



# BCREA



# Newsletter



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## Torrey Teaches Teachers About Herbs!

"Show me your garden, and I shall tell you who you are," is a quote taken from Donna Torrey's website <http://donnasgardengate.com>.

There you can see a **Jaboticaba** tree that even has blossoms on its trunk! And, there's a video of a hummingbird building a nest. Did you know there are 50 different varieties of Rosemary? That Parsley is easy to grow? That there are many flavors of Basil -



including cinnamon? That Basil attracts moths who can destroy a plant? You can use garlic spray to disguise its scent

to protect it from the moths organically. These are just a few of the many snippets Master Gardener Donna shared with BCREA

members at the November meeting. A quick guide on how to grow herbs included:

- ◆ It's better to grow herbs in pots to better control moisture and amount of sunlight.
  - ◆ Use old pots, buckets, even a kitty litter box!
  - ◆ Use good-quality potting soil - nothing else!
  - ◆ You need good drainage
  - ◆ Don't forget to water
- Donna sold her demo herbs at 2 for \$5 and almost sold out! AND - she won \$10 in the 50/50!

### Important Upcoming Dates!

#### December 2 Meeting

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road  
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Holiday Music by "The Villagers"

December 9: Board Meeting, 11:30 am  
Michele Edwards' home

#### Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share

Blankies & Pillows

Campbells labels      Aluminum pull-tabs

General Mills labels      Coupons for our troops

December 2: Happy Hannukkah

December 25: Merry Christmas

December 26: Happy Kwanzaa



Donna uses only organic fertilizer and pest control.



### Mark Your 2011 Calendar: BCREA

Invites You and Your Guests  
to our

Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Thursday, February 3, 2011

Social Hour: 11:30

Lunch served: 12 noon

Tropical Acres Restaurant  
2500 Griffin Road

Tickets will be sold at the  
December and January meetings  
or

Order them by mail with the coupon on Page 4.

## President's Corner

It's the season to be jolly, ho, ho, ho. Sometimes when we think back with nostalgia how bright and wonderful the holidays were when we were young, we become jaded about today. We have an advantage over the young in that we know the best presents aren't all glitter and shine. We have the knowledge and maturity now to know that we can give and receive real presents. Patience, good will, kindness and a really good smile are the best presents. Let's share these presents with our loved ones and strangers alike. Maybe we can help educate others about real giving.



Thanks to all of you for making this the best group of people, ever. Love ya,

*Margante*



## Community Service / Directories

Chairman: Darcia Drago  
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### Community Service

Thank you for your generous donation of food and men's clothing to LifeNet4Families (formerly the Cooperative Feeding Program) at the November meeting. Remember that we will not be doing our annual collection of toiletries and personal care products until our

January meeting.

### Directories

2010 - 2011 directories will be distributed at our December meeting. Copies will be mailed to members who live out of county and to those who are shut-ins. Happy holidays to all! See you next year, *Darcy*



## Health & I+PS

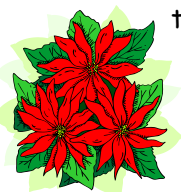
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## From the Vice-President..

We're in for a real treat for our December meeting. The "VILLAGERS" will be performing! They performed for our group last spring and if you were at that meeting you would probably describe it as a fantastic experience. Ron Davis, who is a member of our organization, is the resident director of this John Knox Village male chorus group. Ron was the choral director at Fort Lauderdale High School from 1960-66. For the next 19 years he served as the first Supervisor of Music for the School Board of Broward County.

The "Villagers" are a unique group of singers whose ages range from 68 to 98. They have been described as a one-of-a-kind in the State of Florida. The majority of singers have never been in any chorus before joining this group. They have performed many times in and out of the Village. Recently they were invited to open the show of "Seniors Got Talent." I guarantee you won't want to miss their performance. What a great way to start the holiday season!



*Barbara*



The holidays are approaching and along with them comes the flu season. Have you had your flu shot yet? Don't wait until it is too late. We want to keep as healthy as possible.

For the past several years we have participated in the blood bank drive that was sponsored by the Broward Council of Senior Citizens. On November 5th I attended their meeting wherein there was a discussion as to whether or not to continue this project. It was stated that one of the things included in the new healthcare bill is that the provider gets blood from a blood bank free of charge and you won't have to pay for it or replace it. However, you will pay a copayment for the blood process-

ing and handling services for every unit of blood you get and the Part B deductible will apply. Community Blood Centers of South Florida still provide scholarships for high school students so you can still contribute to their scholarship fund if you so desire. At this time the Health Committee will find another project to undertake. If you have any suggestions as to something you wish us to look into, please speak to one of the members of the committee (Kathlyn Barno, Josephine Walker, Lillian Smalls). Even though we are not having the Blood Drive, we will be in touch with you each month through the Newsletter. Have a healthy and happy holiday season.

