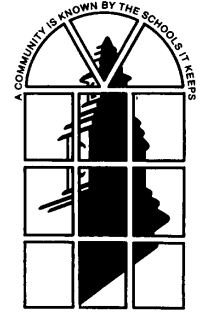


Senior Shakerites



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

Spring 2016

Donna Brittain, Editor

The Fall 2015 Luncheon was held at the *Shaker Heights Country Club*.



The following **Senior Shakerites** were in attendance at the luncheon:

Jeffrey Adie
Dee Arrington
Margaret Behrens
Ruth Berger
Ruth Blumenthal
Donna Brittain
Liela Brode
Eric Brunton
Cindy Campbell
Mary Louise Cesa
Don Coffee
Xiao Ying Coffee
Maryanne Culek
Michelle Berggrun Daunch
Stephanie Eagleton
Marilyn Eppich
Ann & Harry Farmer
Adrienne Geszler
Sonia Golden
Joseph Greene
Allen Grigsby

Vicki Griminger
Savannah Harbison
Deloris Fletcher
June Hayes
Marcia Jaffe
Mike Kobilis
Mary Lambert
Lillian Lichtman
Clyde Loughridge
Karen Loughridge
Larry Marks
Walter McClelland
Susan Mears
Cynthia Meyer
Jean Morgan
Tom Morgan
Mary Nackley
Charlene Nevans
Madeline Obrock
Kathy O'Neal
Greg Orosz

Linda Pagel
JoAn & Jim Perkins
Joyce Pope
Linda Powers
Gary Raymond
Joe Romano
Michell Rucinski
Catherine & James Satola
Karen & Kevin Smith
Carol Spero
Judy Stewart
Mary Ellen Strong
Millie Talbot-Redon & Karen
Talbot
Karen Thailing
Mary Underwood
Daniel Vossler
Delette Walker
Rona Weiss
Evelyn Wisham
Kathy Wolfe & Nick Keolkebeck

A Message from Donna

Dear Shaker Retirees,

I am grateful for having the opportunity to hold our most recent event at the Shaker Heights Country Club again. Shaker retirees feel welcome there and enjoy the atmosphere as well as the cuisine. At our fall 2015 luncheon, it was a pleasure to honor Sonia Golden for her service to our organization. She has provided the beautiful, hand-drawn calligraphy on our name tags for many years. Karen Thailing presented her with a framed poem written by Becky Thomas in tribute to Sonia. A BIG thank you is extended to Greg Orosz who made us laugh and laugh. He topped off the afternoon by sharing his comedy with us. Please enjoy these photos (provided by volunteer photographer, Xiao Ying Coffee) of our friends enjoying the afternoon. <https://youtu.be/6JGYV83xY3A> These photos, along with others from past luncheons, can be viewed online at www.shaker.org. The District's website has made a few changes. (See navigation directions on page 5 of this newsletter.)

Our Spring 2016 luncheon is scheduled for May 4 at the Canterbury Golf Club. The *Shaker Heights High School Chanticleers*, under the direction of Mario Clopton, will entertain us.

Each spring, we ask our members to make a voluntary dues contribution of \$5.00. That money is used toward our speakers/entertainment and to support the Shaker Schools Foundation. Please consider including your dues with your luncheon payment.

Back in October, in my attempt to thank all who assist in making our gatherings successful, I neglected to mention Kay and James Satola, our greeters. When you approach the registration table at our luncheons, you will see this mother/son team welcoming you and providing you with a name tag and lunch ticket. The Satolas graciously accepted my apology. I don't ever want to leave any of you out. It takes a whole team of folks to ensure that we are able to break bread together and enjoy each other's company a couple of times each year. For all of you, I am truly thankful.

Donna Brittain
President

Senior Shakerites Annual Spring Luncheon

Welcome to all Shaker Heights School Retirees

WHEN: Wednesday, May 4, 2016

WHERE: **Canterbury Golf Club**

22000 South Woodland Road

Shaker Heights 44122

(216-561-1000)

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

1:00 Program...Shaker Heights High School Chanticleers - Mario Clopton, Director

Menu Selections

1. *Grilled Salmon with Rice Pilaf and Asparagus*
2. *Grilled Chicken Breast (Boneless) with Rice Pilaf and Asparagus*
3. *Eggplant Parmesan Tower with Ohio City Pappardelle Pasta*

All entrees will include CGC House Salad/Mixed Greens/Kalamata Olives/Red Onion/Roasted Tomato/Shaved Parmesan Cheese - Rolls and Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Soft Drinks.

COST: \$27 includes tax and 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 22, 2016 – No late reservations will be accepted.

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: \$ _____

Senior Shakerites are Active and Busy...

Fall luncheon attendees pictured on our front page are *Greg Orosz* and *Sonia Golden*.

Michelle Berggrun Daunch shared with us that she is a newlywed. She and Tim were married on August 15, 2015.

Violet Bica Ross, who retired as a school psychologist after working at the High School, Byron, Sussex, Mercer, and Malvern, was recently inducted into the College of Education, Health and Human Services Hall of Fame at Kent State University. She was honored at the awards banquet in October, 2015.

Charlene Nevans recommends checking out Hyde Park, New York in the Hudson River Valley. You can visit historic homes (now national parks) and dine elegantly and reasonably at the Culinary Institute of America. Be sure to make reservations ahead of time! She and her husband, Marv met her sister and her husband there for a long weekend together. They also drove to New York City for a few days of theater, music, and museums. They loved walking in the Highline Park. Charlene is currently volunteering as a reading tutor in the Cleveland schools and also at the Shaker Heights Hunger Center.

A little history - from *James Satola*:

As I accompany my Mom to the Shaker Retired Teachers and Staff Luncheons, often newer retirees ask about my Mom's role(s), where she worked, and who she worked with. It goes back quite a while . . .

