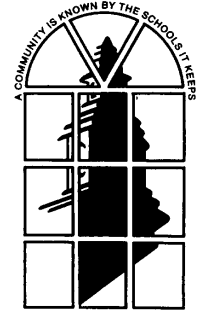


Senior Shakerites



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

Spring 2017

Donna Brittain, Editor

The Fall 2016 Luncheon was held at the *Cleveland Skating Club*.



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

Dee Arrington
Donna Brittain
Liela Brode
Chuck Candel
Mary Lou Cesa
Don Coffee
Xiao Ying Coffee
Stephanie Eagleton
Marilyn Eppich
Ann & Harry Farmer
Dollye Finney
Carol Ann Fisco
Charles & Patty Forsberg
Nancy Genger
Adrienne Geszler
Melda Graves
Joseph Greene
Vicki Griminger
Norma Guice
Savannah Harbison

June Hayes
Janet Houk
Marcia Jaffe
Connie Jefferson
Mary Lambert
Lil Lichtman
Karen & Clyde Loughridge
Susan Mears
Cynthia Meyer
Carlton Moody
Jean Morgan
Charlene & Marvin Nevans
Kathy O'Neal
Linda Pagel
Elaine Patrick
JoAn & Jim Perkins
Joyce Pope
Linda Powers
Clair & Grace Rankin
Gary Raymont

Venezuela Robinson
Michell Rucinski
Sondra Saddler
Annette Sankey
Catherine & James Satola
Donita Singerman
Diane Smith
Karen & Kevin Smith
Judy Stewart
Millie Talbot-Redon
Karen Talbot
Karen Kucich Thailing
Rebecca Thomas
Mary Underwood
Delette Walker
Rona Weiss
Barb Whitaker
Marilyn Wilk
Evelyn Wisham
Kathy Wolfe & Nick Koelkebeck

A Message from Donna

Dear Shaker Retirees,

Our Fall 2016 luncheon, at the Cleveland Skating Club, was highly entertaining. Retiree **Gary Raymont** introduced us to his friend, **Jim Chones** of the *Cleveland Cavaliers*.



Mr. Chones spoke with us and treated a few retirees to CAVS championship t-shirts and tickets to upcoming games. If you are NOT on our email list and have not seen the most recent slide show presentation of luncheon photos, click here:

<https://youtu.be/Sc7oHuAK12I>

The Union Club in downtown Cleveland is the location for our May luncheon. Check out the next two pages of the newsletter for details.

Donna Brittain
President

Senior Shakerites Annual Spring Luncheon

Welcome to all Shaker Heights School Retirees

WHEN: Wednesday, May 3, 2017

WHERE: **The Union Club**

1211 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland 44115

(216) 621-4230

OPTIONAL On-Site and Enclosed Valet Parking \$9

TIME: Gather at 11:00am for CASH BAR ... Lunch served at NOON

1:00 Program - Captain Patrick Murphy, Base Commander, U.S. Coast Guard 9th District

Menu - TASTE OF TUSCANY BUFFET

Caprese salad

Caesar salad

Chicken piccata

Garlic shrimp scampi

Cavatelli and meatballs

Green beans with pancetta

Rolls / butter

Tiramisu

Cannoli

COFFEE/DECAF/HOT TEA/ICED TEA

COST: \$32 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, April 21, 2017 – No late reservations will be accepted.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Guest Name (if applicable) _____

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

THE UNION CLUB of Cleveland

“Since 1872, the Union Club has been a stalwart, yet agile, contributor to the business and civic life of Greater Cleveland. During war and peace, through boom times, economic downturn and resurgence, and from the days of the telegraph to the explosion of the Internet, the Union Club has been the place where Cleveland’s interesting and influential citizens gather to do business, share friendships, and celebrate the city they love.”

Recent retiree Ken Kangas, physical education teacher for 44 years, is graciously sponsoring our introduction to this beautiful, historical private meeting place in downtown Cleveland. Check it out:

Go to <https://www.theunionclub.org/> and select *Club Information*, then *Club Virtual Tour Video*.

Ken suggests that guests may wish to arrive a bit early to visit the library/reading room and grand ballroom.

Dress Code is business casual.

I know valet parking is not something we are used to as a group. How about partnering with a friend and carpooling downtown? Ken Kangas says he is willing to take a couple of riders from the Shaker Heights area. Let me know if you need his phone number.

Captain Patrick Murphy is the Base Commander of the Cleveland branch of the U.S. Coast Guard. What does the Coast Guard do? What are the local duties and responsibilities of this branch of military service? We thank Ken for inviting Captain Murphy to join us and share his knowledge and experiences.

Senior Shakerites Recommend ...



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



ATTENTION
www.shaker.org

***There have been some changes to the District's website. After finding the webpage, at the left of the page select the tab labeled **Staff Resources**. On the next page, select **Shaker Staff Webpage**. Scroll W-A-Y down the page and find 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.)

