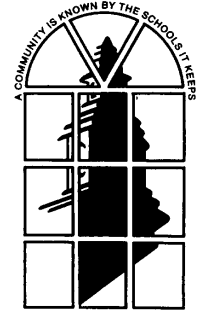


# Senior Shakerites



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

Spring 2014

Donna Brittain, Editor

The Fall 2013 Luncheon was held at the *Cleveland Skating Club*.



Dr. Gregory Hutchings was our guest speaker and the SHHS Chanticleers provided musical entertainment.

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

John Addison  
June Sallee Antoine  
Albert C. Antoine  
Dee Arrington  
Ruth Berger  
Ruth Blumenthal  
Donna Brittain  
Leila Brode  
Dorothy Bruggeman  
Lucy Burkett  
Stephanie Campbell  
George Cannon  
Mary Lou Cesa  
Don Coffee  
Xiao Ying Coffee  
Lynn Cowen  
Kay Dunlap  
Marilyn Eppich  
Ann Farmer  
Harry Farmer  
Frances Owen  
Dollye Finney  
Harryette Eaton  
Patty Forsberg  
Joseph Greene  
Allen Grigsby  
Delores Groves

Gretchen Hamann  
Ray Hendricks  
Barbara Hise  
Donna Holtrey  
Janet Houk  
Marcia Jaffe  
Constance Jefferson  
Joanna Kobilis  
Rae Koeberna  
Mary Lambert  
L. David Lawrence  
Lil Lichtman  
Karen Loughridge  
Clyde Loughridge  
Rod MacLeod  
Lynda Mayer  
Jean McDowell  
Marsha McGill  
Susan Mears  
Tom Morgan  
Jean Morgan  
Mary K. Nackley  
Charlene Nevans  
Bertha Nungesser  
Madeleine Obrock  
Kathy O'Neal  
Barbara Owens

Wayne Owens  
Linda Pagel  
Renee' Paige  
Elaine Patrick  
JoAn Perkins  
Richard Peterjohn  
Elspeth Peterjohn  
Joyce Pope  
Linda Powers  
H. Clair Rankin  
Grace Rankin  
Mildred Talbot Redon  
Karen Talbot  
Ruth Robbins  
Norris Ross  
Ellen Rubin  
Linda Schlein  
Donita Singerman  
Diane Smith  
Isaac Smith  
Ellen Stepanian  
Judy Stewart  
Bev Sullivan  
Jean Sylak  
Becky Thomas  
Margaret Walton  
Marilyn Wilk

# A Message from Don

Dear Retirees,

With the cold and snowy weather finally gone it is time to come and join our Shaker Retirees for our spring luncheon.

What are you doing to enjoy your retirement? Well, here's your chance to enjoy what Donna Brittain has been doing.

We are so pleased and honored to showcase Donna's talents with the 2013 R & B Hall of Fame inductees, the "Hesitations," as our program. This musical group recently returned from a very successful European tour prior to their induction into the R & B Hall of Fame.

I am proud to announce that in addition to her musical career, Donna has agreed to become the next president of our Shaker Heights Retired Employees' Association.

Welcome, please join your friends and former colleagues at the beautiful Mayfield Country Club.

Sincerely,

Don Coffee

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**Retired Teachers' China Culture Experience with Yangtze River Cruise**  
**14-Day Trip to China including our Retired Teachers' Visit to Chinese Schools Oct 23-Nov 5, 2014**  
**Beijing-Xi'an-Chongqing-Yangtze River Cruise-Yichang-Shanghai**

Don Coffee says that it is still not too late to sign up for this wonderful October Retired Teachers' Trip to China. You will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and visit with the students or even teach a lesson. The students love practicing their English skills with our group of teachers. Not only will you love the classroom experience, you will also get the chance to visit some of China's most famous treasures and enjoy a luxurious river cruise through the Three Gorges on the Yangtze River

Contact Don or Ying at 330-671-2717 or at [agoodcupof@hotmail.com](mailto:agoodcupof@hotmail.com) if you are interested and need more information.