While most of those there would remember her as Lucy Burkett's secretary from 1975-1987 at the Administration Building, it really goes back to the mid-50's with the opening of Mercer School.

When my parents bought the lot for their first own house in 1952, on Hardwick Road, it was in a new development called "Mercer Downs." The plans showed a park across the street and a road, "Mercer Boulevard."

When construction began on my parents' home in 1952, they soon saw a giant hole across the street . . . and learned that "Mercer Downs" park was going to be "Mercer Elementary School."

As my sister was to be turning 2 years old when my parents would be moving into their new house in April 1953, that was a cool thing.

My Mom was actually the first secretary at Mercer School when it opened, working with Principal Alice Van Deusen.

Now the main point of this message, which I always thought was particularly cool...

In 1957-1958, my Mom and Dad led a project among the neighborhood parents to paint a "play sized" map of the United States on the Mercer playground to find a fun way to teach the kids about geography.

The project was featured in the Plain Dealer's "Sunday Pictorial" magazine in October



1958. To see the photos Jim shared, go to: <http://youtu.be/-BiosN8vppo>

Senior Shakerites Recommend ...

Charlene Nevans has read [The Nightingale](#) by Kristin Hannah. Two sisters in France during the German occupation become involved in the French Resistance.



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 2016 Luncheon

The fall luncheon is normally held the first Wednesday in October. **Save that date on your calendar.** If you are able to provide us with a location, please contact Donna Brittain donnabrittain57@gmail.com. Everyone will receive a mailing with the confirmed date and location in the late summer.

THANKS!!!

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

Gary Raymont – luncheon planning
Kay & James Satola – luncheon greeters
Vicki Griminger – reservations & name tags
Xiao Ying Coffee - photos
Karen Dunbar - assistance at the Ad Bldg
Mark O'Keefe - mailing
Adrienne Geszler, Gary Raymont, Becky Thomas, Dee Arrington, Vicki Griminger, Pam Anderson, Linda Powers - printing, mailing and assistance with the newsletter

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 one of the officers.

Celebrations Are in Order...

High School Social Studies teacher **Bradley Bullard** and his wife Kaylin welcomed baby girl Katherine Mary on Tuesday, November 10.



Katharine Davis, Middle School intervention specialist, and her husband Jeff welcomed baby boy Jack on November 14. Jack was 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Mercer Special Education Aide **William Hughes-Lewis** and his fiancée Ashley Davis welcomed a son, Parker William Hughes-Lewis, on Sunday, January 24th at 11:44 p.m. Parker weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 20" long.

Laura Daberko, librarian at the High School, and her husband Jeff, have welcomed baby boy Francis Jeffrey. He was born in January and weighed 8lbs., 5oz. and 21½" long.



We Extend Our Sympathy

Fred Tatum, father of Middle School special education aide **Valerie Tatum**, passed away in August.

Dorothy Layne McIntyre passed away on Sunday, August 30. Ms. McIntyre was the mother of former school board member **Donna M. Whyte** (1992-95) and the grandmother of Shaker Heights Middle School assistant principal **Miata Hunter** (SHHS '92) and Boulevard special education aide **Mariama Whyte** (SHHS '93). She was also great-grandmother to **Amira Hunter** (SHHS junior), **Aaron Hunter** (7th grader at the Middle School) and **Micaiah Sibindlana** (4th grader at Mercer).

Bobby J. Williams, husband of **Jackie McKenney**, a longtime substitute in the District, passed away on September 10.

Damon Haley, a 2012 graduate of Shaker Heights High School passed away in October. Damon's mother is **Barbara Jean Nolan** (SHHS '85).

Michael F. Murphy, a Shaker Heights alumnus ('83) and cousin of Woodbury Administrative Assistant **Deirdre Storms** passed away in October, 2015.

Leslie (Kyman) Baumuel, the sister of former K-4 science specialist **Carol Hochman** passed away on October 27. Leslie was a 1964 Shaker Heights High School graduate. She most recently lived in Dallas, Texas.

David C. Moore Sr., father of **LauraAnn Moore**, Intervention Specialist at Woodbury, and grandfather of **Lyric Williamson**, an eighth-grader at the Middle School, passed away on Sunday, December 6.

Edward Lapp, father of **Mary Jo Lapp**, Intervention Specialist at Woodbury, passed away in early December, 2015.

Kai Wingo, former Shaker Heights student and a Shaker Heights parent, passed away on February 6.

Raymond House, father-in-law of Woodbury assistant principal **Doug Myles**, passed away Sunday, February 28. Doug's wife, **Kathy**, is also a former Middle School teacher.



In Memoriam...

Bob Mohnney, a very longtime teacher and administrator, passed away on September 11.

Audrey Stout, a history teacher at the High School from 1968 to 1986, passed away on September 18. Mrs. Stout was the mother-in-law of human resources specialist **Kiki Stout** (SHHS '73) and mother of grads **Geoffrey** (SHHS '73), **Craig** (SHHS '66), and **Leslie** (SHHS '68). She was also the grandmother of a number of Shaker grads.

Donald Vogel, a teacher at Woodbury Junior High and Shaker Hts. High School from 1965-1990, passed away on October 23, 2015.

Mildred (Millie) Cesen, longtime home economics teacher at Byron Junior High School with Shaker Heights Schools passed away Thursday, December 3.

Stephen Van Ness, retired teacher at Byron Junior High School and Shaker Heights Middle School, passed away Sunday, January 3. His wife, **Nancy Van Ness**, also retired as secretary from Byron and the Middle School.

Rae Koberna, retired Shaker administrative secretary, passed away on Tuesday, January 19.

Joseph Palmer, former bus driver, passed away in January.



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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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