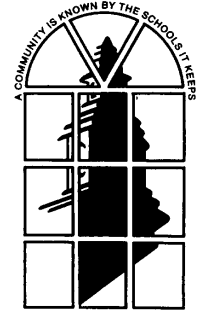


Senior Shakerites



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

Fall 2020

Donna Brittain, Editor

Well, it's the first Wednesday in October. And I MISS YOU GUYS! I hope this communication finds you and your families safe and healthy. It has been a long time, and we have a long way to go with this *pandemic life*.

When I wrote to you in the Fall 2019 newsletter, I had no idea we would be in this position a year later...

*"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.**" – excerpt from Fall 2019 newsletter*

With our current emphasis on **social distancing**, there is no way our OLD way of newsletter distribution can continue. It was great fun to get together to assemble it for mailing, but that's over now.

As many other plans/structures have had to be re-written, now seems to be a good time for CHANGE.

Our previous newsletters focused on reporting about the most recent luncheon gathering and preparing for the upcoming event. Since there is none of that going on right now, it would be great to explore other content. At this point, I will continue to pass on the LIFE CYCLE EVENTS that are shared through the shaker.org email.

Donna

Somehow this was left out of the Spring newsletter. My apologies to Chuck.

March 23, 2020

Dear Retired Teachers,

My name is Chuck Candel and I am taking over the leadership role for the Shaker Heights Teachers. I am excited and honored to be in this position. I was planning and looking forward to our Spring Luncheon but due to the CDC guidelines that has been cancelled. Donna and I met to discuss the duties of this role and has agreed to be next to me for as long as I need her. Thank you, Donna.

Since most of you don't know me, I thought I would introduce myself. After graduating from BGSU in 1972, I taught in Lorain, Ohio. In 1980 I moved to Los Angeles where I was a teacher and administrator for 25 years. In 2005 I moved back to Ohio and taught at Woodbury Elementary School for the next 13 years, retiring in 2016. It was wonderful to end my career in an amazing school district.

I live in Beachwood and am active in city politics. I am still subbing at Woodbury and enjoy gardening and working out with my trainer. This year I spent January and February in Florida and enjoyed that very much. I plan to make that a yearly trip.

This organization is very important to me. It is a great place to stay in touch with our former colleagues, talk about memories and see what others are currently doing. We need your help telling others about our luncheons to keep them happening. I welcome suggestions and new ideas to make our event fun and enjoyable for everyone. Text or email me with your thoughts.

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A CURRENT MESSAGE FROM CHUCK:

October, 2020

I hope this letter finds you safe, healthy and able to spend time with loved ones. This is the time we would have been meeting for our Fall Banquet, but unfortunately due to the Corona Virus, we will not be getting together this week.

I talked with Dee about a month ago and told her I wanted to send this letter and share some of the changes I had hoped to implement for our banquets. Her response was “Go for it, do whatever you want. Nothing is normal and now would be a perfect time to make those changes.”

Later that evening I thought about our conversation and realized life is full of change right now. On a personal note, I am a “When life gives you lemons make lemonade, glass half full” kind of guy. I thought about the extra time I had because many normal activities had been cancelled. I decided this was an opportunity for me to make changes in my life that I never had the time to make. Of course I had the home projects; cleaning drawers, organizing files and going through closets. I did that and felt great. I decided to focus on fitness and other activities.

How are you adjusting to our “new normal” and making lemonade out of lemons? What happiness or accomplishments have you achieved during this time? I hope many of you will have stories from the “Quarantine Chronicles” to share at our May 2021 Banquet.

Please do not forget to VOTE and best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

New Additions

High School Science Teacher **Ben Turner** and his wife, Kristi, welcomed a baby girl this past weekend. Molly Earl Turner was born on June 13, 2020, at 11:57 p.m. Molly is 5 lbs. 13 oz.,

High School Assistant Principal **Sara Chengelis**, her husband Peter, and daughter Margi, welcomed a baby boy, Brendan Peter Chengelis, on Friday, August 7.

Congratulations to Fernway and Lomond Instructional Coach **Joceyln Dietz**, who welcomed baby Remington Patricia Roach on Monday, September 28 at 7:57am.

Relatives and Friends

Edward M. Brown, father of Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds **Sean Brown**, father-in-law of Onaway IB Coordinator **Denise Brown** and grandfather to **Sean Jr.** (SHHS, '14), **Michael** (SHHS, '19) and SHHS freshman **Ayanna Brown**, passed away Wednesday, May 6. He was 77 years old.

Rosalie Landi, mother of retired Shaker Heights Middle School Home Economics teacher **Sue Landi**, passed away on June 9, 2020. She was 90 years old.

Angelina Lapp, mother of Woodbury and Middle School Intervention Specialist **Mary Jo Lapp**, passed away on Tuesday, June 30. She was 95 years old.

Robert Arrowsmith, father of Shaker Heights Middle School Health Teacher **Beth Casey**, passed away Wednesday, July 15. He was 81 years old.

William D. Edmonds, father of Shaker Heights Middle School Security Monitor **Nikole Edmonds**, passed away Thursday, July 16.

Lynn M. Klonowski, wife of Shaker Heights Middle School Head Custodian **Mike Klonowski**, passed away on Saturday, August 22. She was 55 years old.

Paul Szalay, father of Shaker Heights Schools German teacher **Keith Szalay** and grandfather of Shaker Heights High School student **Ella Szalay**, Shaker Heights Middle School student **Kyle Szalay** and Onaway student **Allison Szalay**, passed away Thursday, September 3. He was 74 years old.

Johnny Williams, the father of Lomond paraprofessional **Kelli Young**, passed away on Sunday, September 13.

Clarence M. Vassar, husband of retired Shaker Heights Middle School Administrative Assistant **Barbara Vassar** and father of former employee **Michele White**, passed away September 29. He was 87 years old.

Employees/Retirees

Former Fernway Elementary School and Woodbury Elementary School teacher **Judith Bihler Roselli** passed away on Friday, March 6. She was 80 years old.

Retired Shaker Heights Middle School math teacher **Lawrence Marks** passed away on March 9, 2020. He was 93 years old.

Retired Shaker Heights High School teacher and soccer coach **Theodore Baird Wiehe, Jr.** passed away Saturday, April 11. He was 78 years old. Mr. Wiehe spent his entire teaching career at Shaker Heights Schools, from 1966-2001.

Ivy Howard, custodian at Shaker Heights High School and mother of Lomond custodian Tevin Howard, passed away Saturday, June 6. She was 59.

David T. McNamara, longtime Shaker Heights biology and chemistry teacher and Science Department chair, passed away Wednesday, June 10. He was 78.

Former Shaker Heights High School nurse **Emilia "Mimi" Knooihuizen** passed away on Friday, June 12.

Wilfred A. Alert, Shaker Heights Schools bus driver and husband of Fernway paraprofessional **Lucille Alert** passed away on Friday, June 19.

Retired Shaker Heights High School teacher **Nancy Hayward** passed away on Thursday, July 9. She was 83 years old.

Retired Shaker Heights Middle School teacher **Carol Dunlop** passed away on Friday, July 17. She was 69 years old.

Retired Shaker Heights Schools Speech and Language Therapist **Jean Sacatsh** passed away Friday, August 1. She was 90 years old.

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