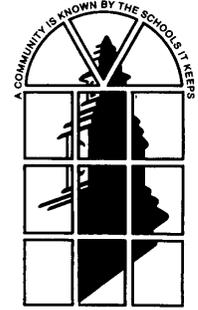


Senior Shakerites



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

Spring 2013

Donna Brittain, Editor

The Fall 2012 Luncheon was held at *Legacy Restaurant & Grill Room* at *Sweetbriar Golf Course*.



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

Donna Brittain
Liela Brode
Lucy Burkett
Don Coffee
Xiao Ying Coffee
Jackie Douglass
Carole Doyle
Stephanie Eagleton
Ann Farmer
Harry Farmer
Deloris Fletcher
Paula Freiberg

Adrienne Geszler
Joseph Greene
Donna Holtrey
Janet Houk
Marcia Jaffe
Clyde Loughridge
Karen Loughridge
Pam Marek
Susan Mears
Mary Morris
Joyce Pope
Gary Raymont

Beverly Sapatka
Diane Smith
Ike Smith
Ellen Stepanian
Beverly Sullivan
Millie Talbot-Redon
Rebecca Thomas
Jeanette Throne
Mary Underwood
Delette Walker
Rona Weiss
Katie Kiker Wigglesworth
Evelyn Wisham

A Message from Don

Dear Retirees,

On Wednesday, May 1st, our Spring Luncheon will be held at the Shaker Country Club. The Club is located at 3300 Courtland Boulevard, Shaker Heights, OH 44122 . There will be a social time starting at 11:00 am prior to the luncheon.

Former Shaker High School teacher, John Federer, will be sharing his experiences of teaching and traveling in China last October.

Also in this newsletter you will find information about the program with former Shaker Alumnus, judge, and author, Linda Rocker.

We are again collecting your donations to the Shaker Schools Foundation. Please make a contribution, whether you attend the luncheon or not. We can each give a few dollars and collectively make a meaningful contribution to support education in Shaker Heights. I will be proposing that we also add to your giving from our treasury account. You may recall that last year you gave \$1300.00 to the Foundation to support Teacher Grants and the International Baccalaureate Program.

Please invite a former colleague or a friend to join us for a delightful spring outing.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Don Coffee

Ellen Stepanian has volunteered to be chairperson for our Program Committee. She has made program arrangements and helped in contacting locations for our meetings. I want to thank Ellen for all of her work. Please feel free to give your suggestions for future locations and for programs to Ellen.

Fall Newsletter

Please send any items for the next newsletter to either Don Coffee at 6414 Elmcrest Dr. Hudson, OH 44236 or email coffezon@hotmail.com or Donna Brittain at 25220 Woodline Road, Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146 - email: dawoim@earthlink.net

We'd love to hear of your adventures, activities, family events, and other news items.

Your ideas and input are important to us.

Senior Shakerites Annual Fall Luncheon

Welcome to all Shaker Heights School Retirees

WHEN: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

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**

12:45 Program... Guest Speaker - *Linda Rocker*, a product of the Shaker Schools, former English teacher, principal, lawyer, judge, and now author. (More info on next page)

Menu Selections

1. *Grilled Breast of Chicken* with Lemon Caper Sauce
2. *Grilled Salmon Fillet* with Chive Butter Sauce
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, Roll and Butter, DESSERT, Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea.

COST: \$25 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, April 17, 2013

If anyone has news for the next *Senior Shakerites*, please bring it to the luncheon

(See enclosed form) or email Donna Brittain at: dawoim@earthlink.net

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

No. Attending: _____ Circle Menu Selection 1 2 3

Luncheon: \$ _____ Annual Dues: \$5 Donation for Shaker Schools \$ _____

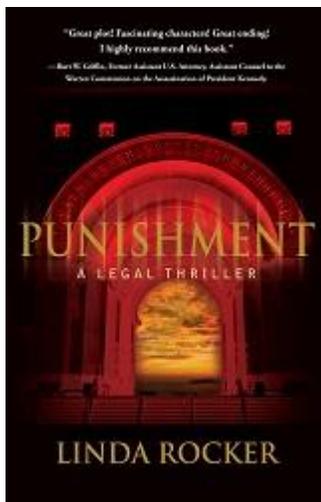
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Old Wine in New Bottles

Linda Rocker began her career as a secondary school English teacher and was a principal at our High School. When her daughter entered the school, she decided to pursue a degree in law at age 40. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Cleveland Marshall Law School and launched a successful 25 year legal career that began in defense litigation.

