AREA.

Shaker is one of 20 school districts across the country working with Ronald Ferguson of Harvard to identify the areas where students struggle, and to develop teaching methods that will keep those students engaged.

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The development of the Horseshoe Lake Park master plan is one of the many exciting projects underway in Shaker this year. The elements in the plan are built around citizens' suggestions, which were made at a public meeting on November 9 last year.

Improvements were suggested for the park's three areas: the historic area, which includes the beach and former wading pool; the play area; and the picnic area. Suggested improvements include a new boating terrace, a boardwalk, an ice rink, and a butterfly hedge. All the proposed amenities are on the map on the following pages.

The next step is to finalize the plan for presentation to the City Planning Commission and Council early this year. The City then will seek grant opportunities to fund the improvements.

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The Best Darn Police In Ohio, Period



The officer turnover rate at the Shaker Heights Police Department is virtually nonexistent while the resident satisfaction rate with the police is extraordinarily high. These reflect the department's connection to the values of the City the police serve and protect.

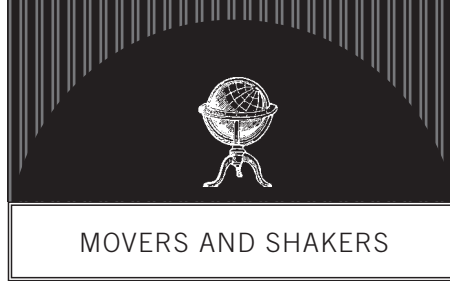


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Officers Chris Ricketti and Jody Srsen.

BY KIM PALMER

The schools, the neighborhoods, the architecture, the diversity, the beauty of the parks and tree-lined streets. Most Shaker Heights residents can quickly tick off the reasons they move to and stay in Shaker.

Public safety professionals come here to work for those same reasons – and others.

“We hire leaders, and we try to develop leaders,” says Chief of Police Walter A. Ugrinic. “But you don’t need bars on your collar to be a leader.”

Says Sgt. Mike Rowe, “If you talk to people in the law community, Shaker always comes up in the discussion. It’s well known that the Shaker police department rewards good performance, and that there are always training and

advancement opportunities.”

Rowe is one of more than 70 officers who make up the department, which by all accounts is one of the best funded and trained police departments in Ohio. In 2003, Shaker had 2.4 full-time law enforcement employees for every 1,000 residents. A resident satisfaction survey by Public Analysis Research in the mid-’90s said that of all the City’s services, “Public safety performance provides the highest level of satisfaction among Shaker residents.”

These are not mere statistics; they are a reflection of the values of the City that the Shaker police serve and protect.

And although a college education is not mandatory (but encouraged), con-

tinuous training and education are an integral part of the department’s philosophy. As Officer Jody Srsen, a 15-year veteran, says, “The department is aware of what the community needs and we are focused on providing those services.”

A Tried-And-True Hiring Process

Applicants to the department often number in the hundreds. They frequently come from other police departments. Thirty-year-old Chris Ricketti, one of the department’s newest additions, came to the SHPD from the Cleveland Police Department. Ricketti naturally wondered what it was about the SHPD that was so attractive to his law enforcement colleagues.

Sgt. Mike Rowe

Reflecting the make-up of the City, the vast majority of SHPD officers have college degrees; three of those are graduate degrees, and one of the detectives has a law degree.



Officer Parker Adrine Jr.



“But I also asked myself, Why didn’t anyone ever *leave*? That speaks volumes.” During the time that Chief Ugrinic has been in charge, some 20 years, the department has only had two officers leave for other employment opportunities.

But as Ricketti will attest, the desire to be part of the department is not enough. The department’s hiring process is longer and more intensive than Donald Trump’s.

“When you first go in to pick up an application, you get a five-question essay. That eliminates a large number of applicants right off the bat,” Ricketti says.

After that, applicants are tested; those with the highest scores are subjected to intensive background screening and a polygraph test. Then there are the infamous interviews – first with the oral review board, which includes

members of the community and the chief of police, then with a police panel, which includes at least one member of the Fraternal Order of Police, then with the mayor.

“Meeting with the mayor is unique to this department, as far as I know,” says Ricketti.

After that, there is yet another polygraph test, and finally, a physical exam.

“There is no magic formula for finding the right people,” Ricketti says, “but the process works. It’s tried-and-true.”

The “right people” are those who take pride in being professional. Reflecting the make-up of the City, the vast majority of SHPD officers have college degrees; three of those are graduate degrees, and one of the detectives has a law degree. Moreover, everyone in the top ranks of the administration has been through FBI training.

Sgt. John Boykin, at 47 a 17-year SHPD veteran, observes, “Law enforcement is in fact becoming more professional. If you conduct your business in a professional manner, you are less likely to encounter problems.”

Policing As A Business

That was demonstrated one evening this past fall when a young woman came into the reception area of the police department headquarters on Lee, upset that her boyfriend was pulled over in his car after coming out of her Shaker apartment early in the morning.

She believed he was pulled over only because he is black, and she wanted to file a complaint.

The sergeant on duty, Jaime Planinsek, patiently listened. The woman’s indignation slowly waned, in part because of Planinsek’s listening skills, in part because he explained – patiently – that there was an undercover unit staking out the apartment building because there had been some car break-ins nearby.

Planinsek spent a great deal of time explaining how the officers ran her boyfriend’s plate because he was leaving

the apartment building late at night, and when they learned he didn’t live there, they pulled him over.

After some 15 minutes of discussion, the young woman was not entirely satisfied with Planinsek’s answers, but clearly most of her anger was diffused. She left with a complaint form in hand – but not filled out.

Public relations success stories aside, Chief Ugrinic believes the proof that professionalism works is in the numbers:

Crime in Shaker is 60 percent lower than 40 years ago. The department since 1989 has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, in

“I hate it when I don’t get a thank-you after a traffic stop,” says officer Jody Srsen. “In 10 years, I think only four drivers have left without thanking me.”

Washington, D.C. – the first in north-east Ohio, and one of only a few now – which bases accreditation on best police practices.

“Chief Ugrinic is very progressive,” says Sgt. Boykin. “He is willing to listen to good ideas. In my other jobs, you never saw the chief – well, unless you did something wrong.”

The department uses a bottom-up suggestion process. When he was a young patrolman, Mike Rowe, now 40, suggested a change to three 12-hour shifts – a change that the department eventually adopted.

“Not a lot of departments give officers of no rank a say in the way the place is run,” Rowe says.

The SHPD is in many ways run like a business. There are strict guidelines regarding pay, benefits, and annual reviews, and it even brings in outside evaluators to help assess promotions.

Sgt. John Boykin





Chief Ugrinic

The SHPD is super-aggressive about investigations. The department's clearance rate is the highest in Cuyahoga County. The car theft rate dropped from more than 500 in 1975 to 40 in 2003.

In defiance of stereotypes, Shaker police officers sound uncannily like corporate executives when discussing their work.

"It was always a dream of mine to come back and work in the community where I grew up," says officer Parker Adrine Jr., 32, a 1990 Shaker High grad and a six-year veteran of the SHPD. "I remember living on Strathavon as a kid – those officers would drive by and many times stop to just talk to us."

It's testament to the values of the community that those who know it the best want to return – even more so when you consider what it can mean to keep a community safe. "Unfortunately," says Adrine, "I've had to arrest people that I went to school with – high school and even elementary school."

