

December, 2012

Broward County Retired Educators' Association

Number 225

Locked Piano Produces Panicky Pandemonium!

It was a close call, but the show finally did go on! The **BWC Choral Group** arrived at Deicke Auditorium



dressed and ready to perform for the November meeting. Members were assembled and awaiting the program. And then someone

discovered that the piano was locked! AAARRRGGGH! It seems no one had remembered to tell new President-Elect **Diane Texer** that it was necessary to request permission to use the piano - which is owned by the Plantation Woman's Club. And



the BWC couldn't perform without a piano! Finally after a few panicky moments, **Jeff Gouge** arrived to unlock the piano and save the day! Pianist **Carolyn**

Morgan and Director **Betty Anne Beavers** then led the 21 songbirds in lots of familiar Broadway hits honoring legendary names such as **Fred Astaire** (*Heaven*), **Judy Garland** (*Over the Rainbow*); **Rosemary Clooney** (*Hey There*); and **Abba**

(Thank You For the Music). **Gen Cordes** and Director **Beavers**, in a duet, combined *Happy Days Are here Again* with *Come On, Get Happy*. BWC rehearses every Wednesday morning from September through early May in Fort Lauderdale, and is always looking for new members. They welcome singers of all abilities, from beginners to veterans. For more info, visit <http://www.bwcchoralgroup.org/>

Important Upcoming Dates!

December 6 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: George Gadson, Artist

December 18: Board Meeting, 11:30 am
Arline Ziller's home

Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share

Blankies & Pillows Books for Humane Society
Campbells labels Aluminum pull-tabs
General Mills labels Coupons for our troops

December 9: Happy Hanukkah

December 25: Merry Christmas

December 26: Happy Kwanzaa

Mark Your 2013 Calendar:

BCREA

Invites You and Your Guests
to our

Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Thursday, February 7, 2013

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 5.

President's Corner

Hello everyone,

I'd like to thank **Bev Hoppe** for the wonderful "Thought for the Day" sung to the tune of "My Favorite Things." We didn't know you were a good singer!

Many thanks to all of you for bringing all that food and hygiene supplies for the food bank. Another thanks to **Darcy Drago** for collecting it and arranging for them to pick it up. She's collected tons of books, magazines, personal care products, coupons, pull tabs and on and on. You gals are great.

Sandy Lefkowitz got some wonderful books for the literacy program. She's happy that this is off to a great start.

After a few snafus we managed to hear the **Broward Women's Chorus** and they were very entertaining.

For those of you who haven't seen the scrapbook - well you're missing a great book. **Mel Wenig** is the historian and has the book at the front of the room each meeting so you can see our year at a glance.

We do so many activities that are run by members that it seems that we only meet to eat and get entertained. That is not the case. Besides our main objective - scholarships for students wanting to be teachers - we get the word out for volunteer opportunities for our member and the community. We collect for many organizations in the area and give generously of our time and money.

Once again thanks to all you generous members and friends. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Love to you all ,

Margante



From the President-Elect

When I was working with an after school program a few years ago, I was contacted by a gentleman named **George Gadson**. He was an artist who wanted to work with a group of children to design a garden at our local park. As we worked together with 4th and 5th graders, I discovered that he was a famous artist and sculptor who has won many awards.

This self-taught artist has been commissioned to create works of art for many occasions. In 2008 he was invited to create an ornament for the White House Christmas Tree. In 1995 and 1999, Gadson created two South Florida Super Bowl bronze commemorative sculptures called "The Quarterback" and "The Kicker." Mr. Gadson has also created sculptures for Darden Restaurants, JM Family Enterprises, The International Swimming Hall of Fame, Broward Audubon Society, and The African-American Research Library. This talented artist is still involved with guiding Broward school students in artistic projects.

I am sure you will be as delighted to meet George Gadson and appreciate his talent as I am.

Diane



Remember to send your Potluck Recipes to **Bev Hoppe** - either by e-mail to HapiHopi@aol.com, by USPS mail, call me and read it aloud or hand it to me at a meeting. Many thanks to the 18 of our 344 members who have contributed so far!

