



## November Meeting Honors Veterans



The meeting was opened by the Plantation HS JROTC who marched in and presented the colors as Carol Roland led the group in the pledge. The program was presented by **Mike Miskew**,

founder and director of presentations of Honor Flight South Florida, a 3-year old branch of the national Honor Flight Network whose mission statement is "Transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices." And their goal is "Helping every single veteran in America, willing and able of getting on a plane and a bus, visit their memo-

rial." The inaugural Honor Flight took place in May of 2005. Six small planes flew out of Springfield, Ohio taking twelve World War II veterans on a visit to the memorial in Washington, DC. In August of 2005, an ever-expanding waiting list of veterans led the transition to commercial airline carriers with the goal of accommodating as many veterans as possible. The trips are totally funded by donations and are totally free for the vets. Mike introduced local

attorney **Emerson Allsworth**, a WWII vet who just turned 90. He left high school at age 17 to enlist, planning to go overseas but ended up in Ohio!! He related his experiences on his Honor Flight and told how meaningful it was for him. Donations and volunteers are always needed.



### Important Upcoming Dates!

**December 1 Meeting**  
**Time:** 11:45 am  
**Place:** Deicke Auditorium  
 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation  
 (1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)  
**Program:** Apollo Middle School Chorus

**December 8:** Board Meeting, 11:30 am  
 Bev Hoppe's home

**Bring to meeting:**

Potluck Dish to Share	Chewing Gum
Blankies & Pillows	Books for Literacy
Boxtops & Labels for Education	
Aluminum pull-tabs	Coupons for our troops
Cell Phones	Eyeglasses

**December 24:** Happy Hanukkah

**December 25:** Merry Christmas

**December 26:** Happy Kwanzaa

### 12 New Members Attend Meeting



Save the Date

Annual Scholarship Luncheon  
**Thursday, February 2, 2017, 11:30 am**  
 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 6.

## President's Corner

The November meeting was so festive. The tables were all decorated beautifully in red, white and blue. The Plantation High School Color Guard marched in, presenting the flags, and the 90 BCREA participants were ready to start a new year. We really have an outstanding group. The committees have been busy all summer. **Susan Lochrie** contacts the recent retirees and tells them all about BCREA. **Diane Jarchow** contacts the high schools and tells them about our scholarships and really tries to get all of the schools involved. In reading over past *Newsletters* I realized how much the different committees have given to our organization. I was reading from some that were four and five years old. So I got to go through a number of columns written by **Kathlyn Barno**. I learned so much! She gives really good ideas. Too, I realized how much work went into the *Newsletters* and how talented **Bev Hoppe's** staff is. We have room on our committees for all of our new people. Someone asked me what I will do when my time as president is over and I said that I will always want to be on a committee and be active. We have one committee, Cultural Affairs, that needs a few members. **Carol Roland** took a survey of the group's interests and is ready for a group to put it into action. So, if you would like to join this group, call me! There is so much creativity in our group. Members call me with ideas that become a reality. Case in point: the idea of putting a table outside the door to welcome our new members and give them a gift. **Julia Penley** did a great job of doing just that. Lets have a wonderful year together and make many Connections!



*Echo*

## From the President-Elect

Many members asked for additional information about opportunities to volunteer for Honor Flight South Florida so I thought it would be good to include the web site so you can investigate further:

[HonorFlightSouthFL.com](http://HonorFlightSouthFL.com)

This comprehensive site provides a wealth of information, as well as ways to make donations or volunteer. Our December meeting will feature the Apollo Middle School chorus, under the direction of Bryan McCall Jr. who will lead us in listening to and singing some holiday songs. So start practicing your vocal exercises and come prepared to enjoy the festivities.

*Carol*



## FREF Extravaganza

Tickets - Only \$10.00

Buy your tickets now for TWO Chances to WIN:

First, you will be in the District drawing for a \$100 winner in Broward, Dade or Palm Beach.

Second, you will have a chance to win:

\$500 Cash - 1st Prize

\$300 Cash - 2nd Prize

200 Cash - 3rd Prize

All donations are tax deductible and will be used to fund the general scholarship program as well as the operating expenses of the Foundation.

Anne French  
1017 NE 28 Drive  
Wilton Manors, FL 33334

Make your check payable to FREF (Florida Retired Educators Foundation).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## We Need Items For the Raffle!

Don't forget to start saving NEW items for the big fundraiser at the February Scholarship Luncheon. Please do not clean out your closets and donate things you no longer want. Others probably won't want them either! Christmas or Hanukkah gifts you don't want would be good - but please leave them unopened! Are we being picky? YES! Donate only things you'd like to win!

