

Senior Shakerites

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



Fall 2016

Donna Brittain, Editor

The Spring 2016 Luncheon was held at the *Canterbury Golf Club*.



The *Shaker Heights High School Chanticleers*, directed by **Mario Clopton**.

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

John Addison
Dee Arrington
Donna Brittain
Liela Brode
Lucy Burkett
Cindy Campbell
Maureen Carroll
Richard Carroll
Don Coffee
Xiao Ying Coffee
Maryanne Culek
Marcia McMillan-Davis
Stephanie Eagleton
Marilyn Eppich
Ann & Harry Farmer
Deloris Fletcher
Patty Forsberg
Adrienne Geszler
Jacqueline Gholson
Sonia Golden
Joseph Greene
Vicki Griminger

Delores Groves
Norma Guice
Savannah Harbison
Donna Holtrey
Janet Houk
Bev Hucklebridge
Marcia Jaffe
Constance Jefferson
Marie Kysela
Mary Lambert
Kenneth Looney
Clyde & Karen Loughridge
Susan Mears
Cynthia Meyer
Tom Morgan
Gwen Mullins
Charlene Nevans
Bertha Nungesser
Kathy O'Neal
Greg Orosz
JoAn & Jim Perkins
Richard Peterjohn

Joyce Pope
Linda Powers
Clair & Grace Rankin
Sondra Saddler
Annette Sankey
Catherine & James Satola
Donita Singerman
Diane Smith
Karen & Kevin Smith
Carol Spero
Ellen Stepanian
Judy Stewart
Millie Talbot-Redon
Karen Talbot
Karen Kucich Thailing
Rebecca Thomas
Jeanette Throne
Rona Weiss
Barb Whitaker
Bob White
Evelyn Wisham

A Message from Donna

Dear Shaker Retirees,

Two of our retirees were honored at the District's Recognition Event in May. **Stephanie Eagleton** achieved Emeritus status and received several gifts. **Donna Brittain** was presented with the S.H.T.A.'s Lifetime Service Award.

CONGRATULATIONS, 2016 RETIREES!

Christine Auginas	Charles Candel	Jan Clifford	Victor Ferrell
Carol Ann Fisco	Anthony Gamiere	Sue Garber	Joann Hottois
Bonnie Hoynacke	Nancy Johnston	Kenneth Kangas	Beverly Myles
Sam Piro	Stephanie Rutledge	Alma Michele Kolakowski	

Eleni Manousogiannakis

Our Fall 2016 luncheon will be held at the Cleveland Skating Club. We are honored to have as our guest speaker **Mr. Jim Chones**, former basketball player and current radio analyst for the World Champion *Cleveland Cavaliers*. Be sure to get your luncheon reservation in on time and join us for this super-sized event.

The *Shaker Heights High School Chanticleers*, directed by Mario Clopton, did an OUTSTANDING performance for us at the Canterbury Golf Club in May. It is always such a thrill to see the young people "doing their thing" and reminding of us the days we devoted to working with them. Those of you who are receiving our communications via email have already had the opportunity to see the photos from our spring luncheon presented in a musical slide show on YouTube. If you have not seen it, and would like to enjoy the images of your former colleagues and the students who entertained us, please go to: <https://youtu.be/6kMAMwQ7KX4>

A special THANKS goes out to my brother, Jim Webb of Tampa, Florida (www.thewebbworks.com) who continues to treat his big sister to these slide show productions, and to Mrs. Donald Coffee (Xiao Ying) who captures our events with her camera. I know you all appreciate what they do to save these memories for us.

Donna Brittain
President

Senior Shakerites Annual Fall Luncheon

Welcome to all Shaker Heights School Retirees & Guests

WHEN: Wednesday, October 5, 2016

WHERE: **Cleveland Skating Club**

2500 Kemper Road Shaker Heights, OH 44120

Phone: (216) 791-2800

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

1:00 Program... *Mr. James (Jim) Chones*, radio analyst for the *Cleveland Cavaliers*
(see bio on next page)

Menu Selections

1. **Cedar Planked Salmon** glazed with apricot-chipotle sauce & rice pilaf, green beans with carrot band

2. **Chicken Roulade** stuffed with squash, zucchini, tomatoes and chevre cheese topped with fontina cream & rice pilaf, green beans with carrot band

3. **Vegetable Risotto** and green beans with carrot band

Also included: House Salad, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Soft Drinks.

COST: \$32 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, September 23, 2016 – No late reservations will be accepted.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Circle Menu Selection 1 2 3

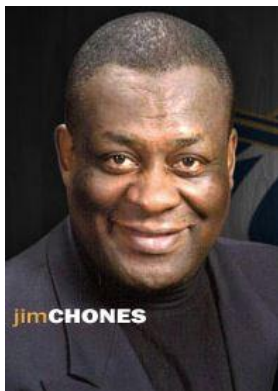
Guest Name (if applicable) _____

Circle Menu Selection for Guest 1 2 3

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

JIM CHONES



*Cancer Survivor / NBA Role-Player,
World Champion, Basketball Analyst,
Storyteller, Writer, Musician
Husband and Father of Five (5)*

[Only family to have six (6) family members play Division One Sports in NCAA History]

Jim Chones is a native of Racine, Wisconsin. He is a former professional basketball player who has, in retirement, continued his love of the game from the sidelines as the current radio analyst for the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers. Chones completed his collegiate basketball career in 1972 after earning All-American Honors that same season at Marquette University. The 6'11" forward/center departed Marquette that season as only the 2nd player in NCAA history to leave college prior to graduating to enter the professional ranks.

