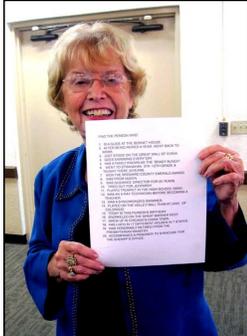


## Adventurers, Athletes and Musicians! Oh My!

**Suzanne Jones**, former food editor at the *SunSentinel*, was scheduled to speak at the January meeting; however, due to some health issues, she had to cancel. President-



Elect **Echo Heyer** came up with a new program which proved to be informative and lots of fun! She contacted 20 members and asked them to tell her something about themselves that few people knew! She distributed the list to everyone and gave them 15 minutes to find those who fit the state-

ments. President **Diane Texter** revealed a clue about the #8 statement "Was prom queen" by wearing her original tiara! Number 1 on the list was "Is a guide at the Bonnet House.." As it turned out, 2 members fit this category: **Susan Lochrie** and **Ann Graves!** **Nancy Howell** (#17) was raised in Chicago's Chinatown! 100 years ago, the area had been German. Her great-grand-



father had started the local funeral home and her family still operated the business even though the area had gradually become Chinese. Most of her friends were Chinese and she was the only blond in her elementary school! When she came to Broward as a 4th grade teacher, she gave her students chopsticks and taught them how to use them. **Nancy Adams** (#20) was working 40

hours a week at Pizio's Restaurant to put herself through UM. Her sister, who lived in Syracuse was terminally ill and Nancy couldn't afford to go to visit her. But some of her customers were FtL policemen who found a way to help: she was paid to escort a prisoner who was being extradited to Syracuse!



### Board Members Party at December Meeting



Pictured above are the BCREA Board members and friends who gathered at **Bev Hoppe's** home on December 11 for their annual holiday meeting. They enjoyed lunch and had a Chinese-auction style gift exchange! Front: **Pat Schroder**, **Charles Pipes**, **Martha Pipes**, **Echo Heyer**, **Arline Ziller**, **Kathlyn Barno**, & **Bev Hoppe**. Rear: **Anne French**, **Margaret Falconer**, **Rosetta Watkins**, **Susan Lochrie**, **Diane Texter**, **Judy Edwards**, **Sandy Leftkowitz** & **Josephine Walker**.

### February 5 Luncheon

**Time:** 11:30 am

**Theme:** Mardi Gras

"Laissez les bons temps rouler!" -  
Let the good times roll!

**Place:** Tropical Acres Restaurant

**Address:** 2500 Griffin Road

(1/2 mile west of I-95)

954-761-1744

**Program:** Annual Scholarship Luncheon

**Speaker:** **Elaine Viets** - Best-selling author of mystery books.

**On the Agenda:**

Memorial Service

Nominating Committee Report

#### Bring to meeting:

- Door Prize for Luncheon
- Labels For Education
- Aluminum pull-tabs
- Coupons for our troops
- Old cell phones & Eyeglasses
- Blankies 'n Pillows



## President's Corner

Greetings from your President / Prom Queen! If you attended our January meeting, I am sure you found out some interesting things about your fellow members. I learned that **Maralise LeClerc** has the same birthday as Elvis Presley.



I can picture **Josephine Walker** standing on the Great Wall of China. I was there myself 10 years ago! Way to go, Josephine!

I admire our athletes: **Pat Roberts**, the synchronized swimmer; **Linda Horton**, Volley Ball player for the university of Colorado; **Darcy Drago** who has snorkeled on the Great Barrier Reef; and **Michael Kogan** who swims every day. That's part of what I discovered. There's more! I will now think of **Louise Costello** each time I watch Jeopardy; **Bev Hoppe** when I see re-runs of *The Brady Bunch*; **Doris Cotnoir** when I get an x-ray; and **Charlie Pipes** when I go to church.

BCREA celebrates its 50th birthday this year! Think back 50 years in your life and think of one thing you remember about 1965. I was graduating from college! Perhaps, during our celebration, we can get **Kathyn Barno** to play Happy Birthday on the trumpet for us!

Keep track of your volunteer hours!

See you at the Scholarship Luncheon! *Diane*

## President' Elect's Corner

Author **Elaine Viets** will be our speaker at the February luncheon. Elaine is a national best-selling author of mystery books.



