



## "The Villagers" Dazzle at the March Meeting



They come from all walks of life; they range in age from 67 to 98; some are single but most are married; a few need canes, walkers or wheelchairs. But they all

have one thing in common: they can sing! Some had never sung before BCREA member **Ron Davis** formed this all-male chorus in 2007 at John Knox Village. Accom-

panied by concert pianist **Nita Ferguson**, they sang old favorites (*Danny Boy*, *Yankee Doodle Dandy*), show tunes (*There is Nothing Like a Dame*) and current numbers (*I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing*). Attired in white

shirts and gloves with loosely knotted black ties, they looked every inch a professional group!



### April 1 Meeting (No Foolin'!)

**Time:** 12:00

**Place:** Deicke Auditorium  
Address: 5701 Cypress Road  
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

**Program:** Sharon Menish - Discovery Center  
Volunteer Coordinator

### Bring to meeting:

Dish to share  
\$10.00 for FREF raffle ticket  
Service Hours Reports  
Campbells labels  
Aluminum pull-tabs  
General Mills labels  
Coupons for our troops  
Old eyeglasses & Cellphones  
Magazines for VA patients



### Judy Joseph, BCREA Volunteer of the Year

By Darcy Drago

**Judy Joseph**, BCREA's nominee for District 10 Volunteer of the Year, has been a member of BCREA and FREA since her retirement nine years ago. In addition



to serving as our unit's secretary, Judy also chairs the by-laws and legislative committees and assists with the directory. In addition to her involvement with BCREA, Judy is a member of the Community Emergency Response

Team for the City of Coconut Creek, where she participates in quarterly training updates. As a registered nurse and member of CERT, she administered H1N1 flu vaccine to employees of the cities of Margate and Coconut Creek, then to the general public. She is also a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society, taking cancer patients to their doctor's appointments and treatments. Congratulations, Judy!

## President's Corner

Well I guess it is really true, "Music makes the world go around!" The singing of the Villagers was wonderful. It made me think about getting back into a singing group! Founder and director **Ron Davis** certainly had a way of getting the most musically out of his men's chorus!

March's meeting also had a great array of varied and tasty food! What else could a person wish for?

Two continuous themes that need to be addressed are our efforts to support our scholarship funds and interest in our organization on both our local and state level. As to the state level, we are having our assembly/convention in Saint Petersburg, Florida { May 26th-28th} We are allowed 3 delegates, but any member is welcome to attend the convention. You can see how FREA works, meet and network with other unit members, attend meetings, and see the sights in Saint Petersburg! Basically, you will have a fun and productive time!



I'm looking forward to warmer weather, perhaps a flower or two, showing us that SPRING has arrived! Hope to see you at the April 1st, 2010 meeting.

*Linda.*



## Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago  
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Thanks to all of you who reported your community service hours for the year. Our annual report has gone in to FREA.

We don't have a special project for this month - just

continue to bring your aluminum pull tabs, Campbell's labels, coupons for our troops, books and magazines for VA patients, old cellphones and eyeglasses. Thanks!

*Darcy*

## Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards  
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Tax day is April 15<sup>th</sup>! What better way to get over the "tax day blues" than to attend **SUDS**? **SUDS** is our new BCREA theatre activity for

**Saturday, April 17**  
**at 2:00 p.m.**  
**at Broward Stage Door Theatre.**

The show change was announced at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and was received exceptionally well!! We will keep the \$35 ticket price (there had been an increase in January) so get those checks payable to BCREA delivered to me - Michele Edwards (mail to my home or hand to me at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting) **NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2010** (and that is not an April Fool's Joke). Since we were sold out well in advance, the box office increased the contract seat number so we can

offer more of our membership enjoyable local theatre! If you want to know more about the show, go to the show website at: <http://www.sudsthemusical.com/>; there is even a video trailer to entice you! If you don't "do computers" then this description will have to suffice:

SUDS is a bubbly 60's musical about romance in a Wash-O-Rama. From "Chapel of Love" to "Don't Make Me Over," SUDS is the show critics raved: "Joyous songs that will take you back to the first kiss, the last dance, and making out under the boardwalk." The story of 3 girls trying to find love, SUDS bubbles over with fluffy fun!! Can't wait to end our cultural 2009-2010 BCREA season with a joyous event! See you there!

*Michele*

## Vice-President's Corner

Many thanks for the vote of confidence you have given me by asking me to be your president. I'll try my best to keep to the ideals of our organization.

Our entertainment this month was spectacular. For non-

professionals they sure were "professional"!

For the April meeting our guest speaker will be **Sharon Menish**, Volunteer Coordinator from the Museum of Science and Discovery. See you there.

*Margarite*



For a good laugh go to  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=7ISliucqygq](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=7ISliucqygq)



## Literacy

Chairman: Rosetta Watkins  
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### Fifth Grade Essay Contest - WE HAVE A WINNER!