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## 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](mailto:coffezon@hotmail.com) or Donna Brittain at 25220 Woodline Road, Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146 - email: [dawoim@earthlink.net](mailto: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 Spring Luncheon

Welcome to all Shaker Heights School Retirees

WHEN: Wednesday, May 7, 2014

WHERE: *Mayfield Sand Ridge Club*

1545 Sheridan Road  
South Euclid, Ohio 44121  
(216) 381-0826

TIME: Gather at 11:00am for refreshments ... Lunch served at **12:15 pm**  
**1:00 pm Program...The World Famous HESITATIONS** (see bio on next page)

## Menu Selections

1. *Poached Chicken Crepe with Wild Mushrooms*  
Béchamel Sauce, French Beans, Red Pepper & Multi-Color Carrots, Assortment of Fresh Fruit
2. *Spinach & Roasted Red Pepper Quiche* with Goat Cheese & Mozzarella Cheeses, Roasted Tomato & Red Pepper Sauce, with Assortment of Fresh Fruit
3. *Traditional Mixed Greens Salad with Grilled Salmon*

All entrees will include Assorted Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, and Lemonade & DESSERT.

**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 Monday, April 21, 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues: \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ Donation for Shaker Schools Foundation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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



**The Hesitations** are a group from Cleveland, Ohio. They recorded four albums in the 60s which included hits such as *Born Free*, *Soul Superman*, *the Impossible Dream*, *I'm not Built That Way*, and *She Won't Come Back*. But when tragedy struck the group, they disbanded.

In 2006, Art Blakey, the lead singer on most of the hit songs, was asked to put the group back together for a show at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. After having no success with trying to get the original members to join him, he called on some of his friends who were part of a group that he first started singing with as a teenager. The group, *The Sahibs*, was one of Cleveland Ohio's well-respected groups.

After putting a show together and performing for a very responsive crowd, they decided to make a comeback as *The New Hesitations*. Since then they have been playing casinos, country clubs, arenas, and various other venues. They have also been featured on TV and radio shows all over the world. They were asked to come back to The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2009 to be a part of the annual World Festival. And in March of 2010, they performed before thousands of fans in the United Kingdom at the Prestatyn Soul Weekender. **The Hesitations** were inducted into The R&B Hall of Fame on August 17, 2013 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Their new single *Dance With My Father*, a remake of Luther Vandross' hit, is the first cut from their soon to be released CD.

Members consist of Art Blakey, George Hendricks, Joyce Blakey, William Carter, Vocals; Ronnie Wilson Jr., Drummer; Tim Banks, Guitar; Eric Spearman, Bass; Joe Jenkins Percussions; and Donna Brittain, Keyboards.

[www.thehesitations.com](http://www.thehesitations.com)

[www.reverbnation.com/thehesitations](http://www.reverbnation.com/thehesitations)

## DIRECTIONS TO MAYFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

### AIRPORT

480 EAST TO 271 NORTH. EXIT CEDAR ROAD WEST – ONE MILE TO RICHMOND ROAD, TURN RIGHT. ONE MILE TO MAYFIELD ROAD, TURN LEFT – APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE DOWN MAYFIELD ROAD TO SHERIDAN, TURN LEFT. THE CLUB'S ENTRANCE IS A HALF BLOCK ON THE LEFT SIDE.

### DOWNTOWN

90 EAST TO 260TH EXIT. TURN RIGHT ON 260TH. CROSS OVER EUCLID AVENUE & CONTINUE ON RICHMOND ROAD ABOUT 4-MILES TO MAYFIELD ROAD. TURN RIGHT ON MAYFIELD ROAD – APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE DOWN TO SHERIDAN ROAD AND TURN LEFT. THE CLUB'S ENTRANCE IS A HALF BLOCK ON THE LEFT SIDE.

### AKRON

271 NORTH - EXIT AT CEDAR ROAD WEST - ONE MILE TO RICHMOND ROAD, TURN RIGHT. ONE MILE TO MAYFIELD ROAD – TURN LEFT. APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE TO SHERIDAN ROAD- TURN LEFT. THE CLUB'S ENTRANCE IS A HALF BLOCK ON THE LEFT SIDE.