## Information Services

Chairman: **Kathlyn Barno**  
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The winter holidays are here and with all of the shopping, parties and good times comes the bad side of the game. It is a good time for scammers to try to catch us off guard and enrich their coffers by stealing our identify. Be cautious. Try not to be a victim. AARP has suggested ten things that you can do to protect yourself.

1. Lock your mailbox, Try to keep your mail from being stolen.

2. Don't leave anything of value in your parked car, not your wallet or purse or any mobile devices.

3. Shred all sensitive documents with a shredder that shreds documents into

confetti.

4. Secure your smart phone with a password, Don't use a password that is easy to guess such as birthdays , or sequential numbers.

5. Change your computer password regularly. Experts suggest that you do so every three months. Think about using one that is hard to crack but easy to remember, Use a combination of letters and numbers.

6. Don't share your Social Security number unnecessarily. Share it only for tax reasons, obtaining credit or to verify employ-

ment.

7. Don't carry your Medicare card unless you are on your way to a health care appointment. Instead make a copy and black out all but the last four numbers.

8. Use a gel pen to write out checks. Thieves can wash off ballpoint pen and rewrite the check.

9. Use strong passwords to protect financial accounts. Consider a passphrase rather than a password.

10. Don't give out personal information over the phone or the internet or through the mail unless you initiated it.

The Information Services Committee wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season. *Kathlyn*

## Passages



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

**Jean Funk 12/18**

**Alzora Simmons 12/18**

**Panchitta Chisholm 12/19**

**Caroline Hooper 12/20**

**Lillian Hearn 12/20**

**Toni Merton 12/20**

**Doris Emmett 12/26**

And turning 85...

**Rosetta Watkins 12/22**



**Sylvia Milks  
Priscilla Peck  
Arline Ziller**



*In Memoriam*

**Betty Deacon 7/18**

**Barbara Doherty 9/09**

**Joan Paul 10/20**

**Rita Weiss 10/25**

**Nancy Ruiz 11/05**

What a wonderful luncheon we had this month! With so much happening on the daily news, it was so heartening to hear the stories that were shared about your family members who proudly served their country. Thank you **Carol**, for having Honor Flight of South Florida visit with us at this time. Also, welcome to all of the new members who were in attendance. Of course, once again, the luncheon table was filled with tempting foods that we just could not resist! It always amazes me, that we continually have the correct assortment of tasty cuisine which can be shared by all who attend. Thank you to everyone who took

### Social Committee

Chairman: **Sallie Sherwood**  
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the time to remove their leftovers from the back table. For the many new members who attended this luncheon, please do not bring any serving utensils. If you bring something from home, there is a chance it may become lost. The Social Committee provides the serve ware; you just need to remember to remove your containers and leftovers from the back table as you leave. It is also a good idea to bring an extra grocery bag, so you can quickly and cleanly take your dish back home.

As Echo mentioned at the meeting, it would be nice to have the 12-13 tables in the front of the room, decorated with a theme each month. The Social Committee always provides decorations for the banquet tables and the coffee table in the back of the room. The Social Committee will handle the decorations for March and May (the Scholarship/Awards/Installation) luncheons. **Lynne Ogden, Ilene Miller and Carol Chess** will be providing decorations for the Spring April luncheon. So if you would be willing to as-

sist with decorations, for the front circular tables for the month of December or January please let us know. If you would like to serve on the Social Committee, please send me an email so we can add your name to the list of "helping hands". Great to see everyone, stay safe until next time.

*Sallie*

## Cultural Affairs "Field Trips"

Please assist the Cultural Affairs Committee in selecting "Field Trips" and other activities that you would be interested in experiencing.

We know that all choices are contingent on when the activity is scheduled, but this will give the committee information of the type of activities you are interested in. Please place a check next to any activity you would be interested in attending. Feel free to add other ideas you think would be good.

Day trips (Easy access in the tri-county area; could include a group lunch)

- Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton
- Calle Ocho, Miami
- Casino Night at \_\_\_\_\_
- Coral Castle, Miami
- Cornel Museum at Old School Square, Delray
- Deering Estate, Miami
- Fairchild Gardens, Miami
- Flagler Museum, Palm Beach
- Little Haiti Cultural Center, Miami
- Morikami Museum, Delray
- Norton Museum of Art, Palm Beach
- Orchid Society, Delray
- Perez Art Museum, Miami
- Purvis Young Murals (Overtown), Miami
- Viscaya, Miami
- Wolfsonian-FIU Museum, Miami
- Wynwood Arts District--Mosquito Free, Miami

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Overnight trips:

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Group activities /games

Card Games such as \_\_\_\_\_

Scrabble

Mexican Train

Backgammon

Knitting or crocheting Group

Painting and cocktails

Other Activities

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail or phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: **Carol Roland**

**9721 SW 14th Place, Davie FL, 33324**

## From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc  
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The holidays are around the corner. It is the time for giving. Please remember our Scholarship Fund as you consider your charities this season. In reviewing our Financial Summary for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, it is notable that through your generosity we took in \$4,785 in money designated for scholarships. This doesn't include our monthly scholarship fundraisers held at our meetings. That was another \$2,161, much of it from the fantastic auction held at our annual luncheon in February. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is the reason that we were able to give 7 scholarships this past year. That is a substantial number of scholarships- more than any other unit in the state!

### Scholarship Donations

Donor	In Memory Of
Marilyn Apau	Nancy Galante
William Atcheson	Carl Passaglia
Patty Bopp	Mary Buscemi
Winnie Dickinson	Evelyn Lewis

### Undesignated Donations

Alice Bell	Mary Jo Bell	Julie Biancardi
Janice Johnson	Susan Jones	
Amada Walker	Beverly Williams	

## Community Service / Directory

Chairman: Darcia Drago  
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### Community Service

We collected 35 stuffed animals that will be donated to Coral Springs, Plantation and Coconut Creek Police Departments for officers to give to children in crisis situations. All three departments were most appreciative of our support. In December we will collect rolls of Lifesaver candy for our troops.

Please continue to report your volunteer hours at each of our meetings. Assisting any organization or non-relative qualifies as community service. Travel and prep time should be included in your totals. Wishing you and your family a happy holiday and health and happiness in 2017!

*Darcia*

## Friendship

Chairman: Julia Penley  
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Welcome Everyone to another exciting year of BCREA! At the November meeting we had several new members and it was fun to "meet and greet" them and give them a "welcome gift." We have several members who have celebrated their 85+ birthdays recently. One amazing member is



**Martha Pipes!** She works at the sign-in table at all our meetings and just celebrated her 89th this November! Happy Birthday Martha!!!

There is sad news to report: **Nancy Ruiz** passed away on November 5th. She had been a faithful member of our organization for many years and had served as the Friendship Chairman. Since November 2013 she had been in and out of hospital, always maintaining a positive attitude. I know those who knew her will miss her sweet personality and caring heart as I will. Thank you again everyone, for your help in keeping me informed of our members who have those special birthdays, become ill, have passed away or lost family members, so we can let them or their families know they are in our thoughts and prayers. *Julia*



## Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz  
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Ready, set, go! At our November meeting we launched 2016-17 literacy projects. We are collecting new and gently used children's books for children do not have books at home. Our second project is the Margaret Poppell Fifth Grade Essay Contest. Fifth grade students are encouraged to write a 500 word essay about an experience with a grandparent or a grandparent figure. All details were presented at the November meeting and will be available at future

meetings. There are posters to take to schools and letters for all fifth grade teachers explaining the rules. **START SPREADING THE NEWS NOW.** Students will have some time over winter break to write their essays and teachers will have time to promote writing before the February 22 deadline. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need materials. Last year our local winner placed third in the state Essay Contest. Let's continue to foster literacy. Let's have another successful year. *Sandy*

### Welcome New Members



Donna Benjamin  
Lorlei Czajka  
Denise Jones  
Jennifer Laxner  
Timothy Mogilka  
Christine Randall

Julie Biancardi  
Juanita Elmore  
Byron Langenfass  
Joanne Loy  
Betty J. Moore  
Marianne Scott

Amada Walker

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Welcome to **Michael Cardona**, our new representative from **BrightStar**. The winners of the scholarship fundraiser

were \$20: **Marian Resch**; \$10 each: **Karen Avery**, **Toni Merton** and **Ellie Kelleher**. Flower arrangements were won by **Darcy Drago**, **Martha Pipes** and one other person I missed! Sorry! There were 88 members and friends



at the November meeting according to **Martha Pipes**. It was great to see **Lois Rhodes** back after some health issues kept her away. We missed **Arline Ziller** who's having some trouble walking. Also missed **Frances Smoot** who was working the early voting polls.

And that's the last byte for December.

Happy Holidays! *Bev*

**Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form**

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$35.00 each  
 Extra Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée choices: **Prime Rib of Beef**  
**Chicken Francaise**  
**Broiled Salmon**

Name	Entrée Choice
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Send a check made out to BCREA  
Include a Self-addressed, stamped envelope  
 to  
**Carol Roland**  
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 Davie, FL 33324

**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)

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