Fall 2017 Luncheon

The fall luncheon is normally held the first Wednesday in October. **Save that date on your calendar.** Everyone will receive a mailing with the confirmed date and location in August. If you have suggestions for a future luncheon location, please contact Donna Brittain donnabrittain57@gmail.com.

THANKS!!!

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

Ken Kangas – luncheon sponsor
Kay & James Satola – luncheon greeters
Vicki Griminger – reservations & name tags
Jerry Graham - treasurer
Xiao Ying Coffee - photos
Karen Dunbar - assistance at the Ad Bldg
Mark O'Keefe - mailing
A varying group of *Shakerites* - printing, mailing and assistance with the newsletter (You, too, can join us!)

You can help improve our communication efforts by sending email addresses to brittain_d@shaker.org.

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 or write to us.

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?

Bob White (High School Latin/Greek) is currently teaching Latin part-time at Beaumont School.

Mimi and Del Knooihuizen celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on August 17, 2016 at Laurel Lake Retirement Community.

Former high school Social Studies teacher **Chuck Spinner** says he was scheduled for a hip replacement on September 12th. He had to get cardiac clearance for the procedure. A heart cath on August 12th resulted in a triple bypass and a valve replacement the very next morning on the 13th!!! At last report he is doing much better than he had ever anticipated considering the surgery that was performed.

Jerry Graham, our treasurer, reports that in the past 6 years, members of our organization have donated more than \$8,500 to the Shaker Schools Foundation!

Celebrations Are in Order...

High School math teacher **Caroline Markel** and her husband, Brad, welcomed a baby boy on Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Brandon Philip Ricca was born at 8:21 a.m. weighing 9 lbs. 8 oz. and 20.5" long. Caroline and Brad are also parents to their two-year-old son, James.



High School Individuals and Societies Teacher **Jessica O'Brien** and her husband, Adam have welcomed their new daughter Fallyn Elizabeth O'Brien to their family. Fallyn was born at 5:03 a.m. on Sunday, October 30th. She weighs 7 lbs., 13 oz. and is 19 and 1/2 inches long.

Christine Dickson and fiancé Rusty Maglionico welcomed a baby girl on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Genevieve Frances Maglionico weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz.

Jessica Schmuck, High School Intervention Specialist, and John Malone welcomed baby boy Connor Steven Malone (7 lbs., 1 oz. and 19 inches long) on Tuesday, January 10, at 1:17 p.m.

Matthew Hartley, a long-term substitute currently subbing as a librarian at the High School, and his wife Sarah have welcomed a baby girl. Grace Ann Hartley was born on Saturday, January 14, at 11:56 a.m. weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz. and 21 inches long.

Shanita Moss welcomed a granddaughter on Thursday, January 19, 2017. Zoey Marie Washington was 6 lbs. and 19 inches long. The proud parents are Tyrone Washington and his fiancée Linda Marie.

HS Intervention Specialist & SPED Co-Chair, **Jessica Wilkes**, and her husband Matt welcomed baby boy James Chenevey Wilkes (8lbs 4oz) in January.

Shaker Heights Schools bus driver **Chari Rudolph** and her fiancée, Raphael Warren, have welcomed a baby girl. Rylei Eliza was born on Saturday, February 11, weighing 6 pounds 7 ounces and 21 ¼ inches long.

High School Social Studies Teacher **Amy Wadsworth** and her husband, David Wigger, welcomed baby girl Elizabeth Jane Wadsworth Wigger (6lbs. 2oz.) on Saturday, February 18, at 6:41pm.



We Extend Our Sympathy

Former High School Principal **Mike Griffith's** mother, **Alva Hermione Griffith**, passed away Sunday, September 4. Mike's three children also attended and graduated from Shaker Heights Schools - **Anna** ('10), **Michael** ('11) and **Daniel** ('13).

Michael Buis (SHHS c/o 1987), brother of **Nicole Gardner**, Shaker Heights High School Attendance Officer, passed away Friday, September 9. He is survived by his parents, Michael and Patricia Buis; sister Nicole (**Bruce** - SHHS c/o 1985) Gardner (SHHS c/o 1990); nieces **Natalia** (SHHS 12th grade), **Ariana** (SMS 8th grade), **Chelsea** (SHHS c/o 2009) and her daughter Xoey.

Tessie Eppich, mother of retired Mercer teacher and Shaker Heights graduate **Marilyn Eppich** (class of 1972), passed away Sunday, September 11. She was 98.

Richard Stout passed away on September 18, 2016, at the age of 91. Richard was the husband of **Audrey Stout**, father of former Shaker School Foundation Board President **Craig Stout** and father-in-law of human resources specialist **Kiki Stout**.