Treating Residents With Respect

There are many elements involved in keeping the community safe. "Different incidents dictate the type of training the department will offer," explains Sgt. Rowe. "The concern is that we are always prepared for whatever might happen. We don't just throw resources at problems. We think ahead and plan."

The average resident probably is not aware that their police department has available an expertly trained SWAT team, a hostage negotiations team, a juvenile force, and four K-9 units. Rowe, an 11-year SHPD veteran, is a member of one of those K-9 units.

Having a full K-9 presence for every shift is unusual for a city the size of Shaker Heights.

"Obviously we don't use the dogs every day," says Rowe. The animals are trained in narcotic and bomb searches, but more often than not they are used

as deterrents. Occasionally there are special needs; one of the dogs was dispatched to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport on 9/11 to help search a diverted aircraft.

But the department's best resource, in the end, is its human personnel and their relationship with the community.

"Citizens in Shaker like the police," says Rowe. "That doesn't happen by accident."

Jody Srsen, 47 (the department's fourth female officer when she came on in 1987), says that part of the training involves how to treat the members of a diverse, unique community.

"You have to be fair," Srsen says. "It's important to treat every resident with respect. I'm told all the time that we're a lot nicer than other police officers. I hate it when I don't get a thank-you after a traffic stop," she says. "In 10 years, I think only four drivers have left without thanking me."

But it can't be denied that a big part of a police force's good relationship with its community is simply being able to solve crimes. The SHPD is super-aggressive about investigations; the department's clearance rate is the highest in Cuyahoga County. The car theft rate dropped from more than 500 in 1975 to 40 in 2003.

"We try to solve the problem the first time," says Sgt. Boykin. "You always want to be more proactive than reactive."



KIM PALMER, A 1988 GRADUATE OF SHAKER HIGH, IS A CLEVELAND JOURNALIST.



Denise Keller: *The Amazing Ms. Wizard and her Girls Lab*

BY AMY GARVEY

So you've discovered a new galaxy. What are you going to do for an encore?

If you're Denise Keller, you turn your attention to science education —

particularly, to trying to understand how young girls learn about science. And (if you're Denise Keller) you see to it that some lucky Shaker Heights girls have fun while you're doing it. Keller is the founder of Girls Lab, an after-school program for girls between the ages of eight and 11.

"At that age girls still have a lot of confidence and are just beginning to build an identity," Keller says. "After that, when things tend to get more emotional, they're not as adventurous. I'd like to see them maintain that sense of adventure throughout their academic career."

Keller has been studying and teaching at Case Western Reserve University under a National Science Foundation Astronomy and Astrophysics Post Doctoral Fellowship since February 2000. She shares the discovery of Andromeda 8 with several colleagues, Dr. Heather Morrison and Paul Harding at the university, and George Jacoby at the WIYN observatory in Arizona. Andromeda 8, she explains, is so named because it's the eighth small galaxy discovered that is either orbiting or being absorbed by The Milky Way's huge neighbor, The Andromeda Galaxy.

"I'm interested in how galaxies form and evolve," she says. "That's why I tend to stick to our neighborhood. The Andromeda Galaxy is close enough that you can see individual stars. Anything farther away, you just see the light."

Despite the image of astronomers glued to giant telescopes night after night, Keller explains that they really spend only a few weeks a year at a telescope; they study photographs of the heavens the rest of the time. "Really, a lot of time is spent in front of a computer and analyzing data," she says.

Growing up in the Midwest, Keller didn't have a telescope in the back yard. "I was a girl, I had Barbies!" she jokes. But after majoring in physics and working with a woman who studied Gamma rays, she decided that astronomy was a glamorous way to apply her knowledge. Keller was doing graduate work at the University of Michigan



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when she first started working with Dr. Morrison at Case.

While teaching at Case, Keller became interested in how people learn science. “I see students struggling to get the big picture, and by the time they’ve reached college, it’s a little late to be doing that,” she says. “Of course, I was in graduate school when I found myself struggling to do the same thing. I had to teach myself to do the things that would allow me to visualize concepts. Students need to use visualization to understand the world around them.”

With an eye to someday having the research and the know-how to help improve United States science education at the primary and secondary school levels, Keller is also interested in increasing the number of females in the field.

“As a woman in science, I know the challenges women face even in their academic careers. To feel comfortable in science, you have to be willing to take intellectual risks and not be afraid of making mistakes. I think girls are predisposed to taking a safer route.”

Her first baby step toward those goals is Girls Lab.

Shooting corks from soda bottles

“It’s an unstructured, informal program. I rely on the girls themselves to set the agenda,” Keller says. By the fall, nine girls were enrolled, seven from Shaker and two from Cleveland Heights.

“At that young age, girls still have a lot of confidence and are just beginning to build an identity. After that, when things tend to get more emotional, they’re not as adventurous. I’d like to see them maintain that sense of adventure throughout their academic career.”

Not coincidentally, Keller’s oldest daughter, Amanda, is nine. Another daughter, Sydney, is five. Keller’s husband, Floyd, studied chemistry, and so, she admits, they’re a family of “science geeks.” She’s modeling her program after the sort of things she knows her daughters already enjoy, and will look to the other girls to see where other interests lie.

“We’ve done a lot of experimenting with circuits, using simple components like batteries and light bulbs. And we’ve



Keller with daughters Amanda (left) and Sydney

destroyed many small electrical appliances to see what’s inside.”

The unstructured nature of the program encourages the girls to experiment. “For example, they wanted to make volcanoes out of baking soda and vinegar; watching the volcanoes erupt, some of the girls wondered if we could use the same materials to launch something.”

“I encouraged them to think about how to use the gases generated by the chemical reaction for propulsion – which ultimately led to shooting corks from soda bottles.”

Who says boys have all the fun?

The girls also are making their own movie, from the ground up: writing the script, directing, acting, and filming. Keller believes that writing improves a child’s ability to visualize.

“And I’d like to use my colleagues and do some field trips in geology, say, or wherever the girls’ interests lead us. I want to keep it informal. I want them to learn through doing.”

Keller’s own household is testament to learning through doing. With five computers available, no one is ever shut out of computer time. Everyone plays a musical instrument. Recently the Kellers convinced Denise’s brother and his wife to move to Shaker Heights. Jason Hurley, a guitarist, is pursuing a musical career and the Kellers were convinced this arts-loving area would provide numerous opportunities for him.

“We had been living in Ann Arbor before we moved here and we really liked it,” Keller says. “We came here thinking it would be tough to beat Ann Arbor, and Shaker Heights did. We love Shaker Heights and we really love living here. The trick is going to be figuring out how to make a career as an astronomer work when you’re living in one place.”

If anyone can figure out something like that, it’s Denise Keller. After all, she knows how to visualize the big picture.

For information on Girls Lab, go to www.girlslab.org



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The Library Board of Trustees thanks Shaker voters for supporting Issue 117 on the November 2004 ballot, which will provide \$1.5 million dollars for capital improvements. The Library will begin indoor painting projects in January.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest Awards Ceremony

Hear the heartfelt *Expressions of Freedom* from the winners of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 14 at the Main Library. Shaker resident Cheryl Darden and a group of retired teachers read all the submissions and selected the winning entries.

Winners will be announced and will read their winning poetry and prose. The Library will publish every contributors' work on bookmarks that will be available at the libraries during Black History Month.

