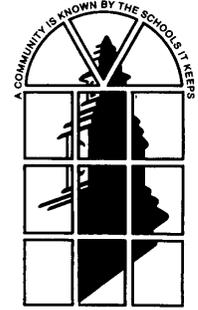


Senior Shakerites



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

Fall 2014

Donna Brittain, Editor

The Spring 2014 Luncheon was held at the *Mayfield Country Club*.



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

John Addison
Dee Arrington
William Baird
Ruth Berger
Noreen Bertman
Diane Bloodsaw
Ruth Blumenthal
Donna Brittain
Liela Brode
Dottie Bruggeman
Lucy Burkett
Stephanie Campbell
George Cannon
Mary Louise Cesa
Don Coffee
Xiao Ying Coffee
Marilyn Eppich
K-Leigh Erickson
Ann Farmer
Harry Farmer
Deloris Fletcher
Patricia Forsberg
Adrienne Geszler
Joseph Greene

Vicki Griminger
Delores Groves
Robert Haas
Barbara Hise
Janet Houk
Marcia Jaffe
Constance Jefferson
Bea Kauffman
Nick Koelkebeck
Lillian Lichtman
Clyde Loughridge
Karen Loughridge
Jean McDowell
Marsha McGill
Jean Morgan
Tom Morgan
Gwendolyn Mullins
Barbara Wilcher-Norton
Madeline Obrock
Kathy O'Neal
Renee Paige
James Perkins
JoAn Perkins
Joyce Pope

Linda Powers
Gary Raymont
Millie Talbot-Redon
Linda Rozman
Annette Sankey
Catherine Satola
Donita Singerman
Diane Smith
Isaac Smith
Carol Spero
Ellen Stepanian
Judy Stewart
Mary Ellen Strong
Jean Sylak
Karen Thailing
Jeanette Throne
Rona Weiss
Judy Wells
Barbara Whitaker
Kathryn Wigglesworth
Ron Wilson
Kathy Wolfe
Henry Woodard

A Message from Donna

Dear Shaker Retirees,

As you know, Don Coffee has passed the leadership of our group to me. What you may not know is that it is through Don's efforts that our group is organized and thriving. When Don retired, the Senior Shakerites met sporadically with fewer than 20 members in attendance. Don took the initiative to reach out to other retirees, to plan regular get-togethers (the first Wednesday of October and May), and to offer interesting speakers and entertainment. He helped build the database of retirees, expanded the newsletter, and arranged for information about our group to be on the Shaker Schools website. Of course, he did not do this alone but he took the leadership role and we have all benefited.

One special focus for Don was having our group support the Shaker Schools Foundation. So, it seems fitting that we recognize his service to our group by making contributions to the SSF that we will present in his name. Here are some options:

- When you return your reservation for the October luncheon, you can add on any additional amount to your check and that amount will be included in the contribution.
- Or, for tax purposes, many people prefer to write a separate check payable to the Shaker Schools Foundation. You may send a separate check along with your reservation.
- For those of you who cannot attend the October luncheon, please consider sending a donation to the SSF care of Jerry Graham.

We want this to be a **SURPRISE FOR DON**, so please help us. I know you join me in appreciation for what Don has done for our group.

Don has left me with some big shoes to fill. I look forward to serving as your president and encourage your support as I take on this new responsibility.

Donna Brittain
President



Note: Please send contributions c/o Jerry Graham
12154 Waywood Dr., Twinsburg, OH 44087

Senior Shakerites Annual Fall Luncheon

Welcome to all Shaker Heights School Retirees

WHEN: Wednesday, October 1, 2014

WHERE: **Cleveland Skating Club**

2500 Kemper Road (near Shaker Square)

Cleveland, Ohio 44120

(216) 791-2800

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

1:00 Program...DAN RUMINSKI

Master Storyteller and History Buff (see info on next page)

Menu Selections

1. **Pesto Grilled Salmon** with a seasonal vegetable relish, 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**, Green beans with carrot band

All entrees will include 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: Jerry Graham

12154 Waywood Dr.

Twinsburg, OH 44087 Phone: 330.963.0715

RSVP by Wednesday, September 24, 2014

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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: \$ _____

Dan Ruminski

*President, Martinson-Nicholls, Inc.
and Cleveland History Storyteller*



Dan Ruminski was born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in Pepper Pike, Ohio. He is a graduate of Orange High School as well as John Carroll University receiving a B.A. Degree in Political Science with a philosophy minor. While a student at John Carroll University he was captain of the basketball team and later went on to play semi-professional basketball for the Army's Fort Eustis Wheels. At the same time, he began a two-year military career graduate of R.O.T.C. before going over to Vietnam for one year.