In 1990, Linda was appointed to the highest trial court in her county where she served as a judge until 2012. When she retired she could not wait to put on paper what she encountered over the course of her legal career. Her first novel, Punishment: A Legal Thriller, is Book One in a planned trilogy. It has received very positive reviews.

We are making arrangements to have her book available for sale (hopefully at a reduced price) at our upcoming May 1 meeting.



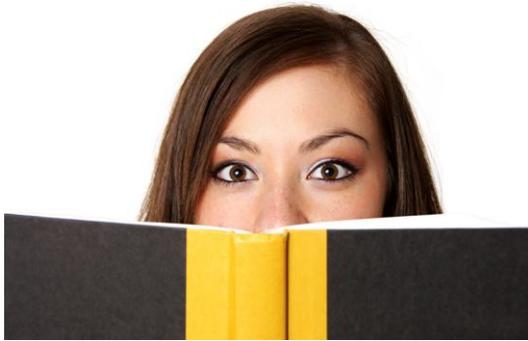
All of Linda's children and grandchildren (except those in Washington, D.C.) are Shaker people. One son, Matt Lehman, is on the Shaker Schools Foundation Board.

www.lindarocker.com

Senior Shakerite Recommends ...

Faith Wyse says -

“for an erudite read, Dust to Dust by Benjamin Busch -- a memoir written by the son of a librarian and college professor/novelist who went to Vassar and became a decorated U.S. Marine Corps officer who served twice in Iraq. It is just a stunning mix of connections between childhood explorations and experiments and later life with words I had never met before.”



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

Fall Luncheon

The fall luncheon is normally held the first Wednesday in October. This year it will be held at the *Cleveland Skating Club*. **Save that date on your calendar.** If you are able to provide us with a location, please contact Don Coffee at coffezon@hotmail.com. Everyone will receive a mailing with the confirmed date and location in the fall.

THANKS!!!

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

Ellen Stepanian – luncheon/guest speaker arrangements
Sonia Golden - calligraphy on name tags
Xiao Ying Coffee - photos
Colleen McCreary - assistance at the Ad Bldg
Mark O’Keefe - mailing
Adrienne Geszler , Vickie Griminger, Gary Rayment, Becky Thomas, Ellen Stepanian - printing, mailing and assistance with the newsletter
Dottie Bruggeman - mailing labels

You can help improve our communication efforts by sending us email addresses.

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.

Congratulations to the New Educators Emeritus

Ruth Strauss Berger

Rebecca L. Thomas

Educators Emeritus

Steve Fox
Rosemary Nagy
Donald Coffee
Barbara Hise
Joyce Pope
Olivia (Marianne) Schwartz
Robert Sylak
Beth Illes-Johnson
Donna Brittain
Janet Houk
Glenda Moss
Diane Smith
Isaac Smith III
Adrienne Geszler

The **EDUCATOR EMERITUS** program began in August 2009.

You can become an **EDUCATOR EMERITUS** by simply submitting an application to the Registration Office at the Shaker Heights Board of Education. You need include a brief description of your professional activity within the District, but outside of the classroom — such as club sponsorship, team coaching, curriculum writing, etc.

Service to the District for at least one year after retirement is essential for your name to be placed on a plaque in the building of your choice.

Congratulations Are in Order...



Tara (a teacher aide at the High School) and **Rae Jackson** welcomed baby girl Raelyn Nicole Jackson on September 4.

Middle School faculty member **Adrienne Richard Casselberry** and her husband Tom Casselberry welcomed their second child, baby boy Troy, on September 8.

High School Spanish teacher **Adam Cohen** and his wife Staci welcomed baby boy Jackson Blake Cohen on October 16.

Fernway teacher **Amy Hannah** and her husband Julius (SHHS '92) welcomed baby girl Evelyn Nicole Hannah on October 30.

Woodbury teacher **Chante Thomas-Taylor** and her husband Michael welcomed new son Chase Jackson Thomas-Taylor on November 21.

High School English teacher **Emily Shrestha** and her husband Dipendra welcomed baby girl Priya on December 22.

Candace Sheffler, a Woodbury teacher currently on leave, and her husband John welcomed baby girl Camille on December 28.

Lomond teacher **Beth Brazalovics** and her husband Paul welcomed daughter Nora Kathleen on December 30.

Lomond administrative assistant **Cindy Petures** and her husband John recently became

grandparents for the first time. Baby girl Rylee Morgan was born to parents Ashlee and Tony on January 1.