After 25 years as a newspaper reporter and syndicated columnist she started to write novels. She has one series of books that is called *Dead-End Job* which features the main character of Helen Hawthorne. The latest in that series is *Catnapped!* In *Catnapped!* Fort Lauderdale celebrity socialite Trish Barrymore's no-account accountant husband Mort Barrymore, is found dead and the pedigreed Chartreux show cat is missing. Helen Hawthorne is called in as a private investigator to find the cat and solve the mystery.

These days Elaine is making special appearances, and working on her next *Dead End Job* book, and her newest book in her equally successful series *Josie Marcus Mystery Shopper*.



Elaine will be introduced by **Donna Mergenhagen** who owns WELL READ Bookstore and Gallery.

*Echo*

## Volunteer Services/ Directories

Chairman: **Darcia Drago**  
954-977-7247 dardra@att.net



The Broward Education Foundation sends us a big "thank you" for our donation of school supplies to the County's Title I Teacher Resource Center. One of our members, **Mary Taylor**, volunteers for this organization. It's great that we can still support education in this small way even though we are retired.

Our annual report goes in to FREA in early March so

please turn in any unreported community service hours at our February scholarship luncheon at Tropical Acres so that our unit gets credit for them. Remember that travel time counts.

### Directories

2014-15 directories will be distributed at our February luncheon. Please check your individual listing for accuracy and advise me of any corrections that are needed.

## Membership...

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



This year, we have 334 BCREA members. Although many of our members no longer live in Broward County, they continue to pay membership dues to support FREA and scholarships. In continuing their BCREA membership they receive news of our local activities though newsletters. We begin to collect dues for the 2015-2016 year in March. There will be a membership renewal form in the March Newsletter. We will also have membership forms and information packets at the

Luncheon at Tropical Acres on February 5. Remember to give your retired friends a membership packet and urge them to join BCREA. Annual dues are \$50.00 - \$35.00 goes to the Florida Retired Educators Association and \$15.00 goes to the local Broward unit.



Welcome to new member **Michael Phillips!**

*Susan*

## Information Services

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno  
954-581-4731 BB9214@aol.com



We are still in the midst of the cold and flu season. There are still all kinds of little bugs floating around.. We have to be very careful in order to protect ourselves. Some people take zinc to fight off a cold. According to *Consumers Reports* magazine recent studies show that zinc shortens a cold only by a day or two. There is no proof that it will prevent one or stop its symptoms. On top of that it can leave a bad taste in your mouth or make you feel nauseated. When taken in large doses it can lead to copper deficiency and re-

duced levels of good cholesterol. It has also been known to interfere with various prescription drugs.. The studies show that you should avoid any zinc products that go into your nose. It can make you lose your sense of smell. Don't forget to start preparing for the tax man. Get all of your documents together with the proper proof. Have them organized. If you are not doing your taxes yourself, make your appointment with the tax preparer early.

See you next month

*Kathlyn*

## Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood  
954-629-3712 matildatwo@aol.com



What a wonderful welcome to 2015! Once again the buffet tables were filled with an assortment of delicious items, some favorite old standbys and a few new recipes. Thanks to everyone who picked up your items from the table upon your departure.

ALERT.. At the December meeting we lost a treasured item. It was a vintage, olive green, about 10 inch round (not oval), deviled egg platter. I think it had a small basket weave design around the edge & indentations for ten eggs. It may have been left in a plastic bag on the

circular table in the foyer, We checked the Lost and Found to no avail. I am hoping that perhaps someone might have seen this plate and picked it up with the intention of bringing it back to the next meeting and simply forgot to return it. This precious dish has been placed at each table setting since I have been attending the meetings. I hope that it will be found.

Again, thank you to all who make this luncheon such a success. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy 2015 filled with much love and laughter.

*Sallie*

## From Beverly Williams



**What:**  
AARP Tax-Aide Program  
**Who:**  
IRS certified volunteers prepare free personal income tax returns

**When:**  
Thursdays and Fridays from 10:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. (last entry) beginning Thursday, February 5, 2015, through Friday, April 10, 2015

**Where:**  
Broward County Main Library, 7th Floor Computer Lab, 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

**How much:**  
Free!  
For more information or additional locations in Broward County (we have sites every day Monday-Friday), contact **Beverly Williams at 954-370-5896.**

## Passages



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

**Evelyn Morris 2/07**  
**Lois Springer 2/13**  
**Joseph Vargo 2/13**  
**Ruby Huff 2/16**  
**Barbara Rhone 2/17**  
**Eleanor Meyer 2/22**  
**Faye Mullarkey 2/24**



*Thinking of You...*

**Nancy Ruiz**  
**Mary Beth Schmid**  
**Fran Welch**



*In Memoriam*

**Elena Centrone**  
**1/01/2015**

## Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz  
954-473-9480 Slef123@bellsouth.net



Remember that the deadline for the Fifth Grade Essay Contest is coming soon. Please have all essays to me by February 20th, I will be glad to stop by a school and pick up essays. Just let me know.