*Kathlyn*





# Passages



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

Elizabeth Freeman 12/1  
Lillian Rahming 12/3  
Sara Pettis 12/16  
Alzora Simmons 12/18  
Panchitta Chisholm 12/19  
Caroline Hooper 12/20  
Toni Merton 12/20  
Dorothy Barringer 12/22  
Kay Vetro 12/23  
Elizabeth Johnson 12/26  
And to Jean Funk  
who turns 85 on 12/18



*Thinking of You  
Bruce Arnold  
Faye Mullarkey*



*In Memoriam*

Elizabeth Cannata 10/10/10  
Tom Mullarkey 10/15/10  
William Gaffney 10/23/10

## BCREA Officers....

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Last month, when I e-mailed the *Newsletter* to everyone, I asked if anyone might know anything about **Mildred Peterson** whose *Newsletter* had been returned and whose phone had been disconnected. My answer came from **Opal Nash**, Mildred's sister, after **Arline McWhinny** from Clarksville, GA responded to my e-mail. I found out Mildred is staying with her son in Ormond Beach recuperating from a fall. Isn't our network of retired educators an amazing thing!! I had a nice note from member **Joan Krueger** who has been entertaining residents of assisted living facilities with her "Jingle With Joanie" show of piano playing and singing the old time favorites. She sent



*Ben's*

*Bytes...*



along an article that's too long to include here, but I'll have it on the website <http://browardrea.org> soon.

I'm sorry to report the passing of **Faye Mullarkey's** husband **Tom** who was a regular attendee at our meetings. He was 96!



Once again there were 70 people in attendance at the November meeting. Maybe some of these folks saw the notice in the *Sun-Sentinel* Bulletin Board! Many thanks to VP **Barbara Morningstar** for making this happen! Winners of

the 50/50 were:

\$20 - **Cathy Brawer**  
\$20 - **Michele Edwards**  
\$10 - **Donna Torrey**

Actually, **Cathy Brawer's** ticket also won the \$10 prize, but she graciously declined and another ticket was drawn. The winner?

**Donna Torrey**, our speaker of the day!

If you know of any member who is ill, be sure to notify our Friendship Chairman **Shirley Paoli** and she'll send them a card.

If you'd like to re-read **Frances Smoot's** only-too-true Thought for the Day about different colored pills, go to [http://www.jokelibrary.net/people/f\\_eld/e3s-pills.html](http://www.jokelibrary.net/people/f_eld/e3s-pills.html)



And that's the last byte for December!



## FREA Travel...

Chairman: **Arline Ziller**  
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**CELEBRITY CONSTELLATION 15-NIGHT TRANSATLANTIC CRUISE** Departing, Fort Lauderdale, FL May 7 & returning from Amsterdam, Holland May 22, 2011. I will be traveling with you. Contact me for an Informational Flyer.

To see a complete list of upcoming trips, look back at the October Newsletter - they're all still available this month. For full information on these trips, including prices, visit <http://frea.org/FreaTravelMay2010-2011BULLETIN.html>

You can reach me 24/7 and the goal is to enjoy yourselves while supporting the Scholarship Fund! Remember our travel is available to everyone so if you know a group or anyone that would like information and would like to travel with us, just let me know.

*Arline*

## A reminder from the Treasurer.....

All checks must be made out to

**BCREA**

Write the purpose of the check on the memo line. Our bank refuses checks made out any other way (i.e. BCREA Scholarship Fund).

Thanks, Marelise

## Literacy

Chairman: Rosetta Watkins  
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### YOU KNOW YOU ARE A LITERACY VOLUNTEER IF:

....You tutor adults or children.... work in a library.... help with book fairs.....assist Friends of the Library..... assist in the classroom ..... assist with testing programs..... purchase books for non-readers or readers who need to improve their reading skills .... you are a Reading Buddy...you tell or read stories to children..... adults or in nursing homes..... you read to your grandchildren or help them with homework.... you teach Sunday School..... you are a judge for any essay contest ..... you are reading for the blind..... you are a monitor in a computer lab....you help students prepare for their GED..... you are a mentor or in training to be one.... you are working in an English As A Second Language Program.... you help students prepare for college entrance exams.... you are a tutor trainer... you serve on the board of a literacy council or coalition....you are a SHINE counselor.....you work in after school programs.... you are a Surrogate Parent... you write grants to assist schools/literacy councils... you provide transportation for non-readers or tutors.

