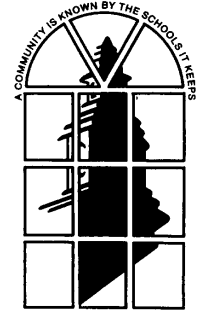


Senior Shakerites



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

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Development Director at *EDWINS*
Leadership & Restaurant Institute at
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A Message from Donna

Dear Shaker Retirees,

The Fall 2017 luncheon was held at Acacia Reservation in Beachwood. The guest speaker was Valerie Maczak-Grim, Development Director at *EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute* at Shaker Square. Thank you to Rebecca Thomas for assisting with a drawing for chances to win a \$100 gift certificate for dinner at EDWIN'S. And **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Ken Kangas** for being the lucky winner. We were able to donate \$187 to EDWIN'S to enhance their educational programs.

For those of you who DO NOT receive our electronic communications, you may go to the link below to see photos from the event. Photos are courtesy of Don Coffee, Marv and Charlene Nevans, and Karen Smith.

https://youtu.be/AIsnW7F_gQ8

As I was unable to join you at the October meeting, I have asked folks to share their feelings with me about the experience, as I have never attended an event there. I have heard only great things about the atmosphere of the venue and the quality of the food, as well as the presentation by our guest speaker. But I have also been made aware of the “snafu” in the kitchen which resulted in the disappointment of those whose meals were delayed.

After communicating our displeasure with the management, we have received an apology along with a guarantee that it will NEVER happen again. An adjustment has been made on our fees as a statement of Dino's good will. Therefore, we will try Acacia Reservation again this spring.

Unfortunately, the large ballroom is not available on our usual Wednesday, so we are scheduled for **Tuesday, May 1** instead. There is an expectation that we may have a few more attendees for a book talk by **Chuck Spinner**, retired SHHS social studies teacher, so the larger room will be needed. You will find his bio and luncheon details on the next pages.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon! *Donna ~*

Senior Shakerites Annual Spring Luncheon

Welcome to all Shaker Heights School Retirees

WHEN: **Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

WHERE: **Dino's at Acacia Reservation**

26899 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44122

Phone: **216-342-4767**

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

1:00 Program... Chuck Spinner, retired SHHS educator and author (see bio on next page)

Menu Selections

1. **Baked Salmon** w/ *Dill Sauce on the side* – Green Beans & Carrots, Garlic Mashed Potatoes
2. **Chicken Piccata** - Green Beans & Carrots, Garlic Mashed Potatoes
3. **Wild Mushroom Ravioli** - Sage Brown Butter Sauce, Grilled Italian Vegetables

Also included: Dino's Signature Banquet Salad, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Soft Drinks

COST: \$27 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 20, 2018 – No late reservations will be accepted.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Circle Menu Selection 1 2 3

Guest Name (if applicable) _____

Circle Menu Selection for Guest 1 2 3

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Chuck Spinner



Chuck Spinner was born in Naperville, Illinois in 1946. He graduated from Conception Seminary College in 1968, but then left his seminary studies and moved to Cleveland, Ohio. He received his Masters degree from West Virginia University. Chuck pursued a 33 year teaching career in Cleveland. He taught 21 years in Parma and 12 in Shaker Heights.

During his time as an educator Chuck was named a Martha Holden Jennings Master Teacher and was also named a Rockefeller Scholar and Kent State Read Scholar.

Mr. Spinner and his wife Patrice have been married 47 years. They have one son, Scott, their daughter-in-law Elle and their two grandsons, Caleb and Joshua. After retirement Chuck and Patrice spent ten years at their lakeside home on Lake Chautauqua, New York. In 2014 they moved to Cable, Ohio, a rural suburb of Columbus, to be closer to family.

After his retirement in 2002, Mr. Spinner authored two books, **A Book of Prayers: To the Heavens from the Stars** and **The Tragedy at the Loomis Street Crossing**.

On May 1, Chuck will be speaking on his Loomis Street Crossing book that details the worst disaster in Burlington Railroad history. Chuck will detail how his special interest in this tragedy propelled him to fill in this missing piece of history. You will be able to purchase either or both of Chuck's books after his talk.

Senior Shakerites Recommend ...



What are YOU reading?
Please send us your book
recommendations.

ATTENTION
www.shaker.org

***There have been some changes to the District's website. After finding the webpage, at the left of the page select the tab labeled **Staff Resources**. On the next page, select **Shaker Staff Webpage**. Scroll W-A-Y down the page and find For **Our Retirees - Retirees' Association**. 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.)

Fall 2018 Luncheon

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 assistance 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?

Retiree **Marilyn Brooks** submitted this request for participants:

The *Off Campus Studies Program* is part of the Siegal Lifelong Learning Program at Case Western Reserve University. We are currently looking for several new Leader-Teachers.

Off Campus Studies classes are discussion-format based on common reading and meet for eight weeks, 1.5 hours per week. Classes meet in various locations in the greater Cleveland area in the fall, winter, and spring.

Discussion leaders (“Leader-Teachers”) develop courses on topics in the areas of history and culture, literature, philosophy, politics and contemporary issues, and science and choose the books that are used in the course.

Leader-Teachers are independent contractors and receive compensation for each course they teach. In addition, they receive mileage reimbursement.

Anyone interested in becoming a Leader-Teacher should contact Lorraine Nelson, Program Administrator, at 216-368-5145 or lyn@case.edu, to learn more.

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As some of you know, I perform with various musicians in the Cleveland/Akron area. Imagine my surprise when, on New Year’s Eve, I looked up from my keyboard and saw **Karen Smith** taking photos at the *Taverne of Richfield*’s “Red Hot New Year”! Karen and I are pictured here with vocalist, Charita Franks.



Celebrations Are in Order...



Shaker Heights High School Administrative Assistant **Mae Morrical** and her husband Glenn Morrical welcomed their first grandchild, Alina Morrical, on Wednesday, August 16. Alina's father, **Stephen Morrical**, is a 2002 graduate of SHHS.

SHHS Assistant Principal **Sara Chengelis** and her husband, Peter, welcomed their first child, baby girl Margaret (Margi) Helen Chengelis, on Wednesday, August 23.

Min Peng, former Chinese teacher at Boulevard, Fernway, Onaway and Woodbury, welcomed a baby girl, Emma Xiang Assini, on Sunday, September 10. Emma weighed 8 lbs. 4oz.

Congratulations to Mercer third grade teacher **Nicole Cicconetti** and her husband, Lomond third grade teacher **Steve Smith**, on the birth of their son, Connor Stephen Smith. Connor was born on Saturday, November 11 at 8:53 a.m. He weighed nine pounds, two ounces and was 22 inches long. Baby Connor joins big sisters Gianna and Brynn.



Congratulations to Lomond Kindergarten teacher **Elizabeth Brazalovics**, her husband Paul and their family who welcomed a fourth child, Mary Helen, on Friday, November 24. Mary Helen weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Congratulations to Accounting Specialist **Raelyn Wilber** and her husband, Scott, on the birth of their son, Easton Dey Wilber. Easton was born on December 24, 2017 at 6:55 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs, 2.7 oz and was 19.5 inches long.

Congratulations to Shaker Heights High School Intervention Specialist **Colleen Grams**, who became a grandmother on December 25, 2017, following the birth of her granddaughter, Willa Sloane. Willa was born to Colleen's daughter, Grace Brainard, and her husband, Craig Stephenson.

Congratulations to Fernway first grade teacher **Selena Boyer** and her husband, Donnell, on the birth of their second child, a daughter, Sasha. Sasha was born January 2, 2018. She weighed 7 lbs, 5 oz and was 20 inches long. She joins her big brother, Dash.

Congratulations to bus driver **Malcolm King** and his wife, Jessica, on the birth of their second daughter, Riley Parker King, on Sunday, January 21 at 6:19 p.m. Riley weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz.

