

Super Carol Calmly Comes to the Rescue!

Never assume BCREA members lack flexibility and creativity! President-Elect and Program Chairman **Carol Roland** discovered on Wednesday that the person who was to have presented the program about identity theft was unable to attend Thursday's meeting due to health issues. Carol, who has been serving on the Grand Jury this year, was the perfect substitute to discuss identity theft (IT) since some of the cases which had come before the Jury dealt with the increasing number of scams - both Internet and



phone - and stolen identities. Into the breach went Super Carol! She was so impressive in her presentation that several comments were heard that suggested it might be

better if scheduled speakers didn't show up!!" Carol began by asking how many members had been victims of IT. At least half the 72 in attendance raised their hands. Miami is the #1 city in identity theft, with 35,914 reported - far ahead of #2 NYC with 23,297! Tampa is # 6 at 9,805. So how should you protect yourself to keep from becoming a victim? According to Carol, the best way is to protect your personal information. Online, use passwords with a minimum of 8 letters and numbers along with 1 or more

symbols, which are harder to figure out. DON'T share your passwords with anyone. Sadly, most IT comes from relatives and friends. Don't use dates, pet names or your children's names. Change your passwords often and don't use the same one for multiple sites. Delete emails from unfamiliar names and never click on a link unless you know absolutely who sent it. Watch out for phone scams too! Remember! The IRS does NOT make phone calls demanding payment! Don't fall for the lottery-

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April 7 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Cynthia Havelock -
French Impressionism



Bring to meeting:

Items for Humane Society

Dish to share

Blankies & Pillows

Labels for Education

Aluminum pull-tabs

Coupons for our troops

Old eyeglasses & Cell phones

Volunteer Hours

A New Member

Children's Books

Passover:

4/22- 4/30

Myken Brady Is Volunteer of the Year

By Darcy Drago

Myken Brady has volunteered for the Broward Health Medical Center Auxiliary for the past 7 years. During this time she has amassed over 4,600 hours volunteering in the outpatient center surgery room as well as fundraising for the Chris Evert Children's Hospital and Cancer Infusion Center. Because of her leadership skills, guidelines and procedures were implemented to serve as training for volunteers in these areas. For three years she served as the secretary for the executive board and the board of directors of the Auxiliary. In addition to her

work at the health center she also tutors and mentors a young learning-disabled Mexican woman who is trying to get her GED. Myken also serves as historian for BCREA and does a wonderful job with our scrapbook.



President's Corner

Our members are so talented. **Carol Roland** was informed the day before the meeting that the speaker couldn't make it. Carol and **Anne French** got together and came up with a list of multiple-choice geography questions. Each table worked as a team and we were off and running. When Carol read off the answers many of us were surprised that we didn't have all the answers. Carol then spoke on "Identity Theft" and gave us many good ideas on how to protect ourselves.

As we came into the meeting we marked world maps with dots on the favorite places we had traveled. **Juli Patten** reviewed the many places which included Africa, Fiji, Maritime Provinces,

Morocco, Papua New Guinea, Rock of Gibraltar, Tasmania and Thailand. She called on 3 people to describe their experiences. **Louise Costello** told a wonderful story about



having visited Chamonix, France in the French Alps. It sounded so ideal that I gave her a telephone call and she told me more about the city and

that she decided to take a train to a small town that she really didn't know. When she got there she found that the town had ceased to be. She got off the train, sat and waited for a train back to Chamonix and listened to the beautiful sound of the ringing of the cow bells on the hills. What an adventure! Educators are such great travelers with so many wonderful stories. We are world travelers! So many connections were made at our meeting. We are planning to continue these activities so we can get to know each other better and make many more connections.

Echo

President-Elect's Corner

March's Golden Moments emphasizing members travel experiences, had many members reminiscing about the beauties of travels to their favorite places with France being one of the most popular. We're going to continue this exploration of the beauties of France in our April meeting -- this time through art. We will hear from **Cynthia Havelock** from the **Nova Art Museum** who will discuss how a group of maverick artists (Degas, Manet, Matisse, Monet) promoted new techniques and ideas. Cynthia will show how their new style caused a profound shock to the French art critics of



the 1800's in her lecture: **French Impressionism: The Fall of the Art Establishment**. Her presentation should be both enlightening and entertaining.



Carol

Social Committee

Chairman: **Sallie Sherwood**
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Hopefully, everyone was able to sample several of the delicious foods placed on the March table and that you enjoyed one or two of the "Favorite Ethnic Recipes" which were presented. Next month, the theme will be "**Favorite Vegetarian Recipe**."

I am definitely a meat eater, so I might have a little trouble coming up with a recipe for this month. If you choose to participate in the "Favorite Recipe" of the month, please see Julia on your way into the room and fill out one of the little cards with your name and description of the food you brought

to share. Congratulations! There were no unclaimed dishes or utensils that were left behind. However, there were a few remaining food items which were forgotten. Please check the back table to make sure that whatever item you brought into the luncheon was disposed of properly. One more reminder, please bring in an extra bag so that you will be able to cover your leftovers to take home. Thanks to everyone for all the wonderful array of tasty morsels. Hope to see everyone in April. Happy Spring from **Sallie** and your Social Committee.

Friendship

Chairman: Julia Penley

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This 50th anniversary year of our organization has really gone by fast!! I don't think anyone can say that it hasn't been an interesting and fun year of remembering and renewing our friendships and sharing group events throughout the year. Thanks to **Anne French** and her efforts we have had fun recalling our "golden" memories at each meeting. This past meeting we shared some of our personal world travel experiences with the group and then took a short quiz Anne had prepared on what we knew about our beloved country and its various cities, parks, and locations. Each table helped each other with the answers and the group that had the least mistakes won some prizes!! It was a fun and educational experience for everyone!!