Here Comes the Bride

The Aniona Association and the Library invite families to a Traditional African Marriage Ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 12, at the Main Library. Join in the festivities of a traditional Nigerian wedding filled with colorful costumes, music, dancing, and drumming. Come as a guest, be seated to traditional music, and watch the bride make her entrance. No one is turned away at a Nigerian wedding, but the Library requires reservations for this one. Call 991-2030, beginning January 29.

The Reunion

The Library purchased the public performance rights to show the ABC primetime documentary *The Reunion* at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 17. Shown in conjunction with the City's Human Relations Commission, the film depicts the reunion of many of the students who were the first to integrate

Ludlow School. Former Shaker resident Paul Mason, whose family lived in Ludlow during integration, produced the documentary.

Watch the film and discuss it with some of the pioneers in Ludlow's integration. Reservations are requested by calling 991-2030.

A complementary display about Ludlow School compiled from items in the Local History Collection will be on display throughout the month of February.

Library Seeks Entries for 6th Annual Barbara Luton Art Contest

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

Reader of the Month

KAREN GILLOOLY

AGE: 39

LIVES IN: Sussex area

USES: Main Library

OCCUPATION: Self employed grant report and proposal writer

LIKES TO READ: Fiction, parenting and adoption books, history, true stories, suspense, and biography

All-time favorite book: *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

OTHER FAVORITES: *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John

Irving, *The Cat Who Tasted Cinnamon Toast* by Ann Spencer and *Black Baby White*

Hands: A View from the Crib by Jaiya John

DOESN'T READ: Futuristic science/fantasy fiction or "slasher" mysteries

OTHER INTERESTS: Weaving, providing foster care for newborns

INFLUENCES: Friends, family, NPR, and my book group

LIBRARY SERVICES: Books, videos, CDs, children's programming, and the playground. "I love the helpful staff, the number and variety of programs and events and, of course, the children's area and programs."

FAMILY: Husband, Bryan, Assistant to the Bishop for Peace and Justice at the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio; sons Christopher, 7 years (first grade at Lomond School) and Kevin, 2 years.

BRIEF BIO: A native of Rochester, Gillooly moved to Ohio to attend Wooster College and never left. She has a graduate degree in education from CSU and for the past 18 years has worked in Lorain, Medina, and Cuyahoga Counties in a variety of social service or nonprofit agencies. She serves on the board of Adoption Network and is a member of the United Way Basic Needs Investment Committee, Emergency Food and Shelter Board, and is a member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. She also volunteers with first grade publishing at Lomond School.



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Entries will be accepted from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, January 7 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, January 8. A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 for up to two pieces is required at the time of entry.

Past winners' works, including Gary Williams' pastel and fabric collage, *Tishauna 7.1*, Horace Reese's graphite drawing, *Ethiopian*, Terry Sciko's *The Fourth of October*, John Harmon's *Interspace*, and Johnine Byrne's *Lanterns* are part of the library's permanent art collection. The Barbara Luton Art Show awards include a purchase award not to exceed \$1,000 for the Best of Show; \$200 for First Place; \$100 for Second Place; \$50 for Third Place, and certificates for honorable mention. Awards will be presented at the Friends-sponsored gallery opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, January 23 and the exhibit will continue through March 6.

For more information about the art contest, please call the Library at 991-2030.

the Bookshelf

Business Books

Whale Done! The Power of Positive Relationships by Kenneth Blanchard (2002)

The author of *One Minute Manager* focuses on the motivating benefits of praise and recognition for positive outcomes in business and life.

Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done by Larry Bossidy (2002)

Learn the essential steps to manage people, strategy and operations to help you move your business beyond a vision to achieve excellent results.

First, Break All the Rules: What the World's Greatest Managers Do Differently by Marcus Buckingham (1999)

Based on information gleaned from 80,000 Gallup interviews of managers in 400 companies, this book outlines the keys to becoming an outstanding manager who produces outstanding results.

Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap . . . and Others Don't by **Jim Collins (2001)**

The author studied Fortune 500 companies to identify the best performers and the strategies they used to get from good to great.

The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference by **Malcolm Gladwell (2002)**

This book looks at the power of one and suggests that one person with a good idea can make a difference in setting trends and forcing change.

Who Moved My Cheese? An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life by **Spencer Johnson (1998)**

This is a little story about change and how to deal with it in order to come out on top.

The Five Dysfunctions of a Team: A Leadership Fable by **Patrick Lencioni (2002)**

A story of what not to do, this book also offers leaders workable steps to remedy problems and nurture effective teams.

The War for Talent by **Ed Michaels (2001)**

The author examines the roadmap for instituting a "talent mindset" and for making a commitment to attract and retain top performers.

Re-Imagine: Business Excellence in a Disruptive Age by **Tom Peters (2003)**

The author of *In Search of Excellence* addresses the new business climate and calls for new ways of thinking.

Love is the Killer App: How to Win Business and Influence Friends by **Tim Sanders (2003)**

A Yahoo! executive recommends strategies for success through accumulating knowledge and sharing it.

The Wisdom of Crowds: Why the Many are Smarter than the Few and How Collective Wisdom Shapes Business, Economies, Societies and Nations by **James Surowiecki (2004)**

New Yorker's business columnist cites the advantages of collective thinking and problem solving.



TEEN SCENE

TEEN CONTEST: THE PEACEMAKERS

January 10 – January 31

Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by entering the Library's *Peacemakers Contest*.

Visit Main Library or Woods Branch and fill out a contest form to enter to win a \$10 coupon to CiCi's for *Peace-Za!*

T.A.B. TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS IN THE TEEN CENTER

7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, January 12 and February 2

EXPRESSIONS AT WOODS BRANCH

Woods Branch Community Room is open for teens ages 12-16 to play games, socialize, and enjoy craft activities.

3-4:15 p.m. Thursdays, January 20 and February 17

CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY! MAKE AN OLD-FASHIONED VALENTINE FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL!

Come to the Teen Center at Main and make an old-fashioned Valentine. Create a work of art with paper, doilies, stickers, metallic markers, and more. It's just as much fun now as it was in elementary school!

3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 7 – Wednesday, February 9

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Library Seeks Candidates for Board of Trustees

Shaker Heights Board of Education seeks candidates for appointment to the Shaker Heights Public Library Board of Trustees. The appointment is for a seven-year term of office to fill the term of Brenda A. Tufts, which expires March 31. The new board member would begin duties April 1, 2005.

Shaker Library is a school district public library serving the same geographic area as the schools, but is a separate political entity with an autonomous Board. The Board of Trustees is the governing body for the Library and establishes policies and approves the expenditure of funds.

Current members of the Library board are Emma Benning, David Bergholz, Mimi Karon, Ken McGovern, Edward Parsons, and Thomas Schorgl.

The Library board usually meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of the months of September through June at

the Main Library, 16500 Van Aken.

Shaker School District residents interested in being considered for an appointment to the Library Board can pick up an application at either Shaker Library and the Board of Education Administration building or they can address their request to: Library Trustee Search, Shaker Heights Board of Education, 15600 Parkland Drive, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120. Completed applications must be returned to the Board of Education by February 4, 2005.

Preschool Fair to Be Held at Main Library

Shaker Library and Shaker Family Center are co-sponsoring a Preschool Fair from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, January 20 at the Main Library. The evening is planned as a resource information night for parents seeking preschool or daycare for their children.