High School teacher **Mike Babinec** and his wife Robin welcomed baby girl Madeleine on January 2.

Woodbury teacher **Mike Kobilis** and his wife Shaunna recently became grandparents for the first time. Baby girl Peyton Leigh Kobilis was born to parents Michael and Stacey on January 11.

High School music teacher **Donna Jelen** and her husband Todd welcomed baby girl Nika Marie on January 24.

High School science teacher **Travis Cox** and his wife Gillian have welcomed their third child. Caroline Catherine Cox was born on March 3.



Emily Bell, senior administrative assistant in the Business Office, married Matthew Rucker on October 20. She is now **Emily Rucker**.

High School science teacher **Megan Alexander** married Ryan Dora on December 15, 2012, and is now **Megan Dora**.

Senior Shakerites (and their families) are Active and Busy...

FROM AL ZIMMERMAN:

Thanks for informing about Steve Fox. I really appreciated all that both Steve and Carol did as teachers in Shaker. As everyone knew they aided me with all of the help they gave to a lot of kids in the Decathlon as well.

I have a great deal of difficulty getting anywhere because of my inability to walk. My very best to both, and I will be sending a check to the Shaker Schools Foundation on behalf of Steve. As we all know our lives are noted in only one place in the newspapers now.

I am now 82 and still doing what I can do. Mostly that is reading and because of my golf cart, playing golf.

My best to all.

FROM MARY UNDERWOOD: Charlene Nevans and Mary Underwood enjoyed their visit with Joan Servis when she made her annual trek north from Clemson, SC. It is always enjoyable to spend time with friends and catch up on the past year and pending events.



FROM DONNA BRITAIN: Several members of the “old” Moreland School staff try to maintain their connections with each other. Last month, retirees Jean Morgan, Donna Brittain, Joan Servis, and Diane Bloodsaw met at *P.F. Chang’s* to enjoy a scrumptious lunch and reminisce about our times together.



We Extend Our Sympathy

Gregory Malin ('77), the father of junior **Katherine Malin** and former students **Arthur** and **Mark Malin**, died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Illinois in October.

David Heilbron, the husband of former Mercer principal **Pat Heilbron**, passed away October 28. His survivors also include their daughters, Shana Heilbron (SHHS '98) and Ariel Hickman ('01).

Marilyn Scott-Williams, mother-in-law of personnel administrator **Lisa Scott**, passed away in November.

Kenneth W. McGovern, the husband of High School academic advisor **Mary Lynne McGovern**, passed away on November 22. Survivors include their children, **Bill McGovern**, **Kristin Sonne**, and **Julie Voyzey**, all Shaker graduates, and eight grandchildren, three of whom are current Shaker students.

Linda L. Peterson, mother of Shaker swimming coach **Eric Peterson**, passed away on November 23.

Rosa Moore, mother of **Rufus Moore** of the High School security staff, passed away on November 28 at the age of 100.

We have received word that **Zohar (Gottlieb) Karin**, SHHS '91, passed away in Israel on January 12 after a long illness. She is survived by her parents, two siblings, Ori and Karen, her husband and their three daughters.

Dr. Ruth Beall Harris, mother of elementary physical education teacher **Mark Harris**, passed away on January 27.

George Andrew Terry, father of Boulevard teacher **Vanessa Nichols**, passed away on February 2.

Maxine Palmer, wife of Boulevard head custodian **Ron Palmer**, passed away on February 13. She is also survived by daughter Tracci Palmer (SHHS '06).

Eliza Jane Levels, grandmother of Mercer principal **Lindsay Florence**, passed away on February 26.

Margaret Rodgers, mother-in-law of Middle School special education aide **Carol Rodgers**, passed away on February 28.

Chelsea Vinton, who attended Shaker until 2007, passed away on March 2. She is survived by her parents, John and Denise Vinton, and a sister, Lexi, also a former Shaker student.

Alice Band, mother of Fernway library assistant **Claudia McCord** (SHHS '75), passed away in March. Included among her survivors are son-in-law Michael McCord (SHHS '73) and grandchildren Kelly (SHHS '07) and Lindsay (SHHS '09) McCord.

Timothy Driscoll, the father of former Mercer Principal **Pat Heilbron** and the grandfather of Shaker graduates **Shana Heilbron** and **Ariel Heilbron Hickman**, died on March 19.

Daniel S.P. Schubert, M.D. PhD, died after a long illness. He was the husband of former Shaker teacher **Nancy L. Schubert** and father of **Alex Schubert** (SHHS '92).