Dan returned from Vietnam to begin a teaching and coaching career at Gilmour Academy. He left teaching to buy his company Martinson-Nicholls, Inc., a distributor of floor matting products (www.floormat.com).

As President of **Martinson-Nicholls Inc.**, Willoughby, Ohio, for the last 25 years, Dan has taken the company from a small local player to a much larger international force in the area of floor matting and pressure sensitive anti-slip tapes. Working niche markets and inventing solutions for customer problems has caused sales to grow over 500% in 25 years. Dan Ruminski with his company, Martinson-Nicholls:

- Has been featured in the Plain Dealer and Wall Street Journal for new products (electric mats) that melt snow and ice

- Received the 2009 Manny Award
- Received an award from Ohio Entrepreneur for development of unique heated ice & snow melting mats in 2006
- Is currently working on a matting project to design floor mats with special requirements of the Presidential helicopter fleet
- Has designed anti-slip deck pads for over 70 coast guard ships

The Cleveland Storyteller began in April of 2008 at Gates Mills Library. Forty people were expected and over 100 attended. Motivated by his passion and the response he is experiencing to his talks, Dan continues to research Cleveland history, specifically the families of Millionaire's Row and their contribution to Cleveland's greatness during the years 1875-1929. He has created a collection of stories that are constantly updated and fresh and shares those stories at events and venues throughout the Cleveland area. He creates a spellbinding entertainment experience - The Storyteller in his chair, sharing unique stories of Cleveland's past. Dan has become recognized as an expert in this area. His goal is to promote Cleveland nationally, rebuild Cleveland pride, and overcome outdated, uncomplimentary stereotypes (www.ClevelandHistoryLessons.com).

Dan is a **lifelong resident of the Cleveland** area currently living for the past 31 years on six acres in Chesterland, which was formerly part of the Circle W Farm, owned by Walter and Virginia White. Walter was the youngest of the White brothers, founders of White Motors. Dan has developed the property with many palatial gardens that reflect the gardening style and characteristics of the great mansions once owned by Cleveland's prominent figures. His wife, Susan, passed away in 2012, and Dan has four grown children and several grandchildren.

Senior Shakerites are Active and Busy...

Noreen Bertman reports that she is a Red Cross Blood Drive volunteer. She also keeps active as a volunteer and usher chairman at the Suburban Temple. Noreen received the Suburban Temple's President's Award for **Volunteer of the Year**. She boasts that she has four "super wonderful" grandchildren.

Certainly many of you are involved in various organizations, have taken some exciting trips, and/or are experiencing life-changing events
ALL THE TIME!

Please use the "News for the Senior Shakerites" form in this newsletter to keep us updated about your adventures and accomplishments.

A few of us have become involved in Cuyahoga Community College's *Program 60*, which allows seniors to participate in the offerings at CCC at no cost. During the summer, I took music classes and recreation courses. I swam in the beautiful pool and worked out in the fitness center. I even enjoyed massages performed by students in the Massage Therapy classes. ~ DB

It's simple to stop by either of the campuses and secure your Tri-C ID card and get started!

Senior Shakerites Recommend ...

We are looking for some interesting reads.



**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.

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

Spring 2015 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 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 and Ellen Stepanian – luncheon/guest speaker arrangements
Sonia Golden - calligraphy on 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, Jean Morgan, Barbara Hise, Pam Anderson - 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.

Celebrations Are in Order...

Mercer teacher **Susan Beney** and her husband Bernd Schuessler welcomed baby girl Emma Marie Schuessler on March 25.

High School Theatre Department Chair, **Scott Sumerak**, his wife, Jenni, and daughter, Rory, welcomed baby girl Willow Kailani on Friday, April 18.