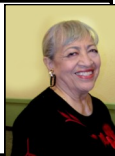
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Information Services

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By now we have moved into full holiday mode with full speed ahead. We are busy trying to get that shopping done and get all of the plans made for our celebrations. In the excitement of it all, let us not let our guard down and become targets

for criminals. This is the high season for pick pockets, scammers and other assorted lawbreakers. While shopping be aware of your surroundings, keep your eyes on your purses and wallets. Be careful where you park your car and if you must

shop at night park in a lighted area. Don't leave packages in sight in your car.

After all of the hurrying and scurrying about take a little time to strengthen your brain. According to a new study at Brigham and Women's hospital in Boston, older women who eat at least a cup of strawberries or one-half cup of blueberries per week delay

cognitive aging by one to two and a half years. The researchers say berries likely provide similar benefits for men. The key ingredient found in berries is flavonoids: antioxidants also found in tea, red wine, apples and oranges.

And now, so much for advice. Have just a blessed, merry, healthy, safe holiday season and we will see you in the new year. *Kathlyn*

Passages



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

Elizabeth Freeman 12/1
Lillian Rahming 12/3
Sara Pettis 12/16
Jean Funk 12/18
Alzora Simmons 12/18
Panchitta Chisholm 12/19
Caroline Hooper 12/20
Toni Merton 12/20
Dorothy Barringer 12/22
Kay Vetro 12/23
...And turning 85
Barbara Doherty 12/07
Betty Deacon 12/31



In Memoriam

Donald Fry 10/16/12
Dorothy M. Johnson 8/12



*Thinking of You
Mary Hiers*

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Thanks to the 18 members who have shared their recipes. Two members who sent things are **Nina Hansen** who lives in Ashville, NC and **Carol Merz Wells** who has lived in Ft. Myers since she retired in 1992! Thanks, Ladies!

Attendance was 73 this month. Winners of the 50/50 were



Susan Lochrie (\$20); Bobbie Lou David (\$10); and Bil-



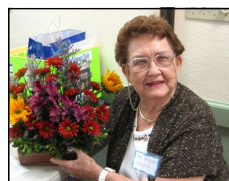
lie Zalzman (\$10). As she's been doing for a year now,



*Bea's
Bytes...*



Carol Roland created 2 beautiful fresh fall flower arrangements for our monthly raffle which were won by **Faye Mullarkey** and **Pat Schroder**.



We received a nice letter of thanks

for our contribution of \$112 for **Meals on Wheels** at last month's meeting. On a sad note, 2 longtime members of BCREA passed away re-

cently. **Dorothy M. Johnson**, 85, sister of **Mary Hiers**, a member since 1996 died in August.

Don Fry, 91, a member since 1994 and former treasurer died on October 16. Our sympathy to their families.

From **Joanne Davis** came these tidbits to share:

1. My mother taught me **LOGIC**: "Because, I said so, that's why."
2. My mother taught me about **STAMINA**: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

There are lots more - for another time! Out of room! And that's the last byte for December! *Bea*



FREA Tours for 2011-2012

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CELEBRITY EQUINOX 15-Night Transatlantic Cruise Departing Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, FL **April 8, 2013**, arriving Barcelona, Spain, April 30th 2013.

PORTS OF CALL INCLUDE: Nassau; Tenerife, Canary Islands (whale watching excursion is available); Lanzarote, Canary Islands; Lisbon, Portugal; Gibraltar, United Kingdom; Barcelona, Spain

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Literacy

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In the spirit of giving and helping others, our book donations continue to grow. Please remember to bring new or gently used books to our meetings so we can help children by assuring they can have their very own book.

December Idea:

We all have a friend who is still in the classroom. Reach out to his/her students and ask them to bring in a book that they have finished and are willing to donate. Last week I asked a teacher to participate in our book drive and she is having the school student council join in the campaign, spreading the news to all 4th and 5th graders at her school. What a pleasant surprise!

I have a school and a student letter that you may use to explain the BCREA literacy project. I'll be happy to send it to you. Email me at: slef123@bellsouth.net

Happy reading, *Sandy*

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc
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We are on our way to raising scholarship money for the upcoming year! Thanks to all who have given toward the primary goal of our organization. Our gratitude is extended to **Mr. Kenneth Hendricks** whose generous donation of \$1000, given in memory of his wife, **Thelma Hendricks**, meant a lot to our scholarship efforts. Both Kenneth and Thelma were past-presidents of BCREA and have had a great influence over the group.