### OTHER DOWNTOWN DIRECTIONS

77-SOUTH TO 480 EAST – 271 NORTH  
THEN FOLLOW AIRPORT DIRECTIONS

## Senior Shakerites Recommend ...

While on vacation, **Rod McLeod** enjoyed reading Dave Barry's book, Big Trouble.

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In our Fall 2012 issue, **Chuck Spinner** shared information about the release of his second book entitled The Tragedy at the Loomis Street Crossing. It is the product of five years of research on the victims, survivors, stories and circumstances surrounding a train crash in Naperville, Illinois on April 25, 1946. Local presentations near the Naperville community about Chuck's book last year brought the crash back to mind. It is being credited with motivating the commissioning of a sculpture by artist Paul Kuhn to commemorate the lives of those who died when two trains collided that day.



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

## Fall 2014 Luncheon

The fall luncheon is normally held the first Wednesday in October. **Save that date on your calendar.** If you are able to provide us with a location, please contact Don Coffee at [coffezon@hotmail.com](mailto:coffezon@hotmail.com). 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:

*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*, *Ellen Stepanian*, *Lucy Burkett* - printing, mailing and assistance with the newsletter

You can help improve our communication efforts by sending email addresses to [dawoim@earthlink.net](mailto: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.

## Congratulations to the new Educators Emeritus

*Marcia Jaffe and Karen Thailing*

### **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  
Ruth Strauss Berger  
Rebecca L. Thomas  
Sondra Martin

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 to 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.

## Celebrations Are in Order...

Retired Woodbury teacher **Diane Mulligan** became a grandmother again on January 3. Baby boy Oliver Benjamin Mulligan was born to her son Guy and daughter-in-law Amy. Oliver is also welcomed by big brothers Grayson and Kalen.

High School English teacher **Valerie Doersen** and her husband Chris welcomed baby girl Winter Rose on January 3.



High School art teacher **Christina Stouffer** and her husband Mike Corbin welcomed baby boy Jonathan Armand on February 2.

Bus driver **Shermaine Lindsay**, her husband Adrienne, and son Terrell Golden (SHHS '13) welcomed baby girl Aubrielle Nicole on February 25.





## Senior Shakerites are Active and Busy...

**Rod McLeod** says:

I took a trip to Bermuda in June 2013 for R & R and reading on the beach! Then a week in Massachusetts to visit my parents and siblings, followed by 2 weeks at Silver Bay YMCA on Lake George, New York with our daughter, son-in-law, and grandsons.

I am coaching the high school boys' cross country team for my 10<sup>th</sup> season.

I was a competitor in the National Senior Olympics (held here in Cleveland last summer) in the 5K road race, where I won the gold medal for runners in the 60 to 64 age group.

**Tom Morgan** says:

I was very excited to be inducted into my high school football Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 20, 2013. Only four people are inducted each year. This was the first time I was able to go back to my hometown in over ten years.



# We Extend Our Sympathy

Beulah and Edward Terrell, the parents of **Terrance Terrell** of the Mercer custodial staff, both passed away in late August of 2013.

Bernice Ingram, the mother of former administrative secretary **Lorna Larkin** (Treasurer's Office), passed away in early September, 2013.

Colette O'Leary, mother of Woodbury teacher **Marie O'Leary-Stark**, passed away in September.

Cola Johnson, mother of Woodbury 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher **Darlene Garrison** (SHHS '88), passed away on October 3. Ms. Johnson had been a lunch supervisor at Moreland and Woodbury. She is also survived by children **Robert Johnson** (SHHS '76) and **Veda Williams** (SHHS '85).

Robert P. Padovani, father of Mercer teacher **Maria Baker**, passed away on October 9.

**Daniel White** (SHHS '80), brother of High School teacher **Bob White** (SHHS '73) and brother-in-law of High School teacher **Lori White**, passed away on November 11 in Tempe, Arizona. He is survived by his wife Kristi and daughters Brooke and Brittany.

