



BCREA Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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Happily, it has arrived,
a brand new year!
A perfect opportunity to
let the
Past be gone and make
Plans for the days ahead.
It's
Yours and yours alone to
decide upon.
New year, new day, anytime
is good to
Exercise your
freedom of choice.
Who, what, or where do
you want to be?
You are free to choose your
Every thought and
Action as you
Reflect on the past, but
decide to live for today
and the future ahead.
(From the internet)

Planning Ahead: Necessary But Not Fun

"I'm going to talk about unpleasant, but important topics today," announced **Alice Reiter Feld**, a board-certified elder law attorney who was also a teacher for her first year out of college. She then proceeded to cover as much information as possible in her allotted time. She stressed the importance of having an up-to-date power of attorney and a health surrogate. HIPAA regulations prevent hospitals from disclosing info to people without these items. You also need to have a good estate plan, properly drafted



and updated. For those without long term care insurance, there are 2 basic programs: Medicaid and Veterans' Benefits. She recommended pre-planning for this eventuality when you're a young re-

tiree. She has a "to-don't" list which includes: DON'T do a deed to your property incorrectly; DON'T include the sale of your house and distribution of the proceeds in your will—that leaves the money open to creditors; DON'T wait too late to do the documents—you must be of sound mind; and DON'T fail to do pre-arrangements for your funeral! And, you might even get it for half-price!! To find out more info about Alice and many important issues for senior citizens, go to www.florida-elderlaw.com.

Board Enjoys Holiday Fun!

On December 14 the BCREA Board members gathered for their annual holiday meeting where they feast and enjoy a Chinese-auction style gift exchange! This event alone is reason enough to join the Board!



February 7 Meeting

Time: 11:30 am

Place: Tropical Acres Restaurant

Address: 2500 Griffin Road

(1/2 mile west of I-95)

954-761-1744

Program:

Annual Scholarship Luncheon
(Ticket Order Form on page 4)

With remarks by

School Board / BCREA Member
Maureen Dinnan



Bring to meeting:

Volunteer Reporting Form

Door Prize for Luncheon

Blankies 'n Pillows

Campbells labels

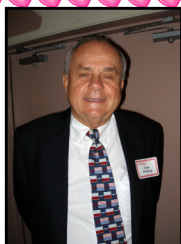
Aluminum pull-tabs

General Mills labels

Coupons for our troops

President's Corner

At the January meeting we collected two large boxes of items for soldiers at the Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Many thanks to those who helped with this worthwhile project.



At the meeting we were pleased to have Carolyn Bosworth, one of our scholarship recipients from 2000. She has completed her masters degree and is now teaching. She and others who have received scholarships from the BCREA are proof that we are accomplishing one of our main goals. Again thanks to all of you who help raise the funds for these scholarships through your donations.

Hope I will see you at our February luncheon. If you have not yet ordered your tickets, please contact Doris Emmett or send in the Order Form on page 4 of this Newsletter.



We could still use more prizes for the luncheon. Please contact me if you wish to donate items or cash. Thanks to those who have donated.

See you at the luncheon.

Tom

Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie



Darcy Drago distributed the 2007-08 Directories at the December meeting and will distribute them at all meetings including the February luncheon.

I will have membership applications and packets available at the February Luncheon for anyone who brings a guest or would like to send

them to friends who have retired. Membership dues for 2008-2009 will be collected beginning in March 2008. Welcome new members **Dorothy Tucker** and **Evelyn Johnston**. Evelyn joined using the application on the website!

Susan



Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago



Thanks for your generous donations to our wounded service men and women at Brooke Army Medical Center. We are partnering with

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 157 on this project and they will cover the cost of shipping our items to Fort Sam Houston.

Darcy

Health & Blood Bank

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno



Here are a few tips from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department to keep you from becoming a victim of a thief.

Don't leave any valuables in your car such as purses, computers, wallets jewelry and cellular phones.

Don't leave packages, bags, in plain view. Secure your automatic garage door opener.

Park your car in a well lit area with high pedestrian activity.

Do not be seen using your interior trunk release button. Place valuables in your

trunk prior to reaching your destination.

Always lock your doors and keep your windows up while pumping gas.

