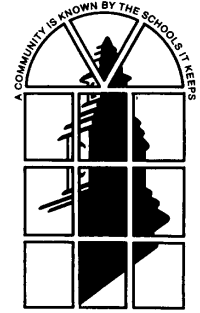


Senior Shakerites



A newsletter for former Shaker Heights City School District Employees
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

Spring 2019

Donna Brittain, Editor

The Fall 2018 Luncheon was held at the *Club at Hillbrook*.



Guest speaker, *The Honorable Judge Lauren C. Moore.*



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A Message from Donna

Dear Shaker Retirees,

In the fall, we were able to contribute \$237 to the Shaker Schools Foundation through donations received from our members. Our luncheon gathering took us to the beautiful Club at Hillbrook, thanks to CarolAnn Fisco. We enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Shaker High School alumnus and author, Judge Lauren C. Moore. For those of you who DO NOT receive our electronic communications, you may go to the link below to see photos from the event, courtesy of Don & Xiao Ying Coffee and The WebbWorks Video Productions.

<https://youtu.be/w2TIbgZMmEE>

Be sure to locate and check out the 2 **volunteer requests** featured in this newsletter.

Please don't forget about our Emeritus Program. Check for more info on the District website at www.shaker.org.

This spring's luncheon is scheduled at the *Pine Lake Trout Club* on May 1, 2019. Check it out here:

<http://www.pinelaketrouclub.com/photoalbum.html>

There is no bar, but we are allowed to BYOB, if you wish. If you are planning to join us, please take note that the club is located on Route 306 (17021 Chillicothe Road) 1.1 miles north of Route 422. Once you pass the Tanglewood Club on your right, you will climb a hill. Start your blinker as you climb the hill. At the top of the hill, turn right into the drive, just past the Greenhouses Nursery. Don't blink, you might miss it! I plan to have **balloons** on the mailbox to mark the turn. Our guest speaker is **PAT RULLO**. You will find luncheon details and her bio on the next 2 pages.

Hope to see you there! *Donna Brittain, President ~*

Senior Shakerites Annual Spring Luncheon

Welcome to all Shaker Heights School Retirees

WHEN: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

WHERE: *Pine Lake Trout Club*

17021 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

Phone: (440) 243-9593

TIME: Gather at 11:00am for refreshments ... Lunch served at **NOON**

1:00 Program... *PAT RULLO*, author and former Shaker educator (see bio on next page)

Buffet Menu

Tossed Salad, Cole Slaw

Orange Roughy in Lemon Butter Sauce

Chicken Tuscan

Tri-color Tortellini in Garlic & Oil

Seasonal Vegetables

Rolls & Butter

Assorted cookies

COFFEE/DECAF/HOT TEA/ICED TEA

Lemonade, Soft Drinks

No Bar – B.Y.O.B.

COST: \$30 includes gratuity.

(Spouses & friends welcome)

Please send reservation slip with check payable to:

SHAKER RETIRED TEACHERS AND STAFF

Send to: Vicki Griminger

7779 Glenallen Drive

Sagamore Hills, OH 44067

330-467-0189

RSVP by Friday, April 19, 2019 – No late reservations will be accepted.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Guest Name (if applicable) _____

Luncheon: \$ _____ Dues \$5 _____ Donation for Shaker Schools Foundation \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

PAT RULLO

THE PATIENT ADVOCATE
SPEAK UP AND STAY ALIVE
HOSPITAL SURVIVAL GUIDE



PATRICIA J. RULLO

Presentation & Book Signing

Book is endorsed by the U.S. Army Medical Department
Office of Quality Management

A visit to a hospital is almost inevitable. You may be the patient, or you may tend to a loved one who requires a hospital stay. Medical errors are the third leading cause of death in the United States, making the hospital a dangerous place to be. Every year, nearly 2 million hospital-acquired infections claim roughly 100,000 lives.

Why do these things happen? What can you do about them?

