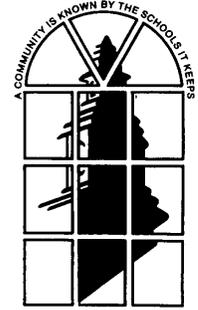


Senior Shakerites



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

Fall 2015

Donna Brittain, Editor

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



These **Senior Shakerites** and friends were in attendance at the luncheon:

Linda Ackerman
Dee Arrington
Diane Bloodsaw
Lucy Burkett
Cindy Campbell
Mary Louise Cesa
Don & Xiao Ying Coffee
Carolyn Chapman
Maryanne Culek
Edith Dieckow
Roberta Donaldson
Stephanie Eagleton
Marilyn Eppich
Ann & Harry Farmer
Suzanne Fitzpatrick
Deloris Fletcher
Patty Forsberg
Adrienne Geszler
Jerry & Sue Graham
Joseph Greene
Vicki Griminger
Delores Groves

June Hayes
Lesley Homans
Janet Houk
Marcia & Stanley Jaffe
Constance Jefferson
Nick Koelkebeck
Mary Krogness
Marie Kysela
Mary Lambert
L. David Lawrence
Lillian Lichtman
Ken Looney
Clyde & Karen Loughridge
Larry Marks
Walter McClelland
Susan Mears
Cynthia Meyer
Tom Morgan
Gwen Mullins
Charlene & Marvin Nevans
Kathy O'Neal
Renee Paige

Jim & JoAn Perkins
Linda Powers
Clair & Grace Rankin
Linda Rozman
Sondra Saddler
Annette Sankey
Catherine Satola
James Satola
Donita Singerman
Diane & Isaac Smith
Carol Spero
Judy Stewart
Mary Ellen Strong
Norma Teeter
Karen Thailing
Rebecca Thomas
Jeanette Throne
Jane Troha
Mary Underwood
Rona Weiss
EvelynWisham
Kathy Wolfe

Dear Shaker Retirees,

I hope you are enjoying these final days of Summer 2015. Although I was unable to join you at the luncheon at the Shaker Heights Country Club in May, I have now recuperated from my bout with shingles and I was able to resume regular activities by the end of May. Thank you so much for your get well wishes.

Several of you shared such wonderful comments about the venue, the food, the service, and our esteemed guest, Connie Schultz. We are looking forward to returning to the Shaker Heights Country Club for our upcoming gathering.

Over the past several years, this group of retired Shaker Heights School employees has shared some fun times. We have been fortunate to have friends who are willing to donate their time and knowledge to be sure we stay in contact with each other, and that we are able to gather at great locations to interact and share. As the years move along, inevitably these folks who volunteer their services will certainly find that they have served faithfully and look forward to passing their batons on to other, perhaps “newer”, members of our group.

Please join in, even if only temporarily, to keep this ship afloat. Give some thought as to whether you might help support those of us who work to put together these gatherings. We have members who secure the venue, plan the menu, arrange for speakers/entertainment, collect reservations, take care of payments, hand-print the name tags, work the greeting table ... not to mention publishing/ mailing the newsletters.

We would love for this group to continue to provide outings and maintain lines of communication with those of us who treasure staying connected to our former colleagues. And I know that many of you feel the same.

For the past few gatherings, Xiao Ying Coffee's photos have been available to those of you who receive the newsletter via email. It's always so much fun to see who was there. (Many thanks to her, as always!) This time, you may view the photos from the May 6th luncheon here:

https://youtu.be/X4qUxSM_Iz0

My brother, the videographer, helped me with it. Perhaps I will learn to do it myself – or maybe it's something one of YOU would enjoy doing...hmmm!

Thanks for all your support.