Chones's professional career commenced with the American Basketball Association as a member of the New York Nets where he earned first team All-Rookie selection. Following a stint with the ABA's Carolina Cougars, Chones moved onto the ranks of the Cavaliers, Washington Bullets, and a Championship run with the Los Angeles Lakers. Following the NBA Championship season, Jim completed his professional playing career in Florence and Rome, Italy.

In retirement, Chones has been able to stay close to the game as a TV analyst for the Cleveland Cavaliers for 11 years as well as periodic stints with ESPN Collegiate Basketball games for over 20 years. (30 years after leaving Marquette, Chones received his B.A. Degree in Philosophy)

Fifteen years ago, Chones welcomed a form of expression he had struggled with for years ... chronicling his life experiences and choices. "I had so much stuff in my head, I needed to get it out verbally and in my writings." Chones created a collection of short stories, three novellas, and three novels about The Real Black American Experience. After years of sharing his journals of short stories with friends, family and associates and hearing the same recurring comment "you should write a book", Chones has started to chronicle his short stories of early years in Racine, professional basketball experiences both on and off the court - "Stepping off the hardwood" - what goes on when the arena lights are turned off.

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.)

Spring 2017 Luncheon

The spring luncheon is normally held the first Wednesday in May. **Save that date on your calendar.** Everyone will receive a mailing with the confirmed date and location in April. 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:

Gary Raymont – luncheon planning
Kay & James Satola – luncheon greeters
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.

Celebrations Are in Order...

Nicole Litterst, intervention specialist teacher at Woodbury, and her husband Kurt welcomed their second son, Kurt Robert Litterst, Jr., on Thursday, March 31.

Hannah Foster, former lunch aide at Lomond from 2010 - 2011, and her husband Tom, welcomed a baby girl Thursday, April 14. This is also the first grandchild for **Michael Olencki**, head custodian at Boulevard.



Luling (Raina) Li, Chinese language teacher, and her husband, Day, welcomed their first child at 9:18 a.m. on Saturday, April 30. George LiVaughn was 10 lbs. and 8 oz. and 21 ½ inches in length.

On 8/8/16 at 3:05 p.m., **Joel and Hester Rathbone** welcomed son, Joel Wade Rathbone. Joel Wade Rathbone is 17 inches long, 4 lbs. and 11 ounces.



We Extend Our Sympathy

Dr. Aileen Kassen passed away February 23 in Boulder, Colorado. Dr. Kassen was a founding member and donor of the Shaker Schools Foundation, and she endowed a Boulevard Elementary School book fund.

Otis M. Hobson, brother of **Windella Williford**, former Transportation Supervisor for Shaker Heights Schools, passed away on March 26, 2016. Mr. Hobson lived in Angeles City, Philippines, and was retired from the Navy.

James Dewitt Boddy, the father of **Jacklynn Williams** (formerly McKinney), long-time secretarial substitute, passed away Friday, April 8.

Christopher Parks, brother of High School science teacher **Maggie Parks**, passed away Thursday, April 21.

Helen C. Nedelka, mother of **Karen Slovikovski**, testing coordinator at the High School, passed away in April.

Erica Weiss, mother of 2016 graduate **Marguerite Weiss** and former student **Justin Weiss**, passed away Saturday, June 4. She also owned Juma, a Shaker Heights coffeehouse and clothing boutique.

Linda B. Young, mother of **Niccole Young**, Special Education Aide at Woodbury, passed away June 30.

Attorney Nicholas H. Alexander, son of **Julie Alexander**, Instructional Aide at Woodbury, passed away July 9. He was 27 years old.

Carolyn J. Takacs, mother of High School science teacher and IB CAS coordinator **Amy Knisely**, passed away July 17.

Isabelle Smith, mother-in-law of retired kindergarten teacher **Karen Smith**, passed away Saturday, Aug. 6. She was 85. Karen taught at both Fernway and Lomond.

Jeanne Ferreri, mother of occupational therapist **Patrish Ferreri-Staffileno**, passed away in August. She was 91.



In Memoriam...

Robin Snyder, a devoted, beloved and empowering math teacher at the High School, has passed away.

Robin joined the High School faculty as a mathematics teacher for the 2002-2003 school year after compiling more than 10 years combined teaching experience in North Carolina, South Carolina, Revere (Richfield, Ohio), and Cleveland Heights-University Heights. Her son, Robert, is a SHHS graduate.



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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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Fall 2016 Newsletter Addition:

Stephanie Eagleton Awarded Shaker Emeritus Status



Stephanie Eagleton was awarded Shaker Emeritus Status. She got lots of Shaker “goodies” from Superintendent, Dr. Gregory Hutchings and SHTA President, Dr. John Morris.

For more information about how you can receive the Educator Emeritus designation, go to:

<http://www.shaker.org/Downloads/Emeritus%20brochure%20both%20pages.pdf>