- ♥ Discover where and how the dangers can find you
- ♥ Learn how to prevent life-threatening infections
- ♥ Avoid hospital hazards and safely navigate your way back home



Meet Cleveland, Ohio author and radio host, Pat Rullo, as she shares healthcare and hospital safety tips. Listen every Saturday morning at 9:00 on WHKW AM1220 or WHKZ AM1440 or Sunday evening at 6:00 on WHK AM1420

Fun, fast paced, and jam-packed with serious information, delivered with humor and wit. Your crowd will love it!

For more information visit speakupandstayalive.com

Books will be available at discounted price of \$20 - and proceeds to benefit the charity – The Sewport Project sending handmade pillowcases to homeless Veteran shelters, women and children's domestic abuse homes and cage comforters to animal rescue shelters.

Fall 2019 Luncheon

Volunteers Needed

Jackie York, who coordinates the volunteer program for the *North Union Farmers' Market*, is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to work at the

2019 Garlic Festival
at Shaker Square
August 24 & 25

Jackie can be contacted at 216-389-2113 and by email at jay500@sbcglobal.net.

VISIT
www.shaker.org

There you will find links to our newsletters, events, SERS and STRS, Forms, Lists, Photos, Shaker Educator Emeritus info, and information about our group.

(When using a mobile device, be sure to choose the DESKTOP VIEW.)

The fall luncheon is normally held the first Wednesday in October. **Save that date on your calendar.** Everyone will receive a mailing with the confirmed date and location in August. If you have suggestions for a future luncheon location, please contact Donna Brittain donnabrittain57@gmail.com.

THANKS!!!

A special *thank you* to all these folks who make our luncheons and this newsletter possible:

Vicki Griminger – reservations & name tags

Jerry Graham - treasurer

Xiao Ying Coffee - photos

Karen Dunbar - assistance at the Ad Bldg

Mark O'Keefe - mailing

A varying group of *Shakerites* - printing, mailing and assisting with the newsletter (You, too, can join us!)

You can help improve our communication efforts by sending email addresses to brittain_d@shaker.org.

We also need to update our mailing addresses. If you know of someone who has moved or changed names, it would be appreciated if you would call or write to us.

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?

From Don Coffee:

We are sponsoring the First Annual **Great Lakes International Kite Festival** at Mentor Headlands Beach State Park on Saturday, May 4th, 2019. We need some **volunteers** to help us in several activities, such as assisting children in construction of kites, helping people to register and answering questions. We will meet with those who are interested in helping prior to the event. Xiao Ying has made arrangements with a kite flying group from China to display their colorful artistic kites. We are planning a fun filled day at the beach. Please join us as a volunteer or as a participant or observer!

Thanks, Don

You may contact Don at (coffee_d@shaker.org) or call him at 330-671-2717.

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From Karen Thailing:

BETSY HAMMER ---

You may or may not have known a Shaker music teacher from the 80s by the name of **Betsy Hammer** who taught at Mercer with Sonia Golden and me (Karen). She was only in Shaker a few short years, but made an enormous impact with her teaching style and musical talents. In our opinion, Betsy was the best music teacher we had ever seen in action. She left Shaker for Nashville and later went to Los Angeles where she's lived and worked in the music business for many years. She has been working for months with a recording studio in Hawaii on a song titled "Me Too", and the YouTube video has just been released. Sonia suggested that I send it to you to see if, perhaps, mention could be made of it in our newsletter. Below is the link to the video.

https://youtu.be/b3_rPvyDCkw

*Note: Betsy pays tribute to Sonia Golden in the ending credits!

Celebrations Are in Order...



Shaker Heights High School Assistant Principal **Joe Hernan** and his wife Katie, welcomed baby girl Penny Louise Hernan (7 lbs. 15 oz. and 21.25 inches long) on October 4.

Shaker Heights High School German Teacher **Andrea Bradd Cook** and her husband Cliff, welcomed baby girl Clara Corine Cook (9 lbs. 8 oz. and 22.5 inches long) on October 7.

High school paraprofessional **Bruce Jennings** became a first-time grandfather to Marta Elizabeth Kilmer on Thursday, October 11. Marta and her parents, **Allie** (SHHS '06) and Joey Kilmer, are well and happy. The Kilmer family resides in Milwaukee, WI.

High School Mathematics Department Chair **Caroline Markel** and her husband, Brad, welcomed a baby boy, Alexander Gary Ricca, at 9:02 a.m. on December 21. He weighed 10 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Shaker Heights High School Senior Class Advisor **Joia Warren**, and husband Brandon, on the birth of their son, Beau Warren. Beau arrived on January 8 at 11:30 a.m., weighed 7 lbs. 12oz., and was 22 inches long.

Woodbury band teacher **Gianna Tyrrell** and her husband Joel welcomed their first baby, Francesca Eloise Tyrrell, on Sunday, February 10. Francesca weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Congratulations to Woodbury Fifth-Grade Teacher **Erin Andrzejewski** and her husband Jeffery on the birth of their second child, Owen Francis Andrzejewski. Owen was born March 2 at 2:20 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 18.25 inches long.



We Extend Our Sympathy

Michelle Owens-Smith, the sister of Shaker Heights Schools Bus Monitor **Lois Holley** passed away Wednesday, October 3. She was 65 years old.

Andrew Hanis, father-in-law of Woodbury music teacher **Joe Kulikowski** passed away on Wednesday, November 21. He was 67 years old.

Ezell Starks, Sr., father of Shaker Heights Middle School PE teacher **Bobby Starks**, passed away on Thursday, November 22. He was 76 years old.

Andrea Moore-Kerr, mother of Woodbury Skills Support Teacher **Amy Kerr-Thome**, passed away Saturday, December 1. She was 78 years old.

Jeffrey Gerson, brother of retired Onaway and Mercer teacher **Linda Powers**, passed away on January 5, 2019. He was 75 years old.

Leonor Cruz, mother of Shaker Heights Middle School Nurse **Iris Micochero**, passed away Sunday, January 13, 2019. She was 93 years old.

Eric Scott Damore, brother of ELL Tutor **Jill Lasheen** and uncle to Shaker Heights Middle School student **Ahmed Lasheen** and Woodbury student **Noor Lasheen**, passed away January 15, 2019. He was 41 years old.

William Craig Shorter, the father of Boulevard teacher **Carmen Chung**, passed away Sunday, February 10, 2019. He was 70 years old.



In Memoriam...

Woodbury Special Education Aide **Julie LeeGrand** passed away on Monday, August 20, 2018. She was 60 years old.

Carolyn Maurer Barnhard, a Shaker Heights Schools retiree who worked for more than 30 years in the Library Office and Treasurer's Office, passed away on September 10, 2018. She was 79 years old. Ms. Barnhard was also a member of the Class of 1958.

Shaker Heights Bus Driver **Carol Ann Hatcher** passed away Friday, September 28. She was 72 years old.

Ruth Blumenthal, a longtime Woodbury Library and Media Services technician in the 1980s and 1990s, passed away on Sunday, October 7. She was 92 years old.

Kathryn Kiker Wigglesworth, a longtime Shaker Schools teacher, passed away on October 28, 2018. She was 80 years old.

Jacqueline Tinsley, a retired Shaker Heights Schools teacher, passed away on Wednesday, October 31. She was 94 years old.

Andy Yaronczyk, who taught at the former Byron Junior High School/Shaker Heights Middle School for 35 years, passed away on Thursday, November 1. He was 82 years old.

Woodbury teacher **Aisha Fraser** lost her life on November 17, 2019.

Longtime Shaker Heights Schools reading specialist **Lois Markt** passed away on Saturday, December 1. She was 88 years old.

Mary McLaughlin, a long-time Shaker Heights Schools substitute teacher, passed away December 25, 2018. She was 68 years old.



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Anyone who has membership in a club or would like to suggest a location that we might use as a future luncheon site, please contact us.

If you do not wish to continue receiving copies of the Senior Shakerites, please let us know. You can email Donna Brittain at brittain_d@shaker.org .

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