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**BRANDON T. BUCKNER**

Brandon has been a Sales Representative for Herff Jones Inc. since July of 2012. He helps universities and elementary-high schools in the northern Ohio tell their story of yearly history by helping teachers and student staffs design their yearbooks. Brandon’s passion for his profession has landed him in the top 5 of in Region Sales, 3 years in a row. He also spent 10 years at The Akron Beacon Journal as an Advertising Sales Rep and served as a Professional Volunteer for the Great Trail Council – Boy Scouts of America located in Akron and The Girl Scouts of NE Ohio located in Cleveland.

A graduate of Akron Firestone High School and Ashland University, Brandon volunteers his time by setting up special events in conjunction with The City of Akron through local promo group Keepers of the Art, is an active member of Arlington Church of God, the Eta Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and Alumni Liaison for Ashland University in NE Ohio.

Brandon and Wife Jennifer stay active by coaching/cheering for their sons Cadence and Chase in the Copley area. Brandon also stays busy with various hobbies that range from music to website building and art projects.

**GERALDINE HAYES NELSON, Ph.D.**

Geraldine Hayes Nelson possesses her Ph.D.in Higher Education Administration from Kent

State University. She has served in various leadership roles, from Associate Dean, of

Undergraduate Studies, Assistant Vice-President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and is a recent retiree from Kent State University.

She is an educator whose is proactive in engaging higher education and Ohio citizens at all levels in working together for change and issues to address discrimination, and social injustice.

As a community leader, she has provided service in various community-based organizations and has received numerous awards. She is a strong advocate on issues concerning single parents, women, racial justice, tolerance, giving voice to young people, teaching tolerance and diversity initiatives. She has served on various community and boards. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions.

She attends Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio. She is the mother of three adult children and is married to Donald F. Nelson.

**DAVID A. (DAVE) REDLE**

David A. (Dave) Redle is a lifelong resident of the Akron area, save for a few years obtaining his education. He holds a bachelors degree from the University of Notre Dame, an MBA and a JD, both from the University of Akron. Between his MBA and returning to earn his law degree, he spent a number of years in local industry. In addition to maintaining a part-time practice of law, he spent thirty-one years teaching law related courses to undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Business at the University of Akron. For the last sixteen years of his tenure at the university, prior to retirement, he served as Chair of the Department of Finance of the College ofBusiness Administration.

In addition to his business and legal experience, he has served several non-profits in the area,

including his high school alma mater's alumni association, and his undergraduate schools's

alumni association. Before moving from Bath Township in 2020, he served a number of years on

the Water and Sewer Commission and as a citizen member of the Audit Committee.

Widowed in 2015, he has three daughters and four grandchildren and currently resides with his

significant other, Rosemary Downing.

**AARON SANDERS**

Aaron Sanders, born and raised in Akron, Ohio, Aaron is the oldest child of Henry and Helen Sanders. Growing up, his hobbies were playing the piano, baseball, reading, and bowling. He graduated from Firestone High School and went on to The Ohio State University where he earned a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Industrial & Systems Engineering. While at The Ohio State University, Aaron met his love, Sharnell. She has earned a Bachelor’s of Science in Social Work and continues to work in that field. Sharnell and Aaron were married in 2004 and have two sons—Solomon, 15, and Christian, 14. His sons are both merit roll (or better) students and actively involved in music, baseball, and basketball.

Aaron has worked in automotive, pharmaceutical, water filtration, energy, and healthcare industries serving in engineering, operations, safety, quality, and continuous improvement roles. Aaron currently serves at STERIS Corporation as a Continuous Improvement Manager supporting their Life Sciences business unit. He supports driving lean methodology throughout office and manufacturing processes. Aaron currently spends his time outside of work serving at church, coaching or attending his son’s baseball games, and actively practicing piano and bass guitar. He also enjoys collecting vinyl and staying physically active.

**JOE TENNANT**

Joe Tennant is a husband, father of two, and a software development manager in the Cleveland area. He graduated with a BSE from the University of Akron and has spent the last twenty years as a software developer for several major Akron area businesses. Joe is currently the director of software development and a small tech start-up in Independence. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family traveling, being outdoors, going to the movies, and being involved in local theatre.

**FRANK CASTORENA**

Frank Castorena has lived in Akron, Ohio for 12 years. During this time, Frank became very involved with Weathervane Playhouse on-stage, backstage, worked as an educator for the theatre and the Akron after school program, was a staff member for two years, a member of the Volunteer Guild and now on the Board of Trustees for three years. It has been an immeasurable experience for Frank being involved with a top-notch local theatre and Frank always looks forward to upcoming seasons with thrilled anticipation.

Originally from Los Angeles, California, Frank has his B.A. in Speech/Drama from California State University Northridge. While in Los Angeles, Frank performed in numerous stage productions and worked as an Atmosphere Actor for numerous Television and Film productions (don’t blink your eyes you may miss me!)

**DIANE GEIGER, PhD**

Diane Geiger, PhD, has been involved with theater for much of her life behind the scenes, and as an actor, a director, and a volunteer. She earned a Master’s and Doctoral degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Cincinnati. She had a long career of research, treatment, and teaching at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, Northern Kentucky University, and more recently as an Adjunct Professor on the faculty of the University of Akron and Kent State University. She Served on the Board of Actors’ Summit Theater and the Board of Partners for Theater (Founder); and was Lead in Program Scheduling/Stage Management for Stagefest, a five-stage, thirty-five show project. By invitation, she serves on two executive teams: the University of Akron Women’s Committee and Fairlawn Heights Neighborhood Association. She has been invited to be a member of Akron LEAD. In her three years at Weathervane, she has: Served as co-chair of two galas; lead the Shoe drive, which earned a profit and established new community relationships; co-chaired two receptions for play openings; initiated and presented a plan for Board support of social justice for Weathervane; co-produced, organized and coached volunteers who were filmed during a Covid support program, “Welcome Home to Weathervane”; chaired the Community Outreach Committee, which supported the Research and Development Team during COVID; and served as a front of the house volunteer for shows throughout the season. She believes that the highest level of theater acting and directing can be found in Akron, and specifically at WEATHERVANE!

**JOE GEIGER**

Joe Geiger began his theater experience working as theater house & ticket manager, on lighting crews, and on set crews at Xavier University, Cincinnati OH.  He acted in multiple supernumeraries roles with the Cincinnati Opera.  Joe graduated Xavier University with a BS in Physics.  He then attended the U.S. Coast Guard’s Officer Candidate School. After receiving his commission, he served 20-years in both active and reserve assignments.  Joe earned his MBA from Northern Kentucky University and then a PMP (Project Management Professional) certification.  Joe worked in various IT roles (Applications Manager, Project Manager, Business Intelligence Consultant, Data Base Manager, Data Quality Consultant, and Consultant Management).  He volunteered as the Theater Technical Director at a Northern KY, High School.  He volunteered with Cincinnati’ Aronoff Center, and Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park.  After retiring to Akron, Joe served on the Executive Board of Akron Summit Theater (Treasurer).  He was a founding board member of Partners for Theater and managed volunteers for the first two Stage Fest events in Highland Square.  He has served 3-years on the board of Weathervane Community Theater.  Joe is a member of multiple Weathervane committees: Finance, Building and Grounds, and Gala.  Besides theater, Joe volunteers as the manager of Medina Senior Net (adult technical training), Executive Board Secretary WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Wars Roundtable (military history preservation), Executive Board, Fairlawn Heights Neighborhood Association, and various roles at St. Hilary School.

**IAN HABERMAN**

Ian Haberman first became involved at Weathervane in 1982 when he was cast in a production of The Royal Family. Since then he has appeared in many other productions, winning Chanticleer awards for Doubles, The Last Night of Ballyhoo, Man of La Mancha, and The Music Man.  He has twice serve as Interim Artistic Director of Weathervane and has twice received the Trustees' Award. If elected, this will be his eighth term as Trustee. Ian is a lawyer and became Court Mediator for the Medina County Court of Common Pleas in January, 2021. Ian received his B.A. from Brown University and his M.A. and Ph.D (both in History) and his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University. His other community involvements have included service on the Boards of Trustees of the Medina County District Library, the Medina County Park District, and  Hospice of Medina County.