Just remember that whatever you do to that helps improve the reading, writing and math skills of student, children and adults, count as Literacy.

Please report your hours.

*Rosetta*

### Scholarship Donations

#### Donor:

Patricia Schroeder  
Thomas Maynard  
Adena Mitchell  
Mary Hamby  
Ken & Thelma Hendricks

#### In Memory Of

Dorsey Maynard  
Dorsey Maynard  
Ed Elder  
Ed Elder  
Ed Elder

### Undesignated Donations

Marilyn Apau  
Linda Gardner  
Isaphene Knowles  
William Williams  
Dianne Eager  
Linnie Kidd  
Mary Taylor  
Linda Wright

## Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards  
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### Theatre Tickets:

**SOLD OUT!!!** Those two words are music to my ears and now I can sing the refrain! *Burn the Floor* had already sold out our increased 30 ticket reservation and then, low and behold, we sold the thirtieth ticket for *Ella* at the Nov. 4th meeting. If you missed out on the "Early Bird" booking, never fear... two shows remain with available seating this season. For \$35 per ticket, you can join us at The Broward Stage Door Theatre in Coral Springs (easy access and free parking) for *Plaza Suite* on Friday, March 18 at 8 p.m. and for "Light in the Piazza" on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. I increased our reservation to 40 tickets for each of these shows and we have already sold more than our original allocation of 20 tickets per show. We have raised the bar again. BCREA is becoming a vibrant cultural group in addition to our other aspects; it is time to sell out the 40 tickets for our final shows of this season. Make your check payable to BCREA and mail it to **Michele Edwards, 1933 NW 107 Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33071** with a memo regarding how many tickets to which show(s).

Do it TODAY, before you hear the words, "Sorry, we are sold out!"



### Blankie and Pillow" Sets

Accept the challenge to make one or more "Blankie and Pillow" sets for **Kids-In-Distress** (directions were available at the Nov. 4 meeting and will be at future meetings). These sets include a child-sized stuffed pillow and blanket/comforter/quilt made from quilted fabric/fleece/flannel/cotton or from gently used bedding cut down to kid size and trimmed. A couple of our members found directions on the internet to make a set that does not require a sewing machine; the edges are slit and tied then the filling is kept in place with a few large hand stitches. Fabric glues, liquid stitches and iron-on "Stitch Witchery" can also be used if you don't sew. I know we can all be creative as that is an essential component in teaching.

Bring sets to the December 2nd meeting so that we can supply Kids-In-Distress with enough (**con't on next page**)





Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:  
**Darcia Drago**  
4346 Carambola Circle North  
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form**

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each

Entrée choices: Prime rib of beef  
Chicken cordon bleu  
Broiled salmon

Name	Entrée Choice
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Send a check made out to BCREA

Include a Self-addressed, stamped envelope  
to  
Doris Emmett  
6000 NE 22 Way, Apt. 3-B  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308

**Blankies, con't** sets for the Holidays. As sad as it sounds, more kids are in distress during the holidays than at other times. How wonderful when a child arriving at a place they have never been with people they do not know then sleeping in a place that is not their own can at least receive a comforting "Blankie and Pillow" set to keep and cuddle for their very own. This is only possible when BCREA members give of themselves, their time and their talent, to make these personal gifts. We can continue to provide these sets throughout the year but there is no better time than now. I can't wait to see your creations!

*Michele*

**Membership...**

Chairman: Susan Lochrie  
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We now have a total of 332 members including 39 new members so far this year.

Welcome to these new members who joined since the last Newsletter:

Shirley Ernst  
Suzanne Fruchter  
Rhoda Gawlowski  
Lucia Herring  
Phyllis Slingbaum  
William Wolfolk

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Frances Smoot gives the Thought for the Day



Donations abound for LifeNet4 Families



New Members Shirley Ernst and Lucia Herring



Marelise gives the Treasurer's Report



Gloria Marshall checks out the chives!



Nancy Howell buys an herb from Donna



Members help Darcy sort the donated coupons

Scenes at the November meeting!



Marelise & Margarite



BCREA members can be verrrry serious-looking at times! Guess they didn't win the 50/50!



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