



Anita says, "Join VIP and Volunteer at a Park!"

Missing February Newsletter Explained

If you blamed your postman when you didn't get a *Newsletter* last month, you owe him an apology! The fault lay with the printer who "lost" it! For those who have access to a computer, you can find a copy on the *Newsletter* page of the website <http://browardrea.org>. Go to your local library and use one of their computers if you really want to see what you missed. The printer has assured your editor that this won't happen again.

"If you volunteer with us, You get a tee-shirt!" promised March speaker **Anita Zeigler**. She went on to say, "Parks provide a place for family activities and they are trying to increase what they offer. But it's not easy in our sagging economy. They're trying to keep the quality with fewer people and that's why they need volunteers. Some programs wouldn't even exist without volunteers. There

are several ways to serve - come once or come regularly!

We're happy to have you whenever you have time. You can volunteer as a group or individually." To find out more information, visit their website <http://broward.org/parks>.



Councilman Pete Tingom Stops By - Pete Tingom, a 38-year veteran of Broward County Schools, was principal



of Plantation HS for 10 years before he retired and was elected to Plantation City Council in 2009. He came to the meeting to encourage members to contact state senators **Jeremy Ring** (954) 917-1392 and **Ellyn Bogdonoff** (954) 467-4205 regarding Senate Bill 1130, which deals with the state retirement issues. Go to <http://myflorida.com> for information on the bill.

April 7 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Bob Wilkins - Crime Prevention



Passover:
4/19 - 4/25



Easter - 4/24



Bring to meeting:

- Dish to share
- \$10.00 for FREF raffle ticket
- Supplies for our furry friends
- New books for 5th graders
- Blankies & Pillows
- Campbells labels
- Aluminum pull-tabs
- General Mills labels
- Coupons for our troops
- Old eyeglasses & Cellphones

2011- 2012 Officers Announced

At the March meeting, representing the Nominating Committee, **Bev Hoppe** announced the slate of officers for the 2011 - 2012 Club year. This year's president **Margarite Falconer**, will again serve as president;



Barbara Morningstar will also re-



peat as vice-president. **Josephine Walker** will join the Board and fill the position of secretary for the coming year; and



Marelise Le-Clerc will serve her 2nd year as treasurer. As there were no further nominations from the floor, the slate was accepted by acclamation.



President's Corner

Great turnout for having the 1) wrong date listed on the e-mailed **Newsletter**; and 2) no printed **Newsletters!** We had 73 at the meeting and we all really enjoyed **Anita Ziegler's** talk on our parks. Most of us take a "park" for granted. We've always had them. But like everything else they're endangered. If it's been a while since you've "taken a walk in the park" go for that walk. Besides nice scenery it's good exercise. Just getting some fresh air in the ole' lungs goes a long way toward healing whatever is bothering us. We need our parks and they need us. Just increased visiting will let the powers-that-be know we care and want to keep them up. Whatever we can do personally will help keep 'em green.

On another note, Marelise LeClerc, Susan Lockrie and I will go to Orlando June 1-3 for the FREA Annual Assembly. We're looking forward to getting up-to-the-minute information about what's going on with the state of our retirement funds and the legislature's latest run at them. Our funds seem safe enough; it's the new kids on the block that may not get long term retirement funds.

At the assembly there will be a place to show off what we do hobby wise. Those of you who crochet, knit, sew, needlepoint, embroider, sculpt, paint, etc. please bring an item or two to the next two meetings so that we will have something to show off at our booth. We are very proud of all your talents and look forward to sharing that with other chapters.

I wish we could bring some samples of your cooking. You outdid yourselves this time with the good food. What a spread! See you in April,



Margarite



Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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At our April meeting we will collect supplies for the Florida Humane Society, a no-kill animal rescue organization located in Pompano Beach. They are in need of canned food, pet toys, cat litter, used towels, sheets, blankets and bath rugs, paper towels, garbage bags, bleach,

laundry soap, latex gloves and copy paper. (No dry food or pillows.)

Thanks to those of you who you who reported your community service hours this year. Our annual report has gone in to FREA.