Donna Brittain
President

Senior Shakerites Annual Fall Luncheon

Welcome to all Shaker Heights School Retirees

WHEN: Wednesday, October 7, 2015

WHERE: **Shaker Heights Country Club**

3300 Courtland Boulevard

Shaker Heights 44122

(216-295-5519)

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

1:00 Program...The Comedy Stylings of Greg Orosz, Woodbury 2015 Retiree

(See info on next page)

Menu Selections

1. *Grilled Salmon Fillet with Chive Butter Sauce*
2. *Chicken Parmesan*
3. *Mushroom Ravioli with Brown Butter, Balsamic, Wilted Spinach and Parmesan*

All entrees will include Chef Select Seasonal Vegetable and Starch, a Mixed Green Salad, Rolls and Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Iced Tea.

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 Thursday, September 24, 2015 –No late reservations will be accepted.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Circle Menu Selection 1 2 3

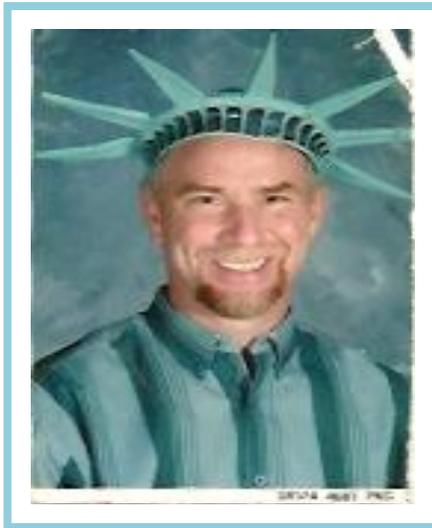
Guest Name (if applicable) _____

Circle Menu Selection for Guest 1 2 3

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Gregory Orosz



“I like to think of myself as an affable guy with a good sense of humor which I have been able to parlay into producing an annual cartoon calendar and performing stand-up comedy for the last two years. I was fortunate to marry a lovely woman, Eileen, who I had the pleasure of working with at Woodbury for many years. Together we have raised 3 wonderful children: Jack, Lauren, and Siobhan. Also, I am an avid runner who has completed 17 marathons.”

Greg is a brand new retiree, a member of the *Class of 2015*. He retired from Woodbury School, where he was primarily a Language Arts teacher, with 26 years in the Shaker Heights City School District. Prior to his career in Shaker, he taught for 5 years at Fairfax in Cleveland Heights and his first 2 years as an educator were in South Euclid at St. Gregory the Great.

Senior Shakerites Recommend ...

Joan Servis says Anthony Doerr is a marvelous writer. His book, All the Light We Cannot See, takes place during WWII and contains dazzling metaphors and physical detail. She also read The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins, which she describes as a "page-turner".



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

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www.shaker.org

If you haven't been there yet, go to the District's website. At the top of the page select the tab labeled **Staff**. In the column to the right select **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.

Spring 2016 Luncheon

The spring luncheon is normally held the first Wednesday in May. **Save that date on your calendar.** If you are able to provide us with a location, please contact Donna Brittain at dawoim@earthlink.net. Everyone will receive a mailing with the confirmed date and location in the spring.

THANKS!!!

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

Kathy O'Neal– luncheon arrangements
Vicki Griminger - calligraphy on name tags
Xiao Ying Coffee - photos
Karen Dunbar - assistance at the Ad Bldg
Mark O'Keefe - mailing
Adrienne Geszler, Gary Raymont, Dee Arrington, Pam Anderson, Cindy Meyer - printing, mailing and assistance with the newsletter

You can help improve our communication efforts by sending email addresses to dawoim@earthlink.net.

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.

Senior Shakerites are Active and Busy...

These “**Morelanders for Life**” get together as often as possible to share lunch, catch up on new happenings, and reminisce about old times. Pictured are *Jean Morgan, Adrienne Geszler, Donna Weldon-Brittain, Joan Servis, Mary Underwood, and Charlene Nevans*. This outing was at P.F. Chang in Beachwood.



Joan Servis says, “I spend four hours every Saturday volunteering at my animal rescue group’s Thrift Shop. I am a ‘beddings and linens’ expert now. Our items come from *Bed, Bath & Beyond*.” Joan’s youngest of 5 grandsons starts college in the fall, and another of the 5 graduated from college in May. Joan lives in South Carolina.