Gus Stager of the Treasurer's Office and his wife Kathryn welcomed baby boy Augustus Pingree Stager V on May 14.

High School science teacher **Travis Cox** and his wife Gillian have welcomed their fourth child, Nolan Gerard Cox in May.



Carolyn Miller of Mercer and her husband Rob and daughter Julia welcomed baby boy Robert Joseph Miller on May 27.

Nicole Litterst of Woodbury and her husband Kurt welcomed baby boy Liam Robert on May 24.

Steve and Nicole Smith, teachers at Lomond and Mercer, welcomed baby girl Brynn Elizabeth Smith on June 3.

High School math teacher **Caroline Markel** and her husband Brad Ricca welcomed baby boy James Felix Ricca on August 28.



We Extend Our Sympathy

Mildred “Millie” Hughes, mother of **Bill Hughes** of the Middle School and High School band departments, passed away in March.

Lenore Rosenberg, mother-in-law of Woodbury teacher **Kathy Brewster**, passed away in Walnut Creek, California on March 19.

James Ray Hill, father of Boulevard teacher **Kevin Hill**, passed away on March 29 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Stephen Crain, father of **Daniel Crain** of the High School music department, passed away on April 7.

Barbara J. Davis, sister of **Linda Watson** of the Middle School office staff, passed away in April.

Harry Weltman, the husband of former Onaway and Woodbury Principal **Rosemary Weltman**, passed away in May.

Lois Heinlen, mother of **Jan Clifford** (SHHS '70) of the Middle School, has passed away. She was the wife of the late **Fred Heinlen**, a longtime teacher and coach at the High School. Mrs. Heinlen is also survived by children **F. Douglas Heinlen** (SHHS '64) and **Rodd R. Heinlen** (SHHS '66); and grandchildren **Steven Strang** (SHHS '99), **Carson Strang** (SHHS '01), and **Kevin Strang** (SHHS '04); and Emma and Luke Heinlen.

William J. Harnish, father of Woodbury teacher **Sean Harnish**, passed away in early June.

John H. Houser, Sr., father of High School Social Studies teacher **Joseph F. Houser, Sr.**, passed away on June 26.

Kay Rimedio, mother-in-law of **Peg Rimedio** of Fernway and mother of former Shaker teacher **Nick Rimedio**, passed away on Wednesday, July 23.

Pastor Lawrence “Larry” Burks, father of **Lawrence** (SHHS '08), **Latrice** ('12), and **Joshua** ('13), passed away on July 22.

Verdia Mae Young, mother of Woodbury principal **Danny Young**, passed away on July 28.

William Barton Paige (SHHS '67), brother of retired Middle School assistant principal **Renee Paige**, passed away on July 28.

Arlette Bloxson, mother of **Vikki Long**, High School athletic secretary and cheerleading coach, and grandmother of **Marcus Miller** (SHHS '05) and **Michael Miller** (SHHS '06), passed away in August.

Lacardo Knott (SHHS '08) passed away on August 27.



In Memoriam...

Harry Rimmel, student software specialist in the Data Services department, passed away this summer after a sudden illness. He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn, four children, a grandchild, his parents, and siblings.

Sandra Pounds, a Mercer lunch aide, passed away on June 26 after a long illness.

Norm Edwards, longtime custodian and Local 200 president, passed away in July.



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



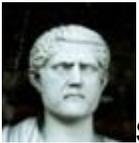
Superintendent's Update, August 2014

Dr. Hutchings reports on preparations for the new school year, great news about our third graders' success in reading, the new Strategic Plan, and much more.



New Appointments Round Out Leadership Team

Among the incoming team members are the new assistant superintendent of business and operations, director of curriculum, director of technology and media services, and Middle School principal.



SHHS Students Travel to Latin Convention

Shaker's delegation attended the National Latin Convention in Atlanta, bringing home numerous top 10 awards. In other news, SHHS student Narayan Sundararajan has been elected Second Vice President of the National Junior Classical League.



Schools & City Collaborate to House Learning Center

The School District and the City of Shaker Heights join forces with funders and community groups to create a center for digital learning and family engagement, to open in the 2014-15 school year at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building.



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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: _____

School building served: _____

Email address: _____

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

_____ Please deliver my newsletter via email.

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 Ellen Stepanian.

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

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