Once again I want to thank you all for your help and support with getting birthday cards out to our members 85 and older, and those of our group who have been ill or have lost family members. Also, thanks to our new directory with everyone's birthday listed, we have celebrated our attending members birthdays at our monthly meetings with a "Happy Birthday" song to them from everyone! Please keep **Doris Emmett** and **Nancy Ruiz** in your thoughts and prayers. Doris is scheduled for surgery soon and Nancy is still recovering from her surgery but has had some setbacks. We hope they will soon be back to good health as we have missed them! Happy Spring everyone!! *Julia*

Literacy

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Good news: we have received over 75 entries for the 5th grade essay contest. Choosing a winner is not an easy task. Look for the name and school of our 2016 winner in the next *Newsletter* and meet the winner at our **May** meeting.

Throughout this year we have collected some exciting children's books to donate to KIDS (Kids in Dis-

stress). Thanks to all of you who have donated books and promoted literacy. Keep your eyes open and start gathering books for next year. Children can never have too many books to enjoy.

Again, the Literacy Committee thanks you for all your help this year. You have encouraged Broward students to read and write.

Sandy

Health & I+PS

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As we age, one of the things we worry about is preserving our mental faculties. We go to great lengths to do things to keep us mentally healthy - play games, work puzzles, enroll in various courses and do various mental exercises. Here are a few tips from **Dr. Leilani Doty**, Co-director, University of Florida Memory Disorder Clinic, that appeared in the 2016 March/April issue of *Florida Elder Update*. Organize your setting and your schedule. Keep things where they belong. Pay bills and file the receipts

where they belong. Stick to a routine daily schedule and a routine way of doing tasks. And as hard as it may be, **Get Rid of Clutter!!** The fewer objects in your way, the easier it is for you to remember where things are and the fewer steps it will take to do your daily tasks. Most of all, keep a healthy lifestyle to keep your memory healthy. And now, if you haven't done so, don't forget to pay your income taxes. April 15th is the red letter day. *Kathlyn*

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 shelter in Pompano Beach.

They are in need of the following items:

- * canned Pedigree dog or puppy food
- * canned cat food (not in gravy)
- * clumping cat litter
- * paper towels
- * 13 gallon garbage bags
- * laundry detergent

- * Clorox liquid bleach
- * latex gloves
- * Fabuloso cleaner
- * copy paper

Many thanks for turning in your volunteer hours and participating in our group projects throughout the year.

Congratulations to **Myken Brady**, BCREA's nominee for District 10 Volunteer of the Year. *Darcy*

Con't from page 1 winner-but-you-have-to-pay-fees! And do NOT be taken in by calls from your "grandchildren" pleading for money and asking you not to tell Mom! Same goes for emails from friends stranded in "Timbuktu!" Senior citizens are targeted more often - 70% of the wealth is controlled by seniors! Hold onto yours!

Membership

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie



PAY DUES FOR 2016 - 2017

Dues are \$35 for State FREA Dues and \$15 for local BCREA dues, totaling \$50 per year

You will receive a membership card from the FREA and your name will be on the Broward County Retired Educators' mailing list and listed in the BCREA Directory. The Florida Retired Education Association is a state-wide organization, which represents our interests and benefits as retirees to the state Legislature. Website: <http://frea.org>

Please invite your retired friends to come to the meetings or send me their names and I will send them membership information.

Anyone who brings in 3 NEW members this year will win a \$25 gift certificate.

Susan

Passages



Happy Birthday to our Birthday Club

(members over 85!)

Lee Gallob 4/05

Gwen Thompson 4/10

Thinking of You....



**Doris Emmett
Nancy Ruiz**

BROWARD COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Susan Lochrie, BCREA Membership

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**New members Karen Avery and
Becky Williams**



Welcome New Members



**Karen Avery
Valoria Latson
Shirley Pepe
Rebecca Williams**

Happy 60th Anniversary!



Charles & Martha Pipes



I had the ideal plan to answer all the questions on the geography quiz! I Google everything! I was doing great 'til **Anne French** noticed what I was doing! "NOT ALLOWED," she bellowed!!
Charles and Martha Pipes cele-

Bea's Bytes.....



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brated their 60th anniversary on March 11! Congrats! The 14 members who went on the Murder Mystery Train trip in January got a nice surprise from Cultural Affairs Chairman **Judy Edwards** - a \$103 refund! Hospitality Co-Chairman **Pat Schroeder** reported 72 attendees at the March meeting. Winners in the Scholarship Raffle were **Alexandra Zalis**, \$20; **Lea Seymore** \$10 x 2!



Anne French, \$10, Darcy Drago, Ellie Kelleher and Kathlyn Barno won the



potted plants contributed by **Carol Roland**! See all the photos on Shutterfly!
 Happy Passover!



Happy Spring! *Bea*



BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
 (Please Print)

Month _____, 201__

Volunteer hours working with adults _____
 (persons who are non-family members;
 this also includes literacy hours)

Volunteer hours working with youth _____
 (Persons 25 years of age or younger;
 This also includes literacy hours)

Bring this to our next meeting, e-mail it to me at dardra@att.net or mail it to me at:

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Past-President and Nominating Committee Chairman **Diane Texter** announced the slate for the upcoming Club year:

- President **Echo Heyer**
- President-Elect **Carol Roland**
- Secretary **Josephine Walker**
- Treasurer **Marelise LeClerc**

Voting will take place at the April meeting.

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As Thank you, BCREA members, for your continued generosity. As you pay your dues, please add a little something for the scholarship fund.
 Our members never cease to

amaze me with what they give! Educators are the most generous people there are! We would like to recognize the following people for their benevolence:

Marelise

Scholarship Donations

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