His other survivors include siblings **Christopher** ('76), **Patty** ('77), **Michael** ('78), **Pamela** ('81), **Jimmy** ('82), **Richard** ('84), **Marguerite** ('86), and **Ruth** ('89); and nephews **Patrick White** ('08), **Karim Ragab** ('12), and **Omar Ragab** ('15); and niece **Lindsay White** ('11).

Larry Dowell, father of Mercer school nurse **Karen Tritt**, passed away on November 28.

Eleanor Damm, the mother of High School nurse **Paula Damm**, passed away on December 3 in Sandusky, OH.

Pauline Jacobson, mother of **Rachel Heller** of the Mercer kindergarten resource program, passed away December 18.

Richard Cannon, father of bus driver **Michelle Patrick**, passed away on January 10.

Christine Norrington, mother of retired Shaker teacher **Stephanie Campbell**, passed away on February 5.

Margaret Pelc, mother of Onaway custodian **Jason Pelc**, passed away in February.

Iris Alert Albert, mother of bus driver **Wilfred Alert** and mother-in-law of Fernway special education aide **Lucille Alert**, passed away on March 20.

## In Memoriam...

**Kenneth Norris, Jr.**, a former member of the High School's science department, passed away on September 6. Among his survivors are his children **Kenneth A. Norris (SHHS '85)** and **Cheryl Gilbert (SHHS '87)**.

**Marion Sanborn**, a former physical educator and administrator with the District, passed away on November 11.

**Kay Brower**, Bryon Jr. High Guidance Counselor for 25 years died January 20, 2014 in North Carolina.

**Marcia Bliss**, a retired Shaker teacher and mother of former school board member **Norman Bliss (SHHS '83)**, passed away on March 3. Mrs. Bliss is also survived by daughters **Jennifer (SHHS '90)** and **Sharon (SHHS '89)** and granddaughters **Ariana (8<sup>th</sup> grader at SHMS)** and **Alessandra (SHHS '13)**.



# Shaker Heights Schools

A community is known by the schools it keeps.

## Around and About the Shaker Schools



**31 Honored in National Scholars Programs** Thirty-one members of the Class of 2014 have been honored by the National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic Scholar programs.



### 140 Named AP Scholars

The College Board has recognized 140 Shaker students as AP Scholars for their outstanding scores on three or more Advanced Placement exams. [Full list of Scholars...](#)



### Hall of Fame Inducts 8 Graduates

This year's inductees are **Jamie Babbit**, '89; **Paul Campbell**, '73; **George Divoky**, '64; **John Philip "J.P." Fischer**, '99; **Marc Kamionkowski**, '83; **Joan Pagano**, '64; **Scott Spero**, '82; and **Celeste Terry**, '75.



### Board Votes to Put Levy on May '14 Ballot

At the recommendation of its Finance & Audit Committee, the Board will ask for less money -- 6.9 mills -- and plans to continue or extend the four-year interval between levies by cutting operating costs.



### Model UN Club Wins 9 Awards

The High School's Model UN Club brought home nine key awards from the Secondary Schools UN Symposium in Montreal.



### Follow Us on Twitter

Keep up while you're on the go. Follow the School District [@ShakerSchools](#) and Superintendent Hutchings [@DrHutchings](#) for timely reminders, news, and views.

# Just for Fun!



~~Retired~~ Teacher  
~~Retired~~ Teacher  
~~Retired~~ Teacher  
*I'm Done Teaching!*

Raise your hand if you've ever seriously considered retiring from teaching because you can't keep the annual acronym changes straight.



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*You Know You're A Retired Teacher IF...*

You eat all fruits except Apples  
You still hear the sound of the bell  
You avoid cafeteria style restaurants  
You don't own any red pens  
Everyday is like a Summer Break



*I'm retired - goodbye tension,  
hello pension!*

I'm retired and ...



this is my office!



# 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. Please send your email address to [dawoim@earthlink.net](mailto:dawoim@earthlink.net). Thanks!

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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**Ellen Stepanian**, Programs – [elns@windstream.net](mailto:elns@windstream.net)

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](mailto:dawoim@earthlink.net) .

## ***Senior Shakerites***

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