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Dear Fellow Phi Beta Kappa Member:

We have an exciting year ahead of us! For the first time, the Cleveland Association of Phi Beta Kappa and The City Club of Cleveland are teaming up to present a City Club Forum on Monday, **May 8, 2006**. The speaker will be National Teacher of the Year, Jason Kamras — a devoted and innovative Washington, D.C. middle school math teacher with an outstanding record of success with his students. Please mark your calendars.

Mark your calendars again for our Second Annual fundraising event at Kalliope Stage — a **May 18th** presentation of the musical *110 in the Shade*. We hope you can come.

Your continued support of our great cause, in heart and in deed, is appreciated and needed as always. As I write this, we are again busy planning next year's Annual Scholastic Awards Banquet, and are working hard to foster the Association's long-term prosperity. Here are brief highlights about what we have been doing:

The 2006 Scholastic Awards Banquet

The 2006 Banquet will be held on Sunday, **May 7, 2006**. More specific information will be e-mailed to members in early 2006. The speaker will be Jason Kamras, who has agreed to do double-duty on his trip to Cleveland.

At each year's Banquet, the Cleveland Association of Phi Beta Kappa honors outstanding seniors from about 120 Northeast Ohio high schools with a Phi Beta Kappa Award. Schools select one graduating senior from the top ten percent of the class who demonstrates qualities of academic honesty, inquiry into scholarship matters beyond assignments and requirements, a creative involvement in scholarship, and a great interest in things of the mind. Emphasis is placed on students who contribute to the "intellectual environment" of their community. Extracurricular activities are taken into account as well. Winners and their families, teachers, and counselors are invited to join us at the Banquet.

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Last Year's Banquet

Last year's Banquet at Landerhaven featured our very own Trustee Sam Miller, who gave a memorable and inspirational address to the Award winners and their guests. We also awarded two scholarships:

- A \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for four years, to Lucia Pizzo from Lakewood High School. Lucia is now attending Kenyon College, plans to be a writer, and hopes to be "well read." (The three previous winners, from Euclid High School, St. Ignatius, and Cleveland Heights High School, are now attending Case Western Reserve University, the University of Notre Dame, and Pomona College, respectively.)
- A \$500 PBK 1-year scholarship, funded by the Jones Day Foundation, to Xiaoxi Feng from Solon High School. Xiaoxi wrote an impressive essay on the gift of a liberal arts education. We again wish her well at Duke University. (The previous winners of this scholarship, from Gilmour Academy and Avon Lake High School, headed to Princeton and Boston University.)

Finally, please visit our new web site at www.pbkcleveland.org. And thank you in advance for your 2005-2006 membership dues and contributions. A response form is enclosed.

Very truly yours,



John L. Sinatra, Jr.

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The *Cleveland Association* has no paid employees but, rather, depends on the time and effort contributed by its Trustees. The Association's costs consist largely of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in obtaining membership contributions and in funding the annual banquet.

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