

## **ORION AREA PARADE GROUP**

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The Orion Area Parade Group (OAPG) is pleased to announce the availability of the Mark Turpen Scholarship Fund created to honor Mark Turpen, a dedicated member of OAPG and the Lake Orion community for many years.

The Mark Turpen Scholarship Fund offers \$1,000 annually towards college tuition in a Humanities program to successful applicants in the Lake Orion area. The 2005 recipient was Erin Keber, daughter of Dave and Linda Keber of Lake Orion.

Mark Turpen passed away in 2004 leaving a legacy of community support and involvement still celebrated by OAPG. Mark was an attorney, a friend, and family man married to Sue Turpen for many years with sons Jeremy and Andrew living in Lake Orion.

“Mark really helped OAPG get established with his advice, support and financial contributions in early 2003,” says Joe Geraci, OAPG vice president and co-chairman of the Orion Area Holiday Lighted Parade. “He always met with us offering hospitality, many times hosting OAPG meetings with his wife Sue at their beautiful home.” “We loved to meet with them both”, says Chuck Saputo, OAPG President and co-chairman of the Parade with Geraci. The OAPG members continue to miss him and his committed support of the well-known Orion Area Holiday Lighted Parade each year. The Scholarship Fund will continue his legacy to the Lake Orion community.

Visit the OAPG website, [www.oapg.org](http://www.oapg.org) for more Mark Turpen Scholarship Fund information, guidelines and to obtain application forms. 2006 deadline for applications is November 15, 2006.