Representatives from area early childhood programs will share information about their individual programs and parents will have the opportunity to meet directors and staff members and explore the wide variety of options for their children. For more information, please call Martha Bays at Shaker Heights Public Library: 991-2030.

It's 7:30 p.m. Do You Know What Your Teen Is Reading?

Is your teen fantasy reader running out of titles? Want a list of the recent award winners in teen literature? Find out about the best new teen books in all genres. Discover new authors and titles from librarians Mary Oluonye and Audrey Leventhal 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 26 in the Main Library Teen Center.

Children's associate Mary is known to young readers for her *Book Bugs* and *Reading Buddies* programs at Main Library, where she instills a love of



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reading and writing in children in grades K – 3. Audrey Leventhal is the Library's Teen Librarian responsible for collection development and program planning for teens.

Parents will meet in the Main Library Teen Center, where they can take a brief tour of the Center and see the resources available for their teens. Reservations are requested by calling 991-2030.

Library Seeks Memorabilia

Don't throw away those old class photos, newspaper clippings, or videos. Bring them to the Library to be catalogued and shared. The library welcomes Shaker Heights memorabilia for the Local History Collection, including scrapbooks, school awards, letters, photographs, elementary and middle school yearbooks, directories, and other similar material.

In addition to memorabilia, the library wants to fill the gaps in its school yearbook collections. Missing volumes

include Shaker Heights High School Gristmill yearbooks from 1926 (called *The Greenback*), 1928, 1931 (called *The Shaker Silhouette*), 1932, 1933, 1934, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1953, 1995, and 1996. The library also seeks a copy of the 1960 Gristmill yearbook with the 45-rpm record still intact. The Library's collections of yearbooks from Hathaway Brown, Laurel, St. Dominic and University Schools are also incomplete.

The Local History Collection has a growing collection of books written by authors who grew up in Shaker Heights or who now make Shaker their permanent home. Some of the books by local authors are also available in the Library's circulating collection and can be borrowed; others do not circulate but remain on display in the Moreland Room.

For more information about the collection and how to donate your items, please speak with Local History Librarian Meghan Hays by calling: 367-

3016, or email her at mhays@shakerlibrary.org

Library Offers Knit Nights at Woods Branch Library

Residents who enjoy knitting and crocheting can drop in and stitch on selected Tuesday evenings at Bertram Woods Branch Library. Stuck on a project or need some hands-on help with a specific stitch? Come to the Library and get help. Experienced knitters and novices are welcome to share tips and techniques with each other. Liz Tekus, owner of Fine Points on Larchmere Boulevard, will bring some samples of the latest new yarns and will talk informally about knitting trends and material.

Knit Nights are held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays January 12, 26, February 9 and 23. For more information, call 991-2421.

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Library Celebrates Black History Month with Blues Program

Celebrate Black History Month at the Main Library when Dr. J LanYe presents a lecture performance about *The Blues and the Different Types of Blues* at 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 23.

Dr. J LanYe is a lyric mezzo-soprano, pianist/organist, conductor, and composer/arranger. A performing scholar, she is widely recognized for her expertise in the field of black music. A graduate of Pacific Western University, New England Conservatory of Music and the Cleveland Institute of Music, LanYe has two Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in voice; one from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, where she was the first African American to earn the DMA.

LanYe began dazzling audiences at the tender age of two and began formal lessons when she was four years of age. She conducted youth orchestras and choirs at the age of 15 and sang professionally at the age of 16. She received voice fellowships to the Aspen Music Festival, the Tanglewood-Berkshire Music Festival, the Lake George Opera Company and the American Institute of Musical Studies in Austria.

LanYe has been a full-time faculty or staff member at Central State University, Karamu Theatre of Cleveland, Coe College, Knoxville College, Berea College, Youngstown State and John Carroll Universities. Currently an adjunct faculty member at Tri-C East, Dr. LanYe is the conductor of the Shaker Symphony Orchestra, a frequent lecture-performer at colleges, schools, museums and libraries, and an active church musician.

Library Begins Grant-Funded Book Discussion January 13

Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature:

Identity and Imagination is a new reading and discussion program that explores Jewish traditions and culture through literature. The reading and discussion series is led by local scholars, Judith Oster and Eric Bram, and organized

around themes designed to engage and stimulate audiences. While the works selected for discussion are part of Jewish literature, each book speaks to the universality of the father-daughter relationship across all cultures.



Judith Oster

Judith Oster is an English Professor at Case Western Reserve University. She holds a Ph.D. in English from CWRU where she currently teaches cross-cultural literatures, including Jewish/American literature. She is the author of *Crossing Cultures: Creating Identity in Chinese and Jewish American Literature* and many articles for scholarly publications.



Eric Bram

Eric Bram is the Rabbi of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami, a reform congregation. He holds a B.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a major in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and an M.A. in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

The series begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 13 with a discussion of the book *Tevye the Dairyman and The Railroad Stories* by Sholem Aleichem. This collection of short stories set in 19th century Russia, which was the inspiration for the play *Fiddler on the Roof*, transcends time and crosses cultures in depicting the challenges of the father-daughter relationship. At 7 p.m. Thursday, February 10 residents will discuss *Bread Givers*, Anzia Yezierska's story of a girl who runs away from her Orthodox Jewish home and her rabbi father to follow her dreams and to make her own choices.

Kids' Corner

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10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Mondays at Main Library
1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. Thursdays at Woods Branch
No registration is required; however, groups are asked to make special arrangements.

PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY

A preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years
10 a.m. – noon Tuesday and Thursday
6 – 8 p.m. Thursdays

PLAY AND LEARN BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

A special baby room filled with literacy-based activities just for babies from birth to 18 months and their parents or caregivers.
10 a.m. – noon Tuesday and Thursday
6 – 7:30 p.m. Thursdays

NEW! MAKE A DATE WITH YOUR CHILD AT THE PLAY AND LEARN STATION *

This preschool literacy program offers interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years. In addition, a take-home literacy activity will be offered for parent and child to do together.

**This weekly evening activity is funded by a grant from the Target Stores.*
6 – 8 p.m. Tuesdays

Play and Learn programs are a partnership with Shaker Family Center. No registration is required for Play and Learn programs.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories for children ages 3 and up with or without an adult.
7:15 p.m. Mondays, January 24 and February 21
Ages 3 and up with or without an adult.
Registration begins 2 weeks before each session.

GUNG HAY FAT CHOY! LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT WOODS BRANCH

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with special guests Mary D'Souza and Minako Wrenn. Enjoy a treasury of Chinese holiday folktales and learn to make an origami rooster in celebration of the Year of the Rooster. A special program for children in grades K – 4.
4:15 p.m. January 27
Registration begins January 13.

MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT WEEK AT WOODS BRANCH

February 7-12: Create a Special Valentine

MEET ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND HIS WIFE MARY TODD LINCOLN AT MAIN LIBRARY

Children in grades K – 4 can go back in time to meet Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, who will talk about his life and pose for pictures.
2 p.m. Sunday, February 20
Registration begins February 6.

MOTHER DAUGHTER BOOK GROUP AT WOODS BRANCH

A book discussion group for girls in grades 4-6 and their mothers.
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The American Library Association launched *Let's Talk About It* as a national program in 1982. The Library is pleased to receive funding from ALA and Nextbook and is proud to participate in a nationwide series that aims to expand audiences for Jewish literature.