Scholarship Donations	
Donor	In Memory Of
Darcia Drago	Virginia Dewar
Kenneth Hendricks	Virginia Dewar
Dorothy Howard	Rhoda Snead Collins
Dorothy Howard	Bettye Williams Brown
Susan Lochrie	Virginia Dewar
Undesignated Donations	
Elena Centrone	Joyce Allen Hawkins
Dolores Heyman	Janice Johnson
Bessie Showers	Etta James Warner
Beverly Williams	



Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Carol Roland
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THEATER TICKETS

There are **ONLY 2** tickets left for Agatha Christie Murder Mystery - March 2, Parker Playhouse - \$34.50. Contact me by November 22.

BONNET HOUSE TRIP

Tuesday, December 4,
10:00 AM Meet at Entrance \$14.00
Casablanca Restaurant to follow
If you have not paid, Email or call me.

RINGLING MUSEUM TRIP

Tuesday, April 9, 2013
\$90.00 (Bus and Entrance Fee)
E-mail or call me by November 30 if interested.

Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie
954-525-8503 or slochrie@bellsouth.net



Membership Dues are \$50. This included \$35. State dues and \$15. local dues. Most members have already paid the annual dues. Recently, reminders were sent to those who had not paid. Checks are payable to BCREA and should be mailed to

BCREA-Susan Lochrie;

P.O. Box 30533;

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303.

If you have friends who have retired, invite them to one of our meetings or send me their name and address and I will send information to them.

Susan

Welcome New Members



Alyce Aspler
Janet Bobik
Mattie Brown
Elena Centrone
Carol Creswell-Greves
Pat Devore-Boss
Linda Goldman
Joyce Allen Hawkins
Carolyn Johnson
Hennie Johnson
Janice Johnson
Lee Ann Jones
Barbara Leon
Robin S. Newman

Barbara Perkins
Bessie Showers
James Etta Warner
Patrencia L. Williams



Lee Ann Jones &
Elena Centrone

BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 20____

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)

GRAND TOTAL: _____

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

Darcia Drago
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form

Number of tickets: _____ @\$25.00 each

Entrée choices: **Beef**
Chicken
Fish

Name _____ Entrée Choice _____

Send a check made out to BCREA

Include a Self-addressed, stamped envelope

to

Diane Texter
742 NW 69 Terr.
Margate, FL 33063

Community Service / Directories

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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Community Service



Thanks for helping to restock

the pantry at the Cooperative Feeding Program-LifeNet4 Families and for brightening the holidays for those in need. Your donation of food and personal care items was greatly appreciated. Please note that FREA has changed the name of the

Community Service Committee to the Volunteer Service Committee. Since literacy hours will now be reported as volunteer service hours this has necessitated a change in our reporting form. The new form is included in this month's newsletter. (The Literacy Committee will continue to function and to sponsor the essay contest; only the method of

reporting hours will change.)

Directories

The 2012-13 directory will go to press immediately following our November meeting and will be distributed at our December meeting. Copies will be mailed only to members who live out of the area and to those who are shut-ins. Wishing you and your family a Happy Holiday Season!

Darcy

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RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY

WHEREAS, Florida's education system is a vital part of the well-being of our state, providing education for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, at the heart of our education system is the educator, who is devoted to sharing his or her knowledge with students; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to many retired educators who have spent much of their lives giving their time, energy, and best efforts to our students; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we celebrate and recognize Florida's retired educators for their dedication to empowering students and strengthening our local and statewide communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 18, 2012 as *Retired Educators Day*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee the Capital, this 29th day of October, in the year two thousand twelve.

Rick Scott
Governor

A proclamation from the governor! Just for us!



BWC pianist Carolyn Morgan



Member Jean with 2 guests - Susan and Pauline



The Board meets after the general meeting



Lois Rhodes

Scenes at the November meeting!



Sallie and Sandy get the drinks ready



Pat greets Marelise, Echo & Josephine



BWC performs!

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