In Memoriam...

John Vargo, a longtime English teacher at Shaker Heights High School, died on February 18, 2012.

Francis J. (Frank) Warnement, who taught French at Shaker Heights High School for 28 years before retiring in 1989, passed away in September. He is survived by five siblings, all of Michigan, 27 nieces and nephews, and many friends.



Steven Fox, a longtime English teacher at Shaker Heights High School, passed away in October after a long illness. His wife, **Carol Fox**, also taught English at the High School for many years. After his retirement, Steven continued to work with students and was instrumental in creating Shaker's Educator Emeritus program.

Don Coffee, on behalf of our Retiree Association, received a message from Carol Fox:

She wanted to express her sincere appreciation to all friends and colleagues for their support and sympathy during Steven Fox's illness and at his passing.

Robert M. Ginn, a member of the Shaker Heights Board of Education from 1968-1974 and former Shaker Schools Foundation trustee, passed away on March 5. He is survived by his wife Barbara and children Anne Ginn (SHHS '67), Martha Maggos-Dufort (SHHS '70), and Thomas Ginn (SHHS '74).

Shaker Heights Schools

A community is known by the schools it keeps.

Around and About the Shaker Schools



Video Gone Wild (Shaker Style)

High School science teacher **Nathanael Hsu**'s latest video has gone viral. "[Molecules Gone Wild](#)," a parody of the wildly popular "Gangnam Style," has had more than 21,000 views on YouTube since it was posted on October 4. [Check it out, yo.](#)



Hall of Fame Inducts 8 Graduates

This year's inductees are Shoshana Stein Bennett, '71; Peter Bergman, '57; Richard Brubaker, '50; Anna Lupica Colagiovanni, '12; Marc Nathanson, '65; Austin Ratner, '90; Laurel Richie, '77; and Jerome Taylor, '92. [Read their bios...](#)



School Board Elects Officers

At its January 8 organizational meeting, the Board of Education elected **Annette Tucker Sutherland** as President and **William L. Clawson** as Vice President for 2013. **Norman A. Bliss**, **Amy H. Fulford**, and **Reuben Harris, Jr.** also continue on the Board.



The Many Faces of Stress

Nine Shaker Heights High School students were pictured in the *New York Times Magazine* on Sunday, February 10, accompanying an article about handling stress. The *Times* sent internationally known portrait photographer Platon Antoniou to the High School last month to capture images of students on the eve of taking the SAT. **Joanna Milter** (SHHS '82), the deputy photo editor of the magazine, initiated contact with Shaker to arrange the shoot. [View the online version of the article.](#)



City, Schools to Honor State Hockey Champs

Mike Bartley, Ohio's winningest high school hockey coach, and the team will be recognized at 7:30 p.m. on March 27 in City Council Chambers, 3400 Lee Road.

Board Thanks Participants in Search Process

The Board of Education wishes to thank the hundreds of citizens who participated in meeting, listening to, and interviewing the three superintendent candidates who visited our District:

David A. Bowlin, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development at The Center for Learning in Westlake, Ohio

Gregory C. Hutchings, Director of PreK-12 Initiatives in the Alexandria City (Virginia) Public Schools

Demond A. Means, Superintendent of the Mequon-Thiensville (Wisconsin) School District

Each candidate remarked upon this community's spirit and passion for education.

Following an intense interview process and review of comments from a wide variety of stakeholders, including staff and community members, the Board reached a consensus on our choice for our next superintendent. The Board is now engaged in the process recommended by our search consultant for verifying that candidate's background and references. As soon as we have finalized the details, the Board will be pleased to announce the name of our next superintendent, who will assume office for the 2013-14 school year.

In the meantime, the Board appreciates your patience as we attempt to conclude a challenging process in a positive and respectful manner.



As you know, **Mark Freeman** is retiring this summer after 25 years of distinguished service as superintendent. We invite all to a special celebration in his honor on **May 28, 5-7 p.m. in the High School's Upper Cafeteria**. The event is co-sponsored by the District, the City of Shaker Heights, the Shaker Schools Foundation, PTO Council, the Shaker Heights Teachers' Association, Local 200, and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees.

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 Shakerite Newsletter* to those of you who are online. Information will be used solely for the purpose of communications with our members.

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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Vicki Griminger, bgsu73@aol.com and

Adrienne Geszler, ageszler@roadrunner.com – Mailing

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 Shakerite, please let us know. You can email Donna Brittain at dawoim@earthlink.net .

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