

# **Spotlight on Greenhills**

## ***History in the Making***

November 1, Breakfast @ 8 a.m. - West Gym

### **Welcome**

Lynn Wooten  
Annual Campaign Co-Chair  
Trustee  
Parent, Classes of '13 and '19

### **Alumni Speakers**

Rajiva (Raj) Tirtha '76 and his son, Alec Tirtha, Class of '12

Jonathan Zimmerman '83 and his daughter Zoe, Class of '16

### **Faculty Speaker**

Tammy Schreiner, History Department Chair

### **Special Video**

Directed and produced by  
current parent Jeffrey Post

### **In Summary**

Jeffrey Post  
Annual Fund Co-Chair  
Parent, Classes of '12 and '18

### **How You Can Help Make History**

Peter Fayroian  
Head of School

## Biographical Sketches

### **Rajiva (Raj) Tirtha, D.D.S. '76**

Raj moved to the United States from India at the age of 9, in 1967. He enrolled as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Greenhills in 1972 and joined the ranks of our earliest alums in June 1976. Four years later and almost a decade before Greenhills added a 6th grade, his sister Abha Tirtha '86 became a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Greenhills. Raj is a graduate of the University of Michigan Dental School where - as a student - he published two articles on dental materials in private practice. A member of several chemistry and engineering honorary societies, Raj currently owns his own dental practice and serves as an adjunct clinical lecturer at the UM School of Dentistry. He has been married for 22 years and has two children, an older daughter, Priya, and Alec, a member of the Greenhills Class of 2012.

### **Alec Tirtha '12**

Greenhills has been for me, more than just a school. Greenhills has given me opportunities I never dreamed of having. I have taken interesting classes such as Latin and American art and architecture. I've had the freedom to compete in multiple sports. Whether tennis or lacrosse in middle school or golf in high school, I had a great time participating. Through Greenhills I've traveled outside of my community, going to Peru with the Friedlanders to explore the flora, fauna and the native culture; Italy to further explore my interest in the language of Latin; and New Orleans for Greenhills' alternative spring break. Community service has always been important, and I am always willing to lend a hand wherever needed. Greenhills has shaped me as an individual, and as a senior I take pride in saying that this is where I go to school.

### **Jonathan Zimmerman '83, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.P.**

Jonathan Zimmerman earned a B.S. in Physics from the University of Michigan in 1988, then an M.B.A. from Carnegie Mellon's Tepper School of Business in 1990. After working for several years at Ford Motor Company in the Car Product Development Division, he returned to the University of Michigan in 1994 for medical school and internal medicine residency training. Currently, Jonathan is the director of the internal medicine residency program at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center (an affiliated teaching hospital of Wayne State University's School of Medicine (WSU)). He is also clinical assistant faculty at WSU School of Medicine and internal medicine chair of Oakwood's physician practice division. In his role as program director, he teaches medical students, physicians-in-training and fellow physicians. He has developed novel residency curricula, evaluation processes and faculty development programs emphasizing contemporary adult learning principles and analysis of videotaped teaching sessions. His teachers are his wife, Perri, and children Zack (age 10) and Zoe, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Greenhills.

### **Zoe Zimmerman, '16**

Zoe came to Greenhills this school year via King Elementary and Clague Middle Schools. Zoe is a competitive gymnast, plays the piano, and, in her free time, cooks and bakes for her friends and family. Zoe enjoys the personal and personalized education at Greenhills; she is thrilled with all of her classes and is interested in the health sciences and teaching as a career. Zoe has a fifth-grade brother named Zach.

**Tamara Shreiner** has been a Greenhills history and social science teacher since 2009 and department chair since 2010. Prior to teaching at Greenhills, she taught English and history in the public schools. In 2009, she graduated with Ph.D. in Educational Studies from the University of Michigan, where she earned a university-wide Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award. For the 2011-2012 school year, Shreiner is also working as a research associate for the Big History Project at U of M. The Big History Project's research team focuses on researching and developing a new Big History curriculum that will be piloted in over 25 schools nation-wide in 2012-2013.

## Table Hosts

Kathy Bartson  
Chris Conlin  
Barb DeLancey  
Sally Stegeman DiCarlo '78  
Betsy Ellsworth  
Eloisa Guerrero  
Gary Heitman  
Steve Jacobson  
Stephanie Jones  
Katy Keegan  
Ruth Langs  
Kafi Laramore-Josey '91  
Stacy Markel  
Tauana and Frederick McDonald  
Victor Miesel  
John Nickel  
Cecelia Ponce de Leon  
Jeffrey Post  
Ellen Rambo  
Stephanie and Tom Reeves  
Tom Sulfaro  
Lauryn Sykes '07  
Maria Thompson  
Lynn Wooten  
Frances Youssef '84