

family. . . . She is very, very wonderful as a grandmother and mother, and sometimes that gets lost in all the stuff she does."

Last week, Mattleman met with her staff in the conference room to work out the final details of a marathon youth chess tournament that would begin Friday evening and last through all day Saturday.

On the wall hang photographs of children engrossed in chess games, a picture of a city councilwoman practicing yoga with two school kids, and a whiteboard scrawled in red, "Congratulations Marciene!"

The staff wanted to hold a party for her early last month as soon as they learned she was winning the Philadelphia Award. But the announcement had come within days of a family tragedy.

Mattleman's great-nephew had died of cancer, and as the matriarch of the family, she had been shuttling back and forth to New York during the last weeks of his illness and then for his funeral.

The youngest of three girls and the only surviving sibling, Mattleman says she was brought up believing in the importance of family and the personal imperative to help the less fortunate.

She grew up on Woodcrest Avenue in Wynnefield, where her father, a businessman, served as president of his synagogue. "They used to remind me that Anne Frank was my age. . . . There but for the grace of God . . ."

One of her sisters was a psychologist, the other "a wonderful, good-hearted woman." She is the only one who maintained a compulsion to keep working, well past retirement age, for the public good.

"I have my father's energy and drive," she says. "He lived to 95. I hope I do, too."

For the chess marathon, Mattleman planned to take the Friday night shift, "from 7 until whenever." She wanted to make sure there would be enough children—and sponsors—to keep the event vibrant even in the odd hours.

"The leaky chicken and broccoli has left a puddle on the table. I'll clean it up," she says, and disappears for a minute.

In her absence, her staff, who are mostly in their 20s and 30s, say working with Mattleman is like earning a master's degree in nonprofits. An experience both inspiring and humbling.

"When we're at a fund-raiser and someone is talking slow, she'll kick me and say, 'We've got to get going. I have things to do!'" says Justin Ennis, a 23-year-old graduate of the University of Pennsylvania who is working for AmeriCorps. She can't stand having to wait for an inefficient speaker to get to the point.

"We call it the ninth circle of hell for her," says Ennis.

Any signs that she's slowing down?

None, says Ennis, shaking his head. "It's terrifying."

Mattleman returns with a napkin. Wipes the table clean. "There!" she says, then leaves to get on with business.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOANNE
MCKENNA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of JoAnne McKenna, who dedicated her life to serving as a community organizer on behalf of peace and inter-cultural understanding.

JoAnne McKenna was born and raised in Cleveland, where she would stay and dedicate

her life to advocating for peace and inter-cultural understanding. Her family had deep roots in the city and owned the Hanna grocery stores in downtown Cleveland. She studied English Literature at Flora Stone Mather College and always had great interest in the Middle East. Mrs. McKenna, of Slovak and Lebanese heritage, served as a leader and social justice organizer in the Greater Cleveland community for decades. The region's history, politics and culture fascinated her, but the Arab-Israeli War and its aftermath propelled her to assert her Arab-American identity and emerge as a leader within the Arab-American community.

Following the political unrest of the Arab-Israeli War, Mrs. McKenna began giving presentations at libraries, schools and churches around the Greater Cleveland Community in a quest to cultivate peace and inter-cultural dialogue. Through her work and continued dedication, she emerged as a leader in the Arab-American community and helped found numerous local and national organizations, focusing on Arab-American political activism and peace. She helped found the Greater Cleveland Association of Arab-Americans, where she served on the board for twelve years and six terms as President, the National Association of Arab-Americans, the Ohio chapter of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates, and the Northeast Ohio Committee on Middle East Understanding.

Mrs. McKenna wrote a book titled "Great Women of the Middle East" and traveled throughout the United States and the Arab region meeting with various community and state leaders. On two occasions, her activism took her to the White House, where she met with President Ford and President Carter.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering and honoring the life of JoAnne McKenna, for her outstanding leadership and advocacy for Arab-American causes, as well as for her extensive and diverse service to many individuals and communities who call the Cleveland area home.

EDUCATOR DOROTHY INGRAM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to pay tribute to the late Dorothy Ingram.

Ms. Ingram, a graduate of Lincoln High School in Port Arthur, Texas, started working in schools during summers, even before she earned her undergraduate degree. After obtaining a bachelor's degree from Bishop College in 1936, she went to Prairie View A&M University, earned a Master of Arts Degree, and went on to become a woman of many firsts, including the first African-American fellow of George Peabody University.

Ms. Ingram participated in and made notable contributions to organizations in the Golden Triangle and in the State of Texas, receiving honors too numerous to list in their entirety. She taught at Lamar Elementary School, and in 1952, she was the first African-American woman in Port Arthur to become Principal of George Washington Carver Elementary School. Many of her former teachers

remember her as a strong disciplinarian who ran a tough shift at school. She insisted on the highest standards for staff and students. She believed that children should learn and that it was the responsibility of teachers to make it happen. She encouraged students and teachers to keep climbing and to make a difference.

Helping organize the Port Arthur Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Ms. Ingram became its first President. In 1965, one year after Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. was organized in Tyler, Texas, Lady Ingram, with four other ladies, became charter members of the new Golden Triangle Chapter, and Ingram was again the first President. She was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame; was Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's Woman of the Year; the Martin Luther King Support Group's Woman of the Year; and in Dallas, she was inducted into the Museum of African Life and Culture in 1968.

Ms. Ingram served as Principal of Pease and Wheatley Elementary Schools from 1972 to 1975, and was the first woman to become President of the Black Principals and Supervisors of Texas, and the Southeast Texas District Teachers Association.

In 1998, Ms. Ingram became Port Arthur's first and only Centennial Queen, celebrating the town's charter; and in 2000, she was Woman of the Year by Quota International of Southeast Texas. Her memberships included the Jefferson County Historical Commission; Democratic Women of Jefferson County; American Red Cross; Texas Senior Citizens' Association; and AAU President.

She was choir director and organist for the Imperial Radio Choir, which was broadcast over KTRM 990, and Ms. Ingram served as a musician for fifty years at Sixth Street (now Mt. Sinai) Baptist Church. The Boy Scouts of America honored her with the Silver Fawn Medal; and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs honored her with the Sojourner Truth National Meritorious award.

Ms. Dorothy Ingram was a very dynamic person with a beautiful personality. She was a hard worker and believed everyone else should work hard. She insisted that everyone do the best at whatever they endeavored. She loved music, and she loved people, which is why she remained so active in the community well into her 90's.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Dorothy Ingram was a pioneer in education, and an incredible role model. She served and enhanced her community of Port Arthur, TX for more than sixty years, and I am proud to celebrate her accomplishments, and the legacy that she leaves behind.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN
RELIGIOUS HISTORY WEEK

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join with many of my colleagues in recognizing American Religious History Week, which began yesterday and goes through this Friday.

I rise not as a sectarian Christian but as an elected Representative of a religiously diverse people. In my beautiful region of Idaho, there