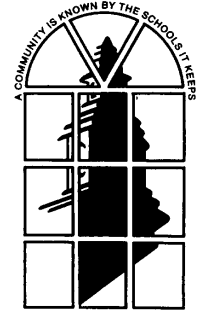


# Senior Shakerites



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

Fall 2019

Donna Brittain, Editor

On May 1 we met at the Pine Lake Trout Club. Thank you, Karen Kucich Thailing, for sponsoring our visit to this venue. Please enjoy the slide show of our luncheon photos by visiting <https://youtu.be/6N2nLNHKIto>. Don and Xiao Ying Coffee provided the shots. The following Senior Shakerites were in attendance at the luncheon:

Dee Arrington	Ken Kangas	Linda Powers
Donna Brittain	Nick Koelkebeck	Annette Sankey
Cindy Campbell	Marie Kysela	Donita Singerman
Stephanie Campbell	Kenneth Looney	Diane Smith
Don & Xiao Ying Coffee	Karen & Clyde Loughridge	Judy Stewart
Ann Farmer & Harry Farmer	Mary Ann Mahoney	Jeanette Throne
Delores Fletcher	Rod McLeod	Jane Troha
Adrienne Geszler	Susan Mears	Mary Underwood
Joseph Greene	Charlene & Marv Nevans	Rona Weiss
Janet Houk	JoAn & Jim Perkins	Evelyn Wisham

The fall luncheon/meeting will be held at the Mediterranean Party Center in Bedford Heights. You will find reservation information on the next page. **Karen Laurence**, Assistant Director of Faculty and Alumni Engagement at the Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, will briefly address our attendees. (<https://case.edu/lifelonglearning/>). Following her presentation, we will be entertained by the musical stylings of vocalist, **Charita Franks**. Charita and I perform regularly throughout Northeast Ohio. You can visit her website at [www.charitafranks.com](http://www.charitafranks.com) to see her performance calendar. To check out videos, scroll down below the photo on the Homepage.

I was rear-ended on July 27 and became a first-time grandmother on August 6. Of course, the baby has changed life for me, but the auto accident has left me with some limitations. Due to the concussion, my doctors have insisted that I abstain from prolonged, intense use of my brain until I am healed. I am forbidden to do the kind of work necessary to produce the usual newsletter. Therefore, this is an abbreviated version and I hope things are back to normal by spring.

# Senior Shakerites Annual Fall Luncheon

*Welcome to all Shaker Heights School Retirees*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 2, 2019

**WHERE:** *Mediterranean Party Center*

25021 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

Phone: (440) 439-1903

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

**1:00 Program** Karen Laurence, Charita Franks

## *Buffet Menu*

*Garden Tossed Salad, Potato Salad, Antipasto Salad, Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit*

*Chicken Piccata, Baked Whitefish, Broccolini Fettuccini Alfredo*

*Catalina Vegetable Blend*

*Rolls & Butter*

*Dessert*

COFFEE/DECAF/HOT TEA/ICED TEA

**COST: \$30 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, September 27, 2019 – No late reservations will be accepted.**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation for Shaker Schools Foundation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NOTES...**

***History of the Shaker Heights School Employees Retirement Association (copied from the Fall 2010 Senior Shakerites Newsletter published by Adrienne Geszler, via Don Coffee)***

*The Shaker Heights School Employees Retirement Association was originally begun in the 1960's to informally maintain the social and professional contacts of all former employees of the Shaker Heights City School District. Its membership includes all former employees: clerical, support, non-professional, and professional personnel in all buildings.*

*Meetings are held twice a year on the first Wednesday of May and October. All retirees are regularly invited to come to these meetings through our Shaker Retiree Newsletter which is published and sent to all retirees, if current addresses are listed by the association's secretary. The meetings continue the tradition of maintaining social contacts and providing retirees information for their health and welfare. The Association continues open communications with the Shaker Heights City School District to keep members aware of changes and even provide opportunities of service that may be of interest to them.*

*The SHSE Retiree Association has made monetary contributions to the Shaker Foundation to support the students and schools and has participated in the development and promotion of the Shaker Emeritus Program.*

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President, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, programs, venues, reservations, mailings...someone must do each of these jobs in order for this group to function. I believe we need a working committee to keep this organization vital. I have been doing everything EXCEPT keeping financial records and collecting \$ for luncheon reservations. Dottie Bruggeman has recently retired from maintaining our database. I am thankful for Jerry (treasurer) and Vicki (reservations, nametags), and a variety of volunteers who come out to put the newsletter together. I hope some of you will consider giving of your time to continue these connections we have cherished for decades. I need to step down.

As it stands, unless someone else is willing to take charge of hard copy distribution --- which means establishing access to a room at the Ad. Bldg., communicating with Mailman Mark to obtain stamps, accessing a copier, rallying a group of volunteers to fold, label, and stamp the *Senior Shakerites* --- this will be the **FINAL** newsletter distributed through the U.S. Postal Service.

**YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS in order to continue to receive the *Senior Shakerites* newsletter, beginning in 2020.**

## **The Officers and Committee Chairs**

**Donna Brittain**, President - donnabrittain57@gmail.com

**Jerry Graham**, Treasurer - jrg@adelphia.net

**Vicki Griminger**, Reservations- bgsu73@aol.com

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 Donna Brittain.

If you do not wish to continue receiving copies of the Senior Shakerites, please let us know. You can email Donna Brittain at donnabrittain57@gmail.com

### *Senior Shakerites*

15600 Parkland Drive

Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

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### **CONGRATULATIONS ...**

Congratulations to Shaker Heights High School math teacher **Abby Goldstein** on the birth of her son, Miles Cook Goldstein. Miles was born on March 8 and weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. He joins his older brother Max and older sister Nora.

Congratulations to Middle School Assistant Principal **John Harlow**, and his wife, Lauren, on the birth of their daughter, Chase Virginia. Chase was born Monday, March 25 and she joins her big brother, Reid.

Congratulations to High School Biology teacher **Sharita Hill** on the birth of her daughter, Sienna Reese Arnold! Sienna was born Friday, April 5 and weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

### **In Memoriam ...**

Shaker Heights High School Security Monitor **Curtis C. Hughley** passed away Saturday, June 8, 2019. He was 67 years old. Mr. Hughley also was the father of Shaker Heights Schools Bus Driver **Malcolm King**.

Former Fernway Lunch Aide **Ernestine M. Headen** passed away June 25, 2019. She was 97 years old.

Former long-time Shaker Heights Schools bus driver **Emma Murray** passed away on Tuesday, August 13. She was 79 years old.

**Dalia Sak**, retired Shaker Heights Middle School French and Spanish teacher and language department chair, passed away Sunday, September 8. She was 71 years old and is survived by her husband, retired Shaker Heights High School and Middle School biology teacher **Richard Sak**.

## **We Extend our Sympathy ...**

Elmer Dean White, father of **Dawn Sizemore**, Coordinator of the Innovative Center, passed away Friday, March 22. He was 67 years old. Mr. White also was the grandfather of Shaker Heights High School student **Tai-Beauty Sizemore** and Shaker Heights Middle School student **Tristian Dean Sizemore**.

Jerry Parker (SHHS '87), brother of Special Education Supervisor **Jennifer Currie**, passed away Friday, April 12.

Roy Anderson, father of Woodbury administrative assistant **Kerry Powell**, passed away Monday, April 22. He was 88 years old.

Lawrence Wallace, brother of Shaker Heights Schools bus driver **Lorenzo Wallace**, passed away on Tuesday, April 23. He was 58 years old.

Gary Jasiunas, husband of retired Shaker Heights Schools school psychologist **Bonnie Jasiunas**, passed away Friday, May 10, 2019. He was 71.

Al Zubasky, father of Fernway Administrative Assistant **Janet Seman** passed away June 27. He was 87 years old.

Janda Singleton-Johnson, the sister of High School security monitor **Tanya Singleton** and aunt of Lomond custodian **Tyler Singleton**, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2019. She was 54 years old.

Joseph Paul Menster, brother-in-law of District Treasurer **Bryan Christman** and uncle to **Abby** ('10), **Becca** ('12) and **Nathan** ('15), passed away Sunday, July 28. He was 54 years old.

Matthew Ernest Welsch, brother of Mercer and Boulevard PE Teacher **Joe Welsch** and son of retired Shaker Heights Schools teacher and Shaker Sharks Swimming Coach **Ernest Welsch**, passed away on Wednesday, August 14. He was 32 years old.

Ernest Ayers, the father of former Woodbury Assistant Principal and Educational Support Specialist **Michelle Ayers**, passed away Thursday, August 15. He was 83 years old.

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**2019 Retirees**

Carol Boyd	Marybeth Eakin	Renauta Griffin
Ruth Heide	Patsy Lease	Charles Orange
Elizabeth Siegel	Seretta Wilson	
Val Libman (2018)		

**Educators Emeritus**

<b>2009</b>	Steven Fox	Donald Coffee	
<b>2010</b>	Rosemary Nagy	Barbara Hise	Joyce Pope
<b>2011</b>	Robert Sylak	Beth Illes-Johnson	Donna Brittain
	Janet Houk	Olivia (Marianne) Schwartz	
<b>2012</b>	Glenda Moss	Diane Smith	Isaac Smith III
<b>2013</b>	Adrienne Geszler	Ruth Strauss Berger	Rebecca L. Thomas
	Sondra Martin		
<b>2014</b>	Marcia Jaffe	Karen Thailing	
<b>2016</b>	Stephanie Eagleton		