Darcy

Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards
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Heading into the Finale of our 2010-2011 BCREA Cultural Season, I'd like to remind those who have purchased tickets that I am very grateful for their support of the Arts and their interest in BCREA events. I look forward to additional members joining in on our cultural events next season.

I now have the tickets for *Plaza Suite* and for *Light in the Piazza*.

For *Plaza Suite*, I will meet all ticket holders in front of the theater on Friday, March 18 @ 7:30 p.m. to distribute the tickets

The "Light in the Piazza" tickets will be distributed at the April 7th meeting for the Saturday, April 9th, 2 p.m. mati-

nee performance. If you are not in attendance at the meeting on April 7, meet me in front of the theater at 1:30 p.m. on April 9 and I will present them to you.

Now is the time to let me know, "What performance(s) will you attend with us next season?" Bring suggestions to the April and May meetings in the form of advertisements, fliers, website printouts or a written note. I encourage you to send suggestions to me at dramama51@bellsouth.net as e-mail access is the one constant in my summer locales. I finalize the season by September, so don't delay! Theatrically yours,

Michele

Vice-President's Corner

Officer **Bob Wilkins** from the Plantation Police Department will be speaking on some very important issues at the April meeting.

Barbara



Literacy

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

Thanks to our panel of astute judges (**Kathlyn Barno, Dee Davis & Diane Texter**) we have the winner of the Fifth Grade Essay Contest on "My Experiences/Relationship with a Grandparent." **Monserrath Mojica**, a student in **Ms. Feby's** class at Morrow Elementary School is the winner. Her essay is titled "My Phenomenal Grandmother." Congratulations, Monserrath!

She, her parents and her teacher will be invited to our May meeting. Thanks to **Jean Childers** for hosting the judging committee meet-

ing; and to all of the participants, (students, teachers, and principal) for their efforts.

Book Donation

The Literacy Committee is asking for donations of new books, appropriate for a fifth grader, to be given to essay participants. Each participant will receive a certificate and a new book. We are also asking for slightly used books to give to after school program (K - 5th grade) at the L. A. Lee YMCA.

Rosetta

Telephone Committee

Chairman: Diane Texter
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As we welcome new members, our need for more calling committee volunteers also increases. Most of the callers call 2 pages of members. We have been joyfully adding retired educators monthly, so we are looking for more volunteers. As we plan for next year, please

call or e-mail me. We can use your help! And thanks to all who have helped this year - you do a wonderful job! Thanks especially for everyone's good work in contacting members when there was no printed *Newsletter!*

Diane

Tutors Needed at Jack & Jill

Jack & Jill Children's Center, located at 1315 W. Broward Boulevard, provides childcare and education to low income working families along with family intervention and support for more than 150 children, 0 - 5 years old. We need tutors! Commitment would be a minimum of 1 hour per week anytime between 9:30-11:00 am & 2:30-4:00 p.m. All tutors must be fingerprinted. Please contact **Cindy** at 954-522-5828 or e-mail cindycast2@gmail.com if you are interested.

Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno
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Springtime signals a new beginning, a fresh start. We get busy cleaning out closets and garages and taking inventory of our household goods. We get rid of things that we no longer need and make a list of things to acquire in order to improve our lives. While you are doing this how about taking an inventory of your health practices -- get rid of the bad ones and make a list of things we need to do for improvement. **Remedy Magazine** has suggested some things that we can do to help out:

Buy the freshest vegetables. Pick up some from a local farm every week.

Boost your immunity with yogurt. Yogurt has good bacteria to fight

colds.

Burn calories in the garden. Pulling weeds and planting flowers can burn 300 calories an hour.

Prevent spring allergies. Try an over-the-counter antihistamine or a prescription.

Get any booster shots that you may need

Stop smoking. Medicare now covers smoking-cessation therapy.

Squeeze lemon into your tea. Black tea can help fight disease but drinking it with a meal decreases iron absorption. Add lemon and the vitamin C helps your body metabolize this energizing mineral.

Know your family's health background. This will help your doctor assess your risk of heart disease, diabetes and certain cancers.