Thank you for the children's book donations. Don't forget to bring new and gently used books to the March meeting. Hopefully these books will become some child's treasure.

*Sandy*

### FREF Extravaganza

**Tickets - Only \$10.00**

Buy your tickets now for a Chance to WIN:

**Grand Prize \$500 Cash**

**1st Place \$400 Cash**

**2nd Place \$300 Cash**

**3rd Place \$200 Cash**

**4th Place \$100 Cash**

Donations are used to provide scholarships for students planning to major in education. Buy Tickets at the January - May meetings or fill out the form below and send with a check to:

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc

954-962-7343 Flsun1@comcast.net



As we approach our Annual Scholarship Luncheon, I would like to remind everyone that the Scholarship Raffle is the single largest collection for our scholarship fund for the year. We want to continually build our capacity and scholarship program. In order to do so, we do need your help! Bring your \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills to the luncheon to buy tickets for the raffle. It will be fun - and meaningful.

Many thanks to those of you who donated your luncheon cost to the scholarship fund even though you will not be able to attend the luncheon. It all helps as we look to our main goal of sponsoring students in their quest to become teachers!

Marelise

### Scholarship Donations

**Donor  
Pauline Green**

**In Memory Of  
Ulysses Jackson &  
Freeman Jackson**

**Marelise LeClerc  
Susan Lochrie**

**Elena Centrone  
John Drag**

### Undesignated:

**Carol Fischer  
Barbara Jordan**

**Lillie Fye  
Marta Nabut**

## Friendship

**Chairman: Julia Penley**

**561-465-2739**

**jgpen581@aol.com**



Happy New Year everyone!! Hope your holiday was a happy and fun one spent with family and friends!! First, I want to thank everyone for their help and support since I assumed the duties as chairman of the Friendship Committee last summer from our friend **Nancy Ruiz**. I am happy to report that her health is improving every day now that she is home, and hopefully she will be able to come to one of our meetings before the summer begins!! Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers!

Also, I want to thank everyone who has given me an assortment of cards to use - your donations are really appreciated!! Hope this new year is filled with good health and happiness. However, please continue to notify us of any member you know who reaches the age of 85 or older, has become ill or has passed away so that we can honor them as members of our organization with our thoughts and prayers. Thanks again for your help - I am so proud to be a member of our organization. You all are terrific!

*Julia*

### BCREA Is Turning 50!

We want to mark this milestone with activities and festivities.

Do you have suggestions or want to help plan the celebration?

If so, please email Anne French

[afrench@hotmail.com](mailto:afrench@hotmail.com)



**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:

**Darcia Drago**  
4346 Carambola Circle North  
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

**Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form**

Deadline for reservations is January 27

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 each  
Extra Donation for Scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée choices: Prime Rib  
Stuffed Chicken  
Broiled Salmon

<b>Name</b>	<b>Entrée Choice</b>
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Send a check made out to BCREA  
Include a Self-addressed, stamped envelope

to

**Margarite Falconer**  
1625 SE 10th Ave. # 503  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

*Bev's Bytes...* Condolences to **Fran Welch** whose husband **Carl** died December 11. Get well wishes to **Mary Beth Schmid** who is recovering from a recent stroke; and to **Nancy Ruiz**, still on the road to recovery.



We had 84 in attendance at the January meeting - and we had a lot of fun trying to identify 20 people in 15 minutes! Thanks to **Echo** for pulling a program out of her magic hat!



In the Scholarship Raffle **Pat Schroder** (left) won \$20; winning \$10 each were (L-R) **Ann Graves**, **Alyce Aspler** and **Robin Newman**.

The Nominating Committee needs a brave soul to agree to be the next president-elect. We have a great time on the Board - wouldn't YOU like to join us? Let **Margarite Falconer** know! "Happy Mardi Gras! Laissez les bons temps rouler!" - Let the good times roll!



*Bev*

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**- