

Born in Manchester, he came to the United States when his father was transferred from England by the British multi-national Imperial Chemical Industries. He was naturalized a US citizen in 1974.

He is married to Benjamin D. Diamond of Pittsburgh, a retired attorney. They live on Capitol Hill. They have one daughter and two grandsons.

JoAnne Deborah Joyner, PhD, RN, PHMCNS-BC
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Dr. JoAnne D. Joyner recently retired from a position of adjunct professor at Trinity Washington University in the School of Nursing and Health Professions. At this university she was primarily responsible for course work in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing and Nursing Research and Evidence-based Practice. Prior to this position, Dr. Joyner served as Director and Associate Professor in Schools of Nursing at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) and Bowie State University. She also served as a Buckley Visiting Scholar at Adelphi University, School of Nursing in Garden City, New York where she taught Qualitative Research Methodologies to doctoral students. Before her retirement from the Washington, DC, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dr. Joyner functioned as the Director of Nursing for Behavioral Health Services where she served as an administrator and practitioner. She is certified as an Advanced Practice Nurse in Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Dr. Joyner's career was greatly enhanced by her professional experiences as a mental health clinician and nurse researcher at the William A. White Building at St. Elizabeth's Hospital - a major branch for mental health research by the National Institutes of Mental Health at that time. In addition, she became an experienced nurse ethicist with certifications in Intensive and Advanced Bioethics from Georgetown University and the Veterans Health Administration. She was chair of the Washington, DC VAMC Ethics Advisory Committee for five years and functioned as a nurse ethicist at the VA's National Center for Ethics in Health Care.

Dr. Joyner is a graduate of the Washington Hospital Center School of Nursing and received her Bachelor's from what is now Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Maryland. In addition, she received a Master of Science in Nursing, a Doctor of Nursing Science and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from The Catholic University of America.

Dr. Joyner served as the chairperson of the Board of Nursing for the District of Columbia from 2005 - 2008. Her most recent research activity involved functioning as co-investigator and co-author of a study funded by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing which described the utilization of unlicensed assistive personnel in acute care setting. She currently serves on the Committee for Impaired Nurses for the District of Columbia Board of Nursing and was appointed to the Higher Education Licensure Commission of the District of Columbia in August 2014. She continues to provide education and consultation in the areas of behavioral health and health care ethics.

Dr. Joyner lives in Washington, DC with her husband of 33 years. She is a life-long learner and has many interests – including live theater, learning Tai Chi, traveling, listening to the blues and jazz and preparing gourmet meals for family and friends.

ANITA BELLAMY SHELTON “*A LIVING LEGEND*”

Anita Bellamy Shelton has for fifty years provided innovative services to families and children of the District of Columbia. She is best known as a leading advocate for those who are in poverty or victims of discrimination. *Anita* is known as the social worker's "social worker," a neighborhood organizer and a creative problem solver. For those who have been her students and her staff, she was considered to be a taskmaster who set high standards for their performance, demanding the best and insisting on development of their fullest potential.

Anita's was guided by the philosophy that all that is needed for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing. Thus, she has never wavered in her efforts to change systems and engage neighborhood groups and organizations in taking on the most difficult problems. Collective efforts and advocacy have resulted in:

- Forced change in an *urban renewal plan* that prevented a major freeway from disrupting the community, and demolishing Bible Way Church, and required building of housing for low income families in Northwest 1 Urban Area.
- Established through the Urban League the *first anti-poverty center* in Northwest 1 funded by the Lyndon B. Johnson War on Poverty program and the United Planning Organization.
- Organized the *first organization for and by ex-offenders*, "Efforts for Ex-Convicts," which still exists as a premier organization providing transitional services.
- Organized, through the Washington Urban League, *African-American government workers* to eliminate discrimination in hiring and promotion of African-Americans, which contributed to the early success of The United Black Fund, Inc., Washington, D.C.
- Pioneered in efforts to *organize domestic worker* to provide for inclusion in the Federal Social Security program. *Anita* served as the director of the National Committee on Household Employment, which was funded by the Ford Foundation and included in its supporters Gloria Steinem and Barbara Walters.
- Served as the *first African-American director of Christ Child Settlement House* in an era when women were not promoted to managerial positions.
- Selected by Mayor Marion Barry as *director of the Office of Human Rights*, which instituted legal action against the D. C. Fire Department for discrimination of firefighters.
- *Prevented the closing of Hillcrest Children's Center* by the Board of Trustees and was instrumental in filing a lawsuit which was supported by Arnold & Porter LLC that resulted in an *\$18 million settlement* to the agency.