Thanks to our very astute judges (**Jean Childers, Barbara Scruggs** and **Rebecca Williams**)) we have the winner of the Fifth Grade Essay Contest on my experiences/relationship with a grandparent or grandparent figure. **Laticia Flores**, a student in **Ms. Perry's** fifth grade class at **Morrow Elementary School** is the winner. Her essay is titled "My Fun Loving Grandpa." CONGRATULATIONS, Laticia! She will be invited to our May meeting along with her parents/teacher to read her

essay.  
We would like to thank all of the participants (Students, Teachers and Principals) for all of their efforts. We want to give an extra special Thanks to **Rebecca Williams** who gave all participants a goody bag with three new books and other reading material. Our thanks also to **Susan Lochrie** who donated a new book for each contest participant. Hopefully our winner will be the state winner.

*Rosetta*

## Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno  
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### Blood Drive Has Ended

Our blood drive is complete. Thank you for your response to our call. Besides protecting yourself you have helped some deserving students further their education. Information about obtaining blood in the hospital is found on the back of your membership card so always keep it in a safe place....

### Be Sure To Return Your US 2010 Census Form!

April 1 is National Census Day - the date by which you should have returned your census form which should arrive this week. For more information on the importance of filling out your form, go to <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/index.php>

*Kathlyn*



## FREF

Chairman: Frances Smoot  
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A reminder for everyone to please purchase the FREF tickets for the Future Teachers Fund. Tickets are \$10.00 each which gives you a chance to win ..... the **Grand Prize**: a 17" Dell laptop computer (value: \$999) **1st Prize** is a Kindle electronic book reader that holds 1500 books! Value:

\$259)  
**2nd Prize**: A Garmin GPS (value: \$250); or  
**3rd Prize**: a 19" Toshiba LCD TV with built-in DVD (value: \$299.)  
The drawing will be held at the FREA State Assembly in May in St. Petersburg. You don't have to be present to win. Thanks. **Frances**

### BCREA Officers....

#### President

Linda Horton  
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Margarite Falconer  
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#### Secretary

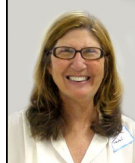
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## FREA Tours

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This is your opportunity to give your input for the choice of trips for 2010 & 2011. Here are a few of the choices I have planned:

**Summer, 2010: WONDERS OF ICELAND, 8 DAYS**, Reykjavik, Blue Lagoon, Gold Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Nature Cruise etc. Brochure for the asking. June 19 or July 25.

**SHADES OF IRELAND, 10 DAYS** Dublin, Irish Evening, Kilkenny, Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Jaunting Car Ride, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Limerick, Cliffs of Moer, Castle stay and many other places as well as a visit to an Irish farm. July 6, 2010

**RUSSIAN RIVER CRUISE 11 DAYS** Moscow, Red Square, Kremlin, Volga River, St. Petersburg and a list too long to include here. June 18 or July 7, 2010.

**LONDON & PARIS 8 DAYS** Buckingham Palace, London Theatre Performance, Eurostar Train, Seine River Cruise, Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower Dinner ++ June 24 or July 15, 2010. All of these tours can also be done in 2011.

**CENTRAL EUROPEAN EXPERIENCES 13 DAYS** cruise along Moselle and Rhine Rivers visiting Bernkastel, Coblenz, Rhine Gorge-Rudesheim, Miltenberg, Wurzburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg—Prague, Czech Republic on the Vltava River. This is a wonderful river cruise. September 2010 or some in 2011.

Be sure to include your name, address & phone number when requesting information. *Arlinez*

## Membership...

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie



### Time to Pay your Dues for 2010 - 2011!

Beginning at the March meeting, dues for the 2010 - 2011 club year may be paid at meetings or mailed using the form below to note any changes to your contact information.

The total annual state and local dues are \$45.00. **BCREA will forward the state dues of \$30.00 to FREA.** You will receive a membership card from the FREA and your name will be on the Broward County Retired Educators Association mailing list and listed in the BCREA Directory. The membership year extends from July 2010 through June 30, 2011.

If you have friends who have retired, invite them to one of our meetings or send me their names and addresses and I will send a membership information packet.

Life members do not pay the FREA dues of \$30.00, but DO pay the \$15.00 annual dues to the local unit - BCREA.

**Reminder: Members who have Pioneer Insurance Medi-Gap Supplemental Insurance must pay their dues by June 1, 2010.**

Remember to check the BCREA website at <http://browardrea.org> and the FREA website at <http://frea.org>.