Library Launches "Rocket Boys" Series

The Library invites residents to join in the 4th annual North Coast Neighbors Share A Book promotion. This year's selection is *Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam, an endearing coming-of-age story about a boy and his dream of becoming a rocket scientist. More than 25 libraries will participate in this expansive reading program that begins this February. Watch for details about upcoming programs, film showings, and book discussions.

Computer Classes at Main Library

The Library offers a variety of computer classes at the Main Library. Basic classes include: Mouse Classes, offered at 2 p.m. January 11 and February 8; Introduction to the Internet Classes, offered at 10 a.m. on January 4, 8, 18 and February 1, 5, and 15; Basic Word Processing Classes, offered at 10 a.m. January 25, 29, February 22 and 26 and Web E-mail Classes offered at 10 a.m. January 15 and February 12.

More sophisticated classes include Working with Windows at 6:30 p.m. January 10 and 3 p.m. February 24. Introduction to Microsoft Access at 3 p.m. January 20 and 6:30 p.m. February 21; Introduction to PowerPoint at 3 p.m. January 27; How to Build a Web Page at 6:30 p.m. January 31 and 3 p.m. February 10. Graphics and Animation in PowerPoint is offered at 3 p.m. February 3. Introduction to Excel is offered at 6:30 p.m. February 7. Introduction to PowerPoint is offered at 6:30 p.m. February 14 and Charts and Tables in



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In addition to these classes, residents can learn about Internet scams at 7 p.m. January 24 at the Library's Internet with the Experts series: *Scams and Spams!* Learn about Internet scams and spams and how to avoid them.

Registration for the free classes is on a first-sign, first-serve basis at the Information Desk and begins the Monday of the week before the class. For more information, call Training Specialist Walter Lesch at 991-2030 extension 3156.

Library Continues Business 101 Series and Begins a Business Book Discussion

The Library continues its Business 101 Series at 7 p.m. Wednesdays January 19 and February 16 at the Main Library with programs by Anthony "Tony" Coletto, founder of Advanced Business Strategies LLC.

Founded in 1994 and headquartered in Chagrin Falls, Advanced Business Strategies LLC has a proven track record with both family-owned and privately held companies. Coletto has helped clients in areas such as plan development and the execution of effective strategic business plans, succession planning, mergers and acquisitions, financial analyses, and internal corporate reorganizations. He has accumulated an impressive portfolio of clients, including manufacturers, distributors, and service companies and has helped clients realize their goals for profit and market growth.

Coletto has more than 35 years' experience in senior executive positions, is active in many professional associations, serves on company boards, and is Chairman of the Lorain County Branch for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), a program sponsored by the Small Business Administration.

Shaker librarian Ed Rossman will lead a Business Book Discussion every other month beginning Tuesday, February 15 at 7 p.m. with the book *Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap . . . and Others Don't* by Jim

Collins. Residents can register and pick up books at the Main Library Fiction Desk.

There is no fee for the programs; however, reservations are requested by calling 991-2030.

Book Discussions at the Library

Residents have many opportunities to read and discuss books this winter. Clip this handy coupon and circle the book discussions or book talk to attend.

AT MAIN LIBRARY

2 p.m. Saturday January 8: *Love Medicine* by Louise Erdrich

10 a.m. Tuesday, January 11: *Out of the Deep I Cry* by Julia Spencer-Fleming

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 11: *Deception* by Denise Mina

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 25: *The Devil In The White City* by Erik Larson

10 a.m. Tuesday, February 8: *Lady Moses* by Lucinda Roy

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 8: *The Dragon Man* by Garry Disher

2 p.m. Saturday, February 12: *Dance Hall of the Dead* by Tony Hillerman

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 22: *Pere Goriot* by Honore de Balzac

AT WOODS BRANCH

3 p.m. Thursday, January 13: Recent & Recommended Book Talk

3 p.m. Thursday, February 10: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

EndNotes

- Poetry Not in the Woods, a performance poetry series underwritten through a generous grant from the Ohio Arts Council, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, January 25 and February 22 at the Main Library. January's poets are Bree, Eric Anderson and Martin Kohn. Visit the library for a complete list of 2005 poets and their performance dates.
- *The Alphabetical Beasts of Lawrence Hohman* will be on display at Main Library through January 16. Meet the Artist at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 9. Hohman is a retired graphic artist who is the author of three children's ABC books. Hohman's framed and unframed prints are available for sale as well as his books.
- Movies at Main Library include a showing of *De-Lovely* at 6:30 p.m. January 6; *About A Boy* at 1 p.m. Friday January 7; *Anchorman* at 6:30 p.m. January 27; *Catwoman* at 6:30 p.m. February 3; and *Twisted* at 1 p.m. February 4. All movies are free and are shown in Community Room E.
- The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Main Library, 2 – 7 p.m. Monday, January 24.
- The Library will close when the snowfall, wind chill factor and road conditions make travel hazardous. During blizzard conditions when travel advisories are in effect, please be sure to call ahead (991-2030) to make sure the Library is open. Be assured that no fines will be charged for material returned a day late due to the Library closing.





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Events for January

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4 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch, noon - 1 P.M., NATURE CENTER, 2600 S. PARK BLVD. Watch *Oil on Ice*, a one-hour film with footage of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge that dramatizes the pitched battle over U.S. energy policy. INFO: 321-5935.

5 Orchestra Concert, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH, 15911 ALDERSYDE DRIVE.

6 Movie @ Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch *De-Lovely*, a musical biopic about the legendary composer Cole Porter. (Rated PG 13) INFO: 991-2030.

7 First Friday Flick, 1 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch Hugh Grant starring in *About A Boy*, based on Nick Hornby's best-selling novel about a cynic and the boy who teaches him to grow up. FREE.

7 Art Competition Drop Off, 12:30 - 5 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Artists age 18 and up interested in entering the 6th annual juried art competition can drop off up to two pieces of artwork. **Saturday, Jan. 8 hours: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** INFO: 991-2030.

8, 15, 22 & 29 Mixed Media Art Class, 11 A.M. - NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. 4-week art class for children ages 6 - 8. \$15 class fee + \$5 supply fee per child per session. REGISTRATION & INFO: 921-2023.

8, 15, 22 & 29 Nature Walks, 3:30 p.m., Nature Center. Meet at the front door for a one-hour naturalist-led trek through the trails with family and friends. INFO: 321-5935.

8 Book Discussion, 2 p.m., Main Library. Read and discuss *Love Medicine*, Louise Erdrich's novel of love and survival. INFO: 991-2030.

9 Meet the Illustrator, 2 - 4 p.m., Main Library. Meet Lawrence Hohman, illustrator of three alphabetical books for children. The former graphic arts designer is now retired and has published three children's books, which will be available for sale. Framed and unframed prints available for sale. INFO: 991-2030.

10 Low Vision Support Group, 11 A.M. - 12:15 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Get help in dealing with vision loss. TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE BY CALLING 491-1348.

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11 Book Discussion, 10 A.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss Julia Spencer-Fleming's mystery, *Out of the Deep I Cry*. INFO: 991-2030.