Congratulations to Service Center custodian **Jason Pelc** and his wife, Lauren, on the birth of their first son, Lochlan Isidore Pelc, on Thursday, January 25 at 8:19 p.m. Lochlan weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz and was 19.5 in long.

Congratulations to Special Education Aide **Shanita Moss** whose grandson, Duke Washington, was born on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. He weighed six pounds and was 20.5 inches. Duke is the son of proud parents Tyrone Washington and Linda Leavers.

We Extend Our Sympathy

Steve Kabay, father of Shaker Heights High School math teacher Mike Kabay, passed away September 17. He was 83.

Carolyn R. Whittington, mother of **Dale Whittington, Ph.D.**, Director of Research & Accountability for Shaker Heights Schools, died September 26. She was 100 years old.

Bruce Reinhold, father of Fernway IB Coordinator **Jean Reinhold**, passed away Monday, October 16. He was 83.

Jeanne Sexton, mother of Woodbury teacher **Heather Pincoe**, passed away Sunday, October 15. She was 73.

Richard C. Schnapp, father of Boulevard Administrative Assistant **Terri Johnson**, passed away Monday, October 16. He was 83.

Bernice Dreier, mother of Middle School Library Assistant **Cindy Johnson**, passed away last Friday, October 27. She was 92.

Patricia Sweeney—the mother of Special Education Supervisor **Eileen Sweeney** and former Mercer Intervention Specialist **John Sweeney**, and the mother-in-law of Mercer, Middle School, and High School ELL teacher **Francine Lasley** and former Woodbury teacher **Greg Orosz**—passed away Tuesday, November 21. She was 93. Roman Ray, son of bus driver **Willie Ray**, passed away Saturday, November 25.

J. Michele Eagan, mother of Boulevard second grade teacher **Tara Strachan** died Saturday, December 16. She was 76.

Bettina L. Myers, mother of **Lynne M. Shima**, passed away on January 4, 2014 in Texas at the age of 93.

Jane Kilroy, mother-in-law of Lomond paraprofessional **Patty Kilroy**, passed away Friday, January 12, 2018. She was 95. Jane Kilroy's five children--**Peter** ('68), **Jonathan** ('70), **CJ** ('72), **Alison** ('74) and **Roberta** ('76)--were graduates of Shaker Heights High School. Two of her grandsons, **David** ('13) and **Daniel** ('16), also graduated from Shaker Heights High School.

Natalie Levy, mother of Lomond Behavioral Specialist **Andrea Wasserman**, passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. She was 85.



In Memoriam...

Dorothy W. Orndorff, former guidance counselor, passed away March 7, 2017 in Delta, Ohio at the age of 93.

Former elementary secretary **Mary Megyesi Nemeth** died May 7, 2017 at age 96 in Escondido, California. Her daughter is Mary Ellen Nemeth Godfrey (SHHS '62).

Robert W. Haas, a longtime Shaker Heights teacher from 1969-2004, passed away Monday, October 23. He was 70.

Former Shaker Heights Schools Coordinator for Physical Education & Athletics **Lucille M. Burkett** passed away Friday, November 3. She was 94.

Donna Zorge, who taught first grade for 28 years in Shaker Schools at Boulevard, Mercer and the former Malvern Elementary School died November 8, 2017. She was 79 years old.

Former Shaker Heights City Schools Board of Education member **Margaret Newell Mitchell** passed away on Monday, December 25, 2017. She was 92.

Former High School Accounting Specialist **Jerleine Ward** passed away on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. She was 87 years old and the mother of two Shaker Heights High School graduates: Eugene Ward ('72) and Jereleine Delaryce Ward-Lewis ('73).

Retired Shaker Heights Schools art teacher **Carl Krabill** passed away on February 27, 2018. He was 87 years old. Mr. Krabill was the grandfather to Shaker students Ian ('15), Trevor, ('18) and Reece Brighton ('20).

Bob Schneider---or "Doc" as many knew him---died March 6, 2018, as a result of complications from injuries sustained in his August 2017 accident.



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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.

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