When she is not busy volunteering with the *Senior Shakerites*, **Donna Brittain** spends much of her time performing on the piano with various musical groups in and around the Cleveland area. This summer she was in the Karamu Theatre orchestra for a run of *The Wiz*. Let her know if you are interested in adding your email address to her “fan list” to be kept informed of upcoming appearances.

Please use the “News for the Senior Shakerites” form in this newsletter to keep us updated about **YOUR** adventures and accomplishments.

Celebrations Are in Order...



Tana Gadelsayed, SHHS SAY Social Worker, and husband Rami, welcomed baby boy, Luca Elias, on Friday, April 10.

High School Social Studies teacher **Jessica O'Brien** and husband Adam welcomed baby girl Reaghan Kathleen on June 1.

David and **Abby Goldstein** (High School math teacher) welcomed baby girl Nora Evelyn on June 22.

Amanda Ahrens, High School Social Studies teacher, and Stephen Ersek welcomed baby girl Evelyn Jane on Tuesday, July 7.



Joe Hernan, High School math teacher, married Katie Maxwell on May 2.

We Extend Our Sympathy

Julia Ann Hendricks, wife of retired Middle School math teacher **Ray Hendricks**, passed away on May 1.

Margaret A. Crouch, mother of Middle School librarian **Debra Quarles**, passed away in May. Mrs. Crouch is also survived by grandchildren **Josiah** (SHHS '99) and **James** (SHHS '05).

Patricia Nyiry, mother of **Lynn Marencik** of Lomond and mother-in-law of **Joe Marencik** of the High School, passed away in May.

Shannon A. Martin-Crew (SHHS '87), daughter of retired Lomond teacher **Belvia Martin**, passed away on May 17. Shannon is also survived by brothers **Neil** (SHHS '99) and **John** (SHHS '00).

Katalin Papp, grandmother of High School visual arts teacher **Kristina Walter**, passed away in May.

Michael B. McCord (SHHS '73) passed away on May 20. He is survived by **Claudia McCord** (SHHS '75) of the Fernway staff, **Kelly** (SHHS '07) and **Lindsay** (SHHS '09).

Evelyn C. Baer, mother of **Holly Wang** of the Shaker Schools Foundation, passed away on June 15.

Matthew Merchant (SHHS '80), son of **Rosemary Merchant**, a High School English teacher from 1983-1995, passed away on July 6.

Kevin Ekeberg, a 2009 graduate of Shaker Heights High School, passed away on August 18.

John Henry Bloxon, father of **Vikki Long**, an administrative assistant and cheerleading coach at the High School, passed away on August 21.



In Memoriam...

Carolyn Garvin, a very longtime member of the High School staff, passed away on April 18.

Retired Boulevard custodian **George Elder** passed away on April 27.

Carol Jean Johnson, former Malvern teacher, passed on July 22 at her home in Houston, Texas.

Wade Grant, Sr., a former longtime member of the District's custodial staff and head custodian at the Administration Building, passed away on August 3. Among his survivors are his son **Wade Grant, Jr.**, who currently works for the District as a maintenance mechanic, and wife Beverly.



Shaker Heights Schools

A community is known by the schools it keeps.

Around and About the Shaker Schools...

You can read more about these stories at www.shaker.org



Welcome to the New School Year!

Superintendent Hutchings welcomes students, faculty, and staff back to school in his August letter. [Read the message.](#)



Shaker Staff Welcomed Back at Convocation on Aug. 17

Shaker welcomed its staff back on August 17 at Convocation, which included a visit from teacher, poet, and activist Clint Smith. [Watch the video.](#)



Board Appoints Davidson to Fill Open Seat

The Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Todd C. Davidson to complete the unfinished term of Amy Fulford.

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Senior Shakerites,

We need your email addresses!

In order to save on paper, postage, and labor it would benefit our organization to begin electronic distribution of the *Senior Shakerites Newsletter* to those of you who are online. Information will be used solely for the purpose of communications with our members. Please send your email address to dawoim@earthlink.net. Thanks.

Name : _____

Home Address: _____

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Email address: _____

_____ I would prefer to continue receiving mailed copies with abbreviated news and luncheon reservation information only.

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Comments: _____

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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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