Be healthy. Enjoy life.

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: \$799.99)

1st Prize is a 22" HD TV with Built-in DVD player (Value: \$269.99)

2nd Prize is a Kindle electronic book reader that holds 1500 books! Value: \$169.99)

3rd Prize: a 19" LCD TV (value: \$159.)

The drawing will be held at the FREA State Assembly in June in Orlando. You don't have to be present to win. Thanks. **Frances**

Membership...

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie



Time to Pay your Dues for 2011- 2012!

Beginning at the March meeting, dues for the 2011 - 2012 club year may be paid at meetings or mailed using the form below if there have been 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 2011 through June 30, 2012.

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, 2011.

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

Broward County Retired Educators Association 2011 - 2012 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: _____

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) of Nova Southeastern
is hosting a mini-symposium on

Friday, March 25, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Since the LLI is now under the umbrella of the Geriatric Educational Center (GEC) at the NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, we wanted to invite our community partners to learn about the GEC and have an educational lecture as well.

Call 954-262-8471 or go to their website <http://medicine.nova.edu/lli/> for more info.

Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club
(members over 85!)
Anna Tarullo 4/08*

*And turning 85
Gwen Thompson 4/10*



*Thinking of You...
Margarite Falconer
Lee Henshel
Linda Horton*



Welcome New Members
*Jean Anderson
Mary Ellen Fowler
Carr Grigg
Carol Rose
Mark Thomas
Darline Utry
Barbara Wilder
Beverly Williams*

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Lee Henschel couldn't make the March meeting as she recently had shoulder surgery. Both **Margarite Falconer** and **Linda Horton** have had to make trips to help ailing relatives. Sadly, just after Margarite came home, her 93-year-old mother passed away and she had to return for the funeral. And poor Margarite! She also has Shingles! If you didn't go to *Ella* at Parker Playhouse, you missed a really good performance. A lady named **Tina Fabrique** did an almost-one-woman show with a 4-piect combo of terrific jazz musicians! What a voice! We had 73 at the March meeting - even if the *Newsletter* didn't make it to some - the Phone

Bev's Bytes.....



Committee did a fabulous job of taking up the slack! Winners in the Scholarship Raffle were **Joan Paul**(\$20), **Pat Schroder** (\$20) and **Darcy Drago**(\$10). For the 3rd time in the last few months, one member won 2 of the 3 drawings: **Joan Paul's** number was also drawn for the \$10 prize, but she graciously declined! If you have any news about members - near or far away - please let me know. Happy Passover, Happy Easter, Happy Spring! And that's the last byte for April! *Bev*



Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:

Darcia Drago
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066
Or E-mail: Darbob2007@aol.com

BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 2011

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: _____



The March lunch line wrapped around the room!

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**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
Thelma & Ken Hendricks**

By Susan Lochrie

Prior to their move to Naples, Florida a few years ago, Thelma and Ken Hendricks were a vital part of BCREA. They both served as President for a combined total of 8 years! Ken was President from 1988 to 1990 and again from 1992-93 and Thelma then served from 1993 to 1995. Thelma started the *Newsletter* and edited that for at least ten years.

They have always enjoyed doing things together. For many years, this married



couple taught in the same high school and even in the same art department: at Fort Lauderdale High School. One summer Thelma and Ken wrote the High School Art Curriculum for the County. Ken retired in 1983 and Thelma in 1986. Thelma was originally from Parkersburg, West Virginia and Ken hailed from Cincinnati, Ohio. They met at

Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where they were art majors. Later they attended Florida Atlantic University for their Master's degrees.

Their son and his family live in Naples. Ken and Thelma own their own home there, with a garden. However, Ken says they don't do as much of their own gardening as they did when they lived in Ft. Lauderdale. They mainly enjoy looking at the flowers and plantings. Both still enjoy sketching. Thelma and Ken are still a partnership in everything they do.

Frances gives the Thought for the Day



Judy reads the minutes



New Member Mary Ellen Fowler



Seen at the March Meeting



Above Right: Josephine at Ella Right: Evelyn, Edie, Martha & Charlie with portrait of Yull



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