### Broward County Retired Educators Association 2010 - 2011 Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

SS #: XXX - XX- \_\_\_\_\_ (last 4 digits only) Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date Retired: \_\_\_\_\_ Retired From: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$45.00 Donation for Scholarships: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Passages



*Happy Birthday to our  
Birthday Club  
(members over 85!)*

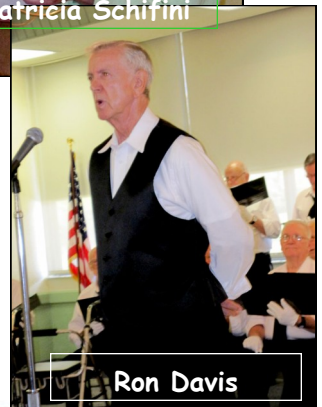
*William Gaffney 4/08  
Anna Tarullo 4/08*



*Thinking of You....  
Johnne Bentley  
Darcy Drago  
Ed Elder*



Patricia Schifini



Ron Davis

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Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:  
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 Or E-mail: Darbob2007@aol.com

### BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please Print)

Month \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_\_

#### LITERACY VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Teaching Sunday School, reading to children/adults; tutoring; helping with testing programs, etc; Includes any activities to promote a more literate America. TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

#### WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH:

School, tutoring, mentoring, coaching etc. (Persons 25 years of age or younger. TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

#### OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:

Church, civic, hospital / hospice, personal help to others (non-relatives), school, drug, ecology / environment. TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Overlapping categories should be reported in both places.  
 GRAND TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2010 - 2011 Officers Announced

At the March meeting, Nominating Committee Chairman **Susan Lochrie** announced the slate of officers for the 2010 - 2011 Club year.

This year's Vice-President **Margarite Falconer**, will move up to president; **Barbara Morningstar** will be the new vice-president. **Judy Joseph**



will once again fill the position of secretary for the coming year and **Marelise LeClerc** will take over the office of treasurer from



**Doris Emmett** who has served for the past 9 years. As there were no further nominations from the floor, the slate was accepted by acclamation.



## Scholarship Donations

### Donor

**Darcia Drago**

### In Memory Of

**Ethel Harley**

### Unspecified Donations

**Milton Brantferger**

**Jean Childers**

**Bobbie Lou David**

**Marvalyn M. Davis**

**Tom & Harriett Drilling**

**Angela Fiore**

**Linda Marable**

**Gloria Marshall**

**Ronald Mayhew**

**Wayne & Arline McWhinney**

**Antoinette Merton**

**Rosa Parra**

**Nancy Sanders-Taylor**

**Patricia Schroeder**

If you missed the performance of The Villagers at the March meeting, you missed a real treat. From their opening number *We Are the Men* to their finale *Enjoy Yourself*, they were a pure delight. To remind them, lest they forget, their leader

**Ron Davis**

places

this sign

in front of the group at every performance. Ron, a BCREA member himself, was the Choral Director at Fort Lauderdale HS for 6 years before he moved up to be the Broward County Music Director, a position he held for 20 years before retiring. And the group even has fans - several people attended the meeting just to hear their performance! There were a total of 57 members at the meeting.

Winners in the Scholarship Raffle were **Joyce Stokes** (\$20), **Lorene Broxton** (\$20) and **Louise Costello** (\$10). Although Louise has been a member for a year, it was her first meeting. I've



*Bev's Bytes.....*



noticed that at almost every meeting, one of the 50/50 prizes is won by a person who's new or returning after a long absence! **Bruce Arnold** wanted everyone to know about **Don Roberts'** good deed at the Scholarship Luncheon last month. When Bruce announced that the raffle had taken in \$395, Don added \$5.00 to make it an even \$400.

In January longtime member **Johnne Bentley** had a stroke and is now living in Georgia with her son.

If anyone would like to send her a card, her address is:

**Johnne Bentley**  
**c/o Dale Bentley**  
**855 Southland Pass**  
**Stone Mountain, GA 30087**

If you have any news about members - near or far away - please let me know.

Happy Easter, Happy Pass-over, Happy Spring - we hope! And that's the last byte for April!

*Bev*



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

By Susan Lochrie

**Antoinette "Toni" Merton** retired after 27 years at Tedder Elementary School. She started the second year after the school opened and taught first grade for 17 years and second grade for 10 years. She plans to be involved in the celebration of Tedder Elementary's 50 year Anniversary.

Toni was born in Paris, France and came with her parents to live in Manhattan, New York when she was eight years old. She graduated from Hunter College in NYC with an English major. After graduation she had



many interesting jobs, including one in the Personnel Department for the Schenley Distillery Company with offices in the Empire State Building. During World War II she worked in the war effort and after the

war worked for the United Nations during the 1948 General Assembly in Paris.

Toni has lived in Ft. Lauderdale since 1949. She came to visit her father, who had moved here. Then she met and married George Merton, Jr. When their two sons were in elementary school Toni decided to get a job in which vacation times were the same as her children's, so she thought she would try teaching. She got a job at Tedder and found she liked elementary school. During the summer months she took the elementary education courses necessary for certification at

Barry University. She and her family loved to travel during vacation times, especially back to France and Monte Carlo, Monaco where her mother had returned to live.

Since retiring, Toni still enjoys travel especially to France, Italy and Switzerland. She enjoys spending time reading and also enjoys walking. She has been a member of BCREA for several years, chaired the Telephone Committee and, at 88, is a member of the Birthday Club! She's also a member of Bonnet House House and Gardens, where she enjoys the interesting lectures.



**Seen at the  
March Meeting**



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