**Jan. 11, 18, 25 and
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The Wonders Of Science, 4:30 – 5:30 P.M., SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. A 6-week science class for children ages 4 and 5. \$65 class fee + \$10 supply fee per child. REGISTRATION & INFO: 921-2023.

11 Whodunnit?, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss Denise Mina's mystery *Deception*. INFO: 991-2030.

10 T3 Improv, 8 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Students perform.

11 Concert Band/Concert Winds, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. High School students perform.

12 Red Hat Society, 12:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Bring a brown bag lunch to this organizational meeting of red-hatted, purple-dressed women in their 50s. Who will be queen? Coffee and desserts available. INFO: 491-1360.

12 Knit Night, 7 – 9 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Bring your knitting projects and knit with others. Get and give help. INFO: 991-2421.

13 Podiatry Care, 9 A.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. Drop by for simple foot care. First come, first served. INFO: 491-1360.

13 Recent & Recommended, 3 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Searching for a good book? Get help at this informal book talk by a librarian who will suggest some new titles, new authors and some you may have overlooked. INFO: 991-2421.

13 Nature Center Photo Club, 6 – 8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. All adults welcome. Meet in the Meeting Room of the Nature Center. INFO: CRYSTAL BIRNS, 321-5935 X 237 OR E-MAIL:

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13 A Mind of Her Own: Fathers & Daughters in a Changing World, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Tevye the Dairyman and the Railroad Stories* by Sholem Aleichem with Rabbi Eric Bram and Professor Judith Oster. This series is presented by Nextbook and the American Library Association. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 991-2030.

14 Post Holiday Support Group, 10:30 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Cristine Laraway, MSSA, LSW leads a Friday morning support group for those with the holiday blues. Through Feb. 12. INFO: 491-1351.

14 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest Awards Ceremony, 4:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Meet the young winners of the library's 7th annual contest and hear their *Expressions of Freedom*. INFO: 991-2030.

14, 15 & 16 Killer Bee Tournament, THORNTON PARK, 20701 FARNSLEIGH RD. Don't get stung! Get the best o' the festa. Watch some killer hockey then bee back for an Ice Festival!

15 Ice Festival, 7:30 A.M. - 6 P.M. THORNTON PARK. Begin an ice day with a warm pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m. (\$6/adults; \$4/kids ages 5 - 12, and \$1/kids under 5) Watch the antics on ice and off, including ice building blocks, Flower Clown, Sparkles the Clown. Warm up with a lunch of chili and bratwurst served from noon to 6 p.m. INFO: 491-1295.

16 Coming to Cleveland: Development of the Ethnic Communities of the City, 3 P.M., SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 16740 S. PARK BLVD. Cuyahoga Community College Professor David Bernatowicz speaks about Cleveland ethnicity. \$2/members; \$3/non-members. INFO: 921-1201.

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Coletto, member of the Senior Core of
Retired Executives, who will talk about
growing your business. FREE.
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19 World's Fair, 7 P.M., ST. DOMINIC

SCHOOL, 3455 NORWOOD ROAD. Travel
vicariously with students and view a display
of the countries of the world, enjoy music
and sample foods. INFO: 561-4400.

20 The World's Loneliest Island,

9:30 A.M., NATURE CENTER. Friends of
the Nature Center present naturalist and
former director of Morley Library **John
Gardner**, who will present a slide show of
his experiences in Tristan and Buenos Aires
daCunha. Free. INFO: 321-5935.

20 Health Roundtable, 11:30 A.M.,

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LEE RD.** City Nurse Sandi Hurley leads
discussions on a variety of health topics and
offers her nursing expertise. Snacks provid-
ed. INFO: 491-1360.

20 Preschool Fair, 6:30 - 8 P.M.,

MAIN LIBRARY. Shaker Family Center and
Shaker Library offer parents a one-stop
opportunity to meet directors of local
preschools and daycare operations. FREE.
INFO: 991-2030.

21 AARP SHAKER CHAPTER MEETING,

**1:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY
BUILDING, 3450 Lee Rd.** Anyone 50+ is
invited. INFO: ROOSEVELT JORDAN,
752-7695.

23 Barbara Luton Art Gallery
Opening & Awards, 2 - 4 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Meet the artists and see the work juried into the 6th Annual Art Show. Awards ceremony begins at 2:15 p.m. INFO: 991-2030.

24 Low Vision Support Group, 11 A.M. - 12:15 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Get help coping with vision loss. TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE BY CALLING 491-1348.

24 Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2 - 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Give the gift of life.

24 INTERNET WITH THE EXPERTS: SCAMS AND SPAMS, 7 p.m., Main Library. Swindled in cyberspace? Library experts will teach you how to protect yourself from scams and how to avoid unsolicited e-mail ads. Free but registration is required. INFO: 991-2030.

24: Pajama Stories, 7:15 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Beddy book time for

children ages 3 and up with or without mom or dad. INFO: 991-2421.

25 Grandparent-Grandchild Class, 2:30 - 4 P.M., NATURE CENTER. *Everything old is new again* when you take your grandchild to the Nature Center. Enjoy the seasons, take a hike and join in special activities planned for the two of you! Suggested ages: 3½ to 5 years old. Fee per pair: Members \$6, Non-members \$8. ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED, 321-5935.

25 Nature Reads, 6 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. *Anthropological prose.* Join nature and book lovers for a discussion of *The Immense Journey* by Loren Eiseley. Bring along a brown bag supper if you wish. Free and open to the public. INFO: LESLIE KREBS AT 321-5935 X 226.

25 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *The Devil in the White City*, Erik Larson's spell-



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Mondays & Wednesdays: Patricia S. Mearns Family Playroom, 9:30 A.M. - NOON AND 4 - 6 P.M. FRIDAYS, 4 - 6 P.M. SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Indoor fun for families with children from birth to three years of age. Other Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 4-6 p.m.; BABY TALK (Birth to 18 months) Thursday 10:30 a.m.-Noon; TODDLER TALK (18 to 36 months) Thursday 4-6 p.m. FEES & INFO: 921-2023.

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: Play and Learn Station and Play and Learn Babies, 10 A.M. - NOON, MAIN LIBRARY SECOND FLOOR. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children from birth to 5 years co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Shaker Family Center. Evening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m. INFO: 991-2030 OR 921-2023.

Saturdays Open Gym, 10 A.M., SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Indoor gym activities for parents and children ages birth to 5 years. Saturdays November 2004 through April 2005. Discount passes available. Gym passes available. FEES & INFO: 921-2030.

Saturdays: North Union Farmers Market, Eat fresh and local!

Sundays: Recovery, Inc, 2 P.M., SOMERSET POINT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, 3550 NORTHFIELD RD. Self-help group to help those experiencing panics, depression, and anger learn to manage symptoms. INFO: NATALIE SILVERBERG, 595-9276 OR WWW.RECOVERY-INC.ORG

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25 Immortal Paw Prints, 7 - 8:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Dog gone? Get help for your passed pet. INFO: 407-4037 OR TINA@IMMORTALPAW-PRINTS.

25 Poetry Not in the Woods, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Enjoy performance poetry by Bree, Eric Anderson, and Martin Kohn at this program supported by the Ohio Arts Council. INFO: 991-2030.

26 Knit Night, 7 - 9 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Bring your knitting projects and knit with others. Get and give help. INFO: 991-2421.

26 Do You Know What Your Teen Is Reading?, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER. *Can you read your teen?* Tour the Teen Center and find out about the best new teen books in all genres. Discover new authors and titles from the experts. INFO: 991-2030.