Do not leave a running car unattended.

We will not be collecting for the blood bank drive this month during the luncheon but you will have an opportunity to sign up next month.

This is healthy heart month. Take care of your heart with diet and exercise and have a Happy Valentine's Day.

Kathlyn

FREF

Chairman: Frances Smoot



FREF Fundraiser

"Future Teachers' Fund"

The FREF Trustees are continuing our FREF fundraiser, "Future Teachers' Fund for 2008. Each \$2.00 donation provides the donor an opportunity to win one of five one hundred dollar (\$100) bills. This activity provides the opportunity for all FREA and local unit members to participate in activities promoting our scholarships. Tickets will be avail-

able at our February - April meetings. Tickets may be offered to friends, relatives, and neighbors. Winners will be selected May 30, 2008 at the FREA Assembly and Convention in Miami. Ticket sales for 2006-2007 were \$4,371.00, our goal for 2007-2008 is \$5,000.00. Remember, these fund help with scholarships and educators in crisis.

Frances



FREA Tours

Arline Ziller,
FREA Travel Coordinator



Have you thought about a small ship and cruising the fabled rivers of Europe. You can walk right off your ship into the heart of your destination and experience cosmopolitan cities and quaint villages you can't reach on a tour bus or ocean cruise. St. Petersburg and Moscow have great mystery and beauty. Along the Elbe River from Berlin to Prague--usually 11 to 12 days--provides inspiring views of towering cliffs, rococo palaces and can include a two-day post cruise or pre-cruise stay in Prague. I will be firming the dates, so be sure to contact me with your preferences.New York City tour with Southern Touch Tours is available, but requires about forty people and pick up points would be arranged for this bus tour. Greece, Alaska and Hawaii have also been requested. When you have a definite plan be sure to let me know. If you have not heard from me lately, please contact me again at freatravel@cs.com or 954-781-4445, Be sure to include your name, address & telephone number as well as dates of travel and number of people traveling together when requesting information or when sending me an e-mail.

Arline

Free Investment Seminar
Wealth Transfer
(Wills, Trusts, Probate)
"How to Effectively Transfer Wealth to the Ones Who Matter Most"
Special Guest: Gregory A. Ebenfeld, P.A.
Thursday, February 21, 2008 5:30 PM
Sunrise Operations Center
5901 Del Lago Circle
Sunrise, FL 33313
RSVP to Luis Munoz 954-497-4182

BrightStar News

Nancy Harvey



One Day Car Sale
with Enterprise Car Sales
February 23, 2008, 9 - 2 pm
BrightStar CU Davie Branch
2400 Davie Road
Davie, FL 33317
For more info, check the website at BSCU.org or call
Nancy Harvey
954-809-5193.

Bev's Bytes.....



Doris Cotnoir received a Thank-You note from **Kids in Distress** for the Blankies 'n Pillows she and several other members made! There's still a need, so keep sewing! There were 43 members in attendance at the January meeting—including one new face—**Luther Henderson**—who's been a member since 2004 but hasn't attended regularly. It was a family affair too for **Jean Grason** who brought her daughter **Liz Bosworth** and grand-



daughter **Carolyn Bosworth** who was our BCREA Scholarship winner in 2000. She now has her MS degree and is teaching 3rd grade in Gainesville. Winners of the 50/50 were: **Jim Morris** (\$20), **Faye Mullarkey** (\$15), and **Doris Cotnoir** (\$10). And that's the last byte for February!

Bev

Passages



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

Annie Williams, 2/04
Laura Robinson, 2/11
Ruby Huff, 2/16



Thinking of You....
Arline Ziller



In Memoriam
Jesse Holshouser 12/10
John Wienants 11/12

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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

Extra donation for Scholarships ? _____

Entrée choices: Sliced Sirloin of Beef
Stuffed Breast of Chicken
Broiled Salmon Filet

Name Entrée Choice

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Send a check made out to BCREA (by January 23)
(Include a Self-addressed, Stamped Envelope) to

Doris Emmett
6000 NE 22 Way, Apt. 3-B
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308

Scholarship Donations

Donor In Honor Of
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Marilyn D. Payne Dorothy Tucker

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