Claybron Oscar "Clay" Wisham, husband of retired high school nurse **Evelyn Wisham**, passed away Wednesday, October 5. He was 83. He was also the father of Shaker Heights alumni **Lorna Wisham** (Class of 1984) and **Karen Wisham** (Class of 1987).

Robert J. Thomas, father of High School math teacher **Adam Thomas**, passed away Monday, October 10, 2016. He was 63.

James M. Walker, father-in-law of technical support specialist **Cynthia Walker** passed away Thursday, October 13, 2016. He was 86. Mr. Walker was the father of **Gregory** (Cynthia's husband and a Shaker graduate - class of '77), **Damion** (class of '81), **Melanie** (class of '82) and **James S.**

Natalie L. Diamond, mother of Lomond kindergarten teacher (and former Onaway and Boulevard staff member) **Sharon Mauser**, passed away Sunday, October 30. She was 83.

Elva Mary Wilcher, mother of retired Woodbury teacher **Barbara Wilcher-Norton**, passed away Thursday, December 8, 2016. She was 98.

John G. Sweeney, father of Onaway teacher **Jim Sweeney**, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016. He was 92.

Jim Hill, husband of former Shaker Heights Board of Education and Shaker Schools Foundation board member **Freda Levenson**, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Freda is a Shaker graduate (class of 1969) and their four children are also Shaker graduates: **Arlo Hill** (2004), **Chloe Hill** (2001), **Zeke Hill** (2001) and **Naomi Hill** (2013).

Dorothy A. Hartley, mother of **Matthew Hartley** and **Connie Hartley**, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2016. She was 87. Matthew is a long-term substitute currently subbing as a librarian at the High School and is a

Shaker graduate (class of '87). His sister, Connie Hartley, also graduated from Shaker (class of '83) and is the High School's assistant girls' cross-country and track coach.

Roxiana A. Samuels, mother of Shaker Heights Schools bus driver **Lovel Samuels**, passed away December 25, 2016. She was 97.

Mary Ann Morris, wife of former deputy superintendent **Robert Morris**, passed away at the age of 92. Robert passed away in 2005.

Margaret Fike, mother of Woodbury fifth grade Assistant Principal **Doug Myles**, died Monday, December 26, 2016. She was 73.

Quintona "Quinn" Clemons, sister of bus driver **Felita Clemons** and former bus driver **DeAndre Clemons**, passed away on January 8, 2017.

Margaret Levand, grandmother of High School science teacher **Jeanne Wiemer**, passed away January 9, 2017. She was 87.

Willette Crawford, sister of Lomond first-grade teacher **Donita Townsend**, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2017.

Frank Bernard Curley, father of retired kindergarten teacher **Karen Smith**, passed away Saturday, January 14, 2017. He was 88.

Bernice A. Lindquist, mother of **Kiki Stout**, passed away Sunday, January 15, 2017. She was 96.

Doris Cunneen Vargo, mother of **Julie Vargo**, library media services administrative assistant at DLMO, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2017. She was 88. Julie's family has a long Shaker history -- Julie's father, Julie and her son Sid are all Shaker graduates. Julie's mother was a proud graduate of Cleveland Public Schools.

Jackie R. Sims passed away Thursday, January 26, 2017. Mr. Sims and **Ms. Billie Morgan**, Shaker's district family liaison, had five children, all of whom are Shaker Heights graduates. They are **Carlene Graves**, '86, **Rhonda West**, '88, **Daniel West**, '87, **Jamal Sims**, '91 and **Malcolm Sims**, '93.

Elizabeth Ragland, mother of Shaker Heights Schools substitute **Carolyn Williams**, passed way Saturday, February 11.

Martha Mahoney, mother of four children -- Jack and Peter Mahoney and Shaker Heights High School students **Gus and Margaret Mahoney** -- passed away Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017. She was 54.



In Memoriam...

Isaac Schulz, former Shaker Heights Board of Education president and Shaker Schools Foundation trustee, passed away September 19. He was 74.

Alma Michele Kolakowski, retired special education aide at Woodbury and the Middle School, passed away Sunday, October 16, 2016. She was 60.

Patricia Strater, retired Shaker Heights vocal music teacher, passed away November 15, 2016. She was 87. Patty joined the staff at Byron Junior High in 1977 and moved to teach at Woodbury in 1987. She retired in 2001.

Marian O. Travis, former Shaker Heights High School secretary from 1979 to 2007, passed away Thursday, December 8, 2016. She was 91.

Beverly Sapatka, longtime secretary at the administration building, passed away January 23, 2017. She was 83.

Barbara Hoffmann, retired German teacher at Shaker Heights High School, passed away January 23, 2017. She was 101.

June Bailey passed away February 1, 2017. She was 90 years old. June was a retired teacher at Mercer Elementary School and the wife of **Hugh Bailey**, retired Shaker Heights Middle School teacher.



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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 us.

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