27 Movie @ Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch Will Ferrell in the zany comedy *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*. (Rated PG-13) INFO: 991-2030.

29 A Run for the Roses, ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, 3455 NORWOOD RD. A Kentucky-Derby-style night at the races complete with a martini bar! Dress up for the evening and enjoy a night of food, races, auctions, and dancing. Win a trip to the Kentucky Derby! Horses are \$100 each. Tickets are \$35/person and are available by calling St. Dominic School: 561-4400 or St. Dominic Rectory: 991-1444.

1 Environmental Town Hall
Brown Bag Lunch, NOON - 1 P.M., NATURE CENTER NASA engineer Mark Hobrecht presents *A House of Straw*. See the many architectural possibilities that straw-bale buildings provide and learn about their construction. *The Three Little Pigs could have used this info!* INFO: 321-5935.

Events for February

1 **Shaker Family Center Night at Luchita's On The Square, 13112**

SHAKER SQUARE, 5 - 10 P.M. A portion of the evening's proceeds benefits Shaker Family Center. *Now that's fill-anthropy!* INFO: 921-2023.

3 Movie at Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Ohio's own Halle Berry stars in *Catwoman*. (Rated PG-13). INFO: 991-2030.

4 First Friday Flick, 1 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch the mystery thriller *Twisted* starring Ashley Judd and Samuel L. Jackson. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

5 Laurel School Admission Saturday, 9 A.M. - NOON, LAUREL SCHOOL. Informal tour and info about Laurel. INFO: 464-1441.

5, 12, 19 & 26 Nature Walk, 3:30 - 4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Take your family for a one-hour walk in the wild with a naturalist! INFO: 321-5935.

6 - 12 Duck Pond Sale, NATURE CENTER. Gift shop items for sale at discounted prices. INFO: 321-5935.

6: The Classics and All That Jazz, 1 P.M., PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Free concert features jazz pianist, Linda Nager Brandt from Santa Barbara, California. INFO: JIM RIGGS, 921-3510.

6 Open House, 1 - 3 P.M., ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, 3455 NORWOOD RD. Visit the school, meet the principal and the teachers, and learn more about the school. INFO: 561-4400.

8 Book Discussion, 10 A.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Lady Moses*, Lucinda Roy's compelling story of a woman who must forge her own identity. INFO: 991-2030.

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8 Whodunnit? 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *The Dragon Man*, Garry Disher's mystery about a serial killer. INFO: 991-2030.

9 Knit Night, 7 - 9 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Bring your knitting projects and knit with others. Get and give help. INFO: 991-2421.

10 Book Discussion, 3 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Read and discuss *Kindred*, Octavia Butler's thrilling time travel novel. INFO: 991-2421.

10 Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Nature Center. *Shutterbugs welcome!* Meet in the Meeting room of the Nature Center. INFO: CRYSTAL BIRNS, 321-5935 X 237 OR E-MAIL: BIRNS@SHAKERLAKES.ORG

10 A Mind of Her Own: Fathers & Daughters in a Changing World, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Bread Givers* by Anzia Yezierska with Rabbi Eric Bram and Professor Judith Oster. This series is presented by Nextbook and the American Library Association. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 991-2030.



Knit Night

11, 18 & 25 Lenten Fish Fries, 6 P.M., ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, 3455 NORWOOD RD. Eat in or carry out. St. Dominic School now has an elevator for folks to get to the cafeteria more easily. INFO: 561-4400.

12 A Traditional African Marriage, 2 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Join in the festivities of a traditional Nigerian wedding filled with colorful costumes, music, dancing, and drumming. CALL 216-991-2030, BEGINNING JANUARY 29.

12 Book Discussion, 2 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss Tony Hillerman's suspenseful novel *Dance Hall of the Dead*. INFO: 991-2030.

13 Shaker Square Past and Present: An Overview, 3 P.M., SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Historic preservationist Ted Sande speaks about the Square. \$2/members; \$3/nonmembers. INFO: 921-1201.



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14 Low Vision Support Group, 11 A.M. – 12:15 P.M., **SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING**. Get help in dealing with vision loss. TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE BY CALLING 491-1348.

15 Business Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., **MAIN LIBRARY**. Shaker Library means business! Read and discuss *Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap . . . and Others Don't* by Jim Collins. The author studied fortune 500 companies to identify the best performers. Discuss the book and *your* business experiences. INFO: 991-2030.

16 Business 101 with SCORE, 7:30 P.M., **MAIN LIBRARY**. Tony Coletto, member of the Senior Core of Retired Executives, discusses business plans and legal issues for businesses. FREE. INFO: 991-2030.

17 Podiatry Care, 9 A.M., **COMMUNITY BUILDING**. Simple foot care for the 50+ set. INFO: 491-1360.

17 Health Roundtable, 11:30 A.M., **SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING**. City Nurse Sandi Hurley leads discussions on a variety of health topics and offers her nursing expertise. Snacks provided. INFO: 491-1360.

Ongoing Senior Activities at the Community Building

Wednesdays: Coffee, Cookies & Conversation, 10 – 11 A.M., **COMMUNITY BUILDING**. Hear a speaker, enjoy entertainment, and socialize. INFO: 491-1360.

Thursdays: Open Bridge, 1 – 4 P.M., **SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING**. Shuffle over to the Community Building to see what's in the cards for you. Refreshments provided. \$1/session.

17 Youth Arts Fest 2005, 6:30 – 8 P.M., **SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING**. Shaker School Age Care Program presents *Art and Cultures of the Globe*. Enjoy entertainment and arts and crafts projects by the school age care participants. FREE. INFO: KEVIN CROWE, 491-2595.

17 The Reunion, 6:30 P.M., **MAIN LIBRARY**. Watch the ABC primetime documentary about the integration of Ludlow School and discuss it with others. INFO: 991-2030.

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Thru Jan. 16: *Traditions to Treasure*, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Displays of the ethnic traditions of holiday celebrations. INFO: 921-1201.

Thru Jan. 16: *The Alphabetical Beasts of Lawrence Hohman*, MAIN LIBRARY. Colorful creatures to charm children and adults. INFO: 991-2030.

Jan. 23: 6th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition, MAIN LIBRARY. Art juried into the 6th Annual competition on display through March 6. INFO: 991-2030.

18 AARP Shaker Chapter Meeting, 1:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Fifty is nifty with this group of older activists who meet every third Friday. INFO: ROOSEVELT JORDAN, 752-7695.

18 – 21 Presidents' Weekend. Public schools closed.

19 Bird Seed Sale Pickup, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M., NATURE CENTER. A little birdie told me about this tweet seed sale! CALL: PAUL ANDERSON AT 321-5935 X 222 FOR MORE DETAILS.

20 Meet Abe Lincoln, 2 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Travel back in time and meet Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary Todd Lincoln at the Main Library. INFO: 991-2030.

21 Pajama Stories, 7:15 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. *Read it and sleep!* Bedtime stories for children ages 3 and up. INFO: 991-2421.

22 Nature Reads, 6 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Bring a brown bag supper and join fellow nature and book lovers at a monthly book club meeting. FREE. INFO: LESLIE KREBS AT 321-5935 X 226.

22 Poetry Not in the Woods, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Poets read original poetry. Program is supported by the Ohio Arts Council. INFO: 991-2030.

