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## Anne Shank Hilton Election Day is November

### I understand.....

- .....The perspective of a large segment of Oakwood, as a professional woman, parent, home-maker, and long-time resident
- .....Issues of importance to senior residents, through my close relationship with my Oakwood parents and their friends
- .....That the strength of neighborhoods lies in the involvement and efforts of residents and community groups

### I believe.....

- .....That open communication and consideration of multiple points of view lead to the most effective solutions
- .....That strict maintenance and enforcement are critical to retaining property values and maintaining a high standard of safety and community pride
- .....That the city is functioning well but that we must always be alert to change, and make adjustments when the circumstances require

### I will.....

- .....Be accessible and approachable to ensure I have a chance to understand your views
- .....Make informed suggestions and decisions to protect your interests
- .....Offer fresh, new ideas to City Council

### Occupation:

- Attorney - Employed at LexisNexis
- Currently in the Risk Management division after serving in consultative and managerial capacities for legal products for more than 20 years.

### Professional and Community Activities:

- City of Oakwood Budget Review Committee (since 2001)
- Dayton Mediation Center - Conflict Management Facilitator (2000 - 2004)
- Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers' Project - volunteer lawyer, former board member (1999 - 2009), and Treasurer
- Member of Dayton and Ohio State Bar Associations
- Virginia Hollinger Memorial Tennis Club - former board member (1995 - 1998) and secretary; Wilson Charitable Trust for Junior Tennis, trustee (1997 - present)
- Oakwood Youth Sports Program - Assistant Coach (2008)

### Education:

- Oakwood City Schools (Harman, Jr & Sr. High); Graduate of Oakwood High School
- Northwestern University, BA
- Ohio State University, JD



## Letters to the Editor

### Wright Library reflects our community

As the governing board for *Friends of Wright Library*, we ask you to support the 0.5 mill library levy on Nov. 3. Our organization supports the library because we want our community to have access to good books, AV Materials, information resources, and all that a modern community library has to offer. Wright Library has been nationally recognized as one of "America's Star Libraries," and we think we know why.

The services our library provides reflect Oakwood's belief in community involvement. We want an educational center that is open to citizens of every age, every day of the week. We want a place where we can read or study in the company of others, where we have access to current, unlimited information, and where trained professionals are there to help us find answers to our questions.

There are a lot of citizens working behind the scenes to shape the character of the library. Its *Board of Trustees* governs the Library.

Seven appointed volunteers set library policies, and oversee the library's budget and long range planning. There is a *Foundation Board* of volunteers who raise money to supplement public funds and support the library's long-term goals. A citizens' *Advisory Council* meets twice a year to review library finances and business practices. It acts similarly to the business review committees that serve the City and School District. *Friends of Wright Library*, the library's newest entity, exists to promote library awareness and usage. These different groups work separately, yet collectively, to ensure that Wright Library reflects the needs and wants of people in Oakwood. How the library spends funds and how it accommodates modern technology, and media acquisition, originates from its citizens. It's a public entity that acts in a very public way. We can't afford to lose the services Wright Library provides to our community. State funding has been slashed and passage of this levy is the only

alternative we have to maintain current hours of operation and keep the library's resources available.

Last week the *Dayton Daily News* endorsed library levies throughout the Miami Valley. They did so in recognition that libraries receive most of their funding from the state's Public Library Fund (80 percent in 2008) and increased local support is the only viable alternative libraries have to make up for the loss of Public Library Funding.

We're Friends of Wright Library because we know this institution is an invaluable cultural and educational asset to our community and worthy of our support.

**Friends of Wright Library:**  
**Healy Jackson, President**  
**Maureen Anderson, Vice President**  
**Rachel DeGuire, Treasurer**  
**Jill Davis, Secretary**  
**Members-at-Large: Susie Elliott, Barbara Erbe and David Oda**

### To the residents of Oakwood

The September 28, 2009 edition of this paper Richard Roediger, age 7, wrote about his view of the Wright Memorial Public Library. He said "I think the library is a very important part of our community. If our library was no longer here, I'd be pretty sad." The members of the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation agree with Richard and are inviting all the residents of Oakwood to join us in supporting the Library Board of Trustees' request for a 0.5 mill levy. This levy is expected to cost the owner of a \$100,000

property less than \$20 a year. The services offered by our Library contribute to the high quality of life we enjoy in Oakwood. From story time, to reading clubs, to internet access the WMPL offers something for everyone. It is an educational tool, a source of leisure reading, an alternative to video stores, a connector to the Internet, a place for the community to meet, a way to encourage reading and lifelong learning, and a resource for research. In the past the State has funded as much as 80 percent of the

Library's budget, a much higher rate than our neighboring towns received. We can no longer rely on the State to fund our local library at that level. It is time for us to remember its value to the community and support it with this levy. It is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

**Lu Ann Stanley, Joan Milligan, Julie Halpern, Matthew Lindsay, Kathy Webb**

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