22 Immortal Paw Prints, 7 – 8:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Can't forget your pet? Join the pet bereavement group. INFO: 407-4037 OR TINA@IMMORTALPAW-PRINTS.



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22 Mother-Daughter Book Group, 7:30 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Girls in grades 4 – 6 and their mothers are invited to read and discuss *Tale of Despereaux*, Kate DiCamillo's story of a little mouse with big dreams. INFO: 991-2421.

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22 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Pere Goriot*, Honore de Balzac's story of a father's obsessive love for his daughters. INFO: 991-2030.

23 Knit Night, 7 – 9 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Bring your knitting projects and knit with others. Get and give help. INFO: 991-2421.

23 Band Contest Preview Concert, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. High school students sound off.

23 History of the Blues & The Different Types of Blues, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Tri-C East Music Prof Dr.

(DMA) J LanYe will give a lecture performance in celebration of Black History Month. INFO: 991-2030.

25 Friends' Annual Fireside Dinner, 6:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Special Guest: Foster Brown. RSVP & INFO: 321-5935 X 226.

26 Tenant Screening/Credit Checks, 10 A.M. – NOON, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. *Take the risk out of renting!* This program is for landlords who want to learn about tenant screening, how to evaluate the variety of background information now available, and the benefits of using a professional tenant-screening agency. FREE. INFO: NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION DEPARTMENT, 491-1370.

28 Low Vision Support Group, 11 A.M. – 12:15 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Get tips for coping with vision loss. Transportation available by calling 491-1348.

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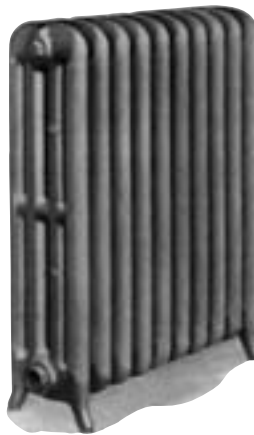
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**Thru Jan. 23: 43rd Annual Art and
the Animal Exhibition, Cleveland
Museum of Natural History, 1 WADE
OVAL.** Juried show sponsored by the Society
of Animal Artists features wildlife art from
around the world. INFO: 231-4600.

**Jan. 15: Chicago Mass Choir, 7
p.m., ST. JOHN CATHEDRAL, E. 9TH ST.
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Schoolwork: Back in the dark ages, homework meant flashcards, repeated trips to the library, and sitting at the kitchen table with a pencil in one hand and Volume Aa-Ak of the 258-volume Encyclopedia Really expensive ittanica in the other. Watching his children fax homework assignments back and forth to their friends and complete entire research projects online drives him almost mad.

"You guys don't know how good you've got it," he says one night after his daughter finds everything she needs to know about Einstein and the Theory of Relativity in 4.9 minutes on the Internet. "When I was your age, I had to ride my bike to the library to do research. Two hours minimum, maybe three. Sometimes in the rain." His face darkens. "Or snow."

"Ooh," says Ms. Shaker Man, giving a fake shiver as if she's seen a ghost. "Snow."

"You didn't have a computer?" says Eight.

"We didn't have *calculators*," says Shaker Man. "My first computer was programmed with—" He pauses for dramatic effect—"Punchcards."

"What's a punch card?"

"It doesn't matter. The point is, it was harder than it is now—"

"And Men were Men," says Ms. Shaker Man. "With capital M's."

Adds Eight: "Did you have to punch the computer?"

"Laugh if you want, but we didn't have all this fancy equipment—"

"Dad," his daughter interrupts.

"Faxes, computers—"

"Dad!"

"What?"

"Don't take this the wrong way," Twelve smiles, "but you're starting to sound like a broken record."

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Gettin' Out of The Groove

BY JOHN BRANDT

One of the challenges of being upwardly mobile in Shaker Heights is remaining competitive technologically—within your own family. To wit:

Entertainment: First among the technological disputes between Old (i.e., Over 40) and Young are those having to do with music and fun, best illustrated by the following exchange.

Shaker Man to his 12-year-old daughter, upon hearing the same complaint about the unfairness of life in general and room-cleaning in particular for the 414th time: “You sound like a broken record.”

Twelve: “What?”

Shaker Man: “You keep saying the same thing over and over again. Like you’re stuck in the same groove on a broken record album—”

Twelve: “I’m in a groove?”

“It was a kind of recording technology—”

“On a photo album?”

A half-hour and a field trip to the basement later, Shaker Man has finally succeeded (sort of) in relaying the concept of Edison’s original recording device to a generation accustomed to CDs and DVDs, by using as show-and-tell his embarrassing 1970s album collections ranging from John Denver (*Look at his hair!*) to Kansas (*Look at all their hair!*) to Lynyrd Skynyrd (*Oh my God! Look at all that hair!*).

“Did you ever wear your hair like that, Daddy?”

“Well, it was the style then—”

“Gross!”

Worse for Shaker Man than the

music and bad hair memories, however, are the baffling ways in which his children now entertain themselves via electronic games on the computer, on hand-held devices, and on expensive, always-going-out-date systems with 347 wires and controllers that look like navigation systems for flying saucers. The games themselves—each of which costs \$27.95 and remains fun for approximate 27.95 minutes—feature loud noises, cartoon violence, inscrutable rules, and annoying, brightly-colored characters who can’t be seen by middle-aged men wearing bifocals. This occasions great mirth on the part of Shaker Man’s eight-year-old son, who is positively gleeful that no matter what game the two play, his father cannot score a single point.

“I hate this,” says Shaker Man. “Are all these games this violent?”

“Dad,” Eight says, laughing, “You’re just mad because you’re really bad. Didn’t you play any games when you were a kid?”

“We played lots of stuff. Cops and Robbers, Cowboys and Indians.... Don’t you ever play Cops and Robbers or Cowboys and Indians?”

“You and Mom won’t buy me any guns.”

Pause.

“Well, we also played King of the Hill, Red Rover—”

“Aren’t those games kind of like fighting?”

Pause.

“So, how do you work this thing again?”

Communications: When Shaker Man was a lad, phones had wires, rotary

dials and were answered whenever they rung, especially if the call might be from out-of-state (“Honey,” some excited father would announce, “They’re calling *long-distance*...”). Now, however, everyone has five phone numbers and nobody ever answers any of them, even if their ultra-portable phone is ringing right next to them. This isn’t true of Shaker Man, of course, if only for the fact that the advent of wireless technology has meant that he now spends as much time looking for his phone(s) as he used to spend looking for car keys. Especially troublesome is the new SILENT feature on his mobile phone. Polite as it may be at a movie theater, this function is significantly less helpful the next morning as Shaker Man roams the house, desperately calling himself repeatedly from the house line as he listens for the annoying chirp of his wireless phone.

Offers his wife: “Maybe I could clip it to your sleeve?”

Then again, even with phone in hand, Shaker Man is still overmatched by modern communications technology. Take CALLER ID: One night after he picks up the phone, he ostentatiously presses the ID button, then announces: “It’s that blabbermouth across the way again.”

His wife snatches the phone from him, pressing the MUTE button just as ostentatiously, and says: “It’s generally considered a good idea *not* to answer the phone until you’re done insulting the person on the other end.”

“Oh.”

MUTE off.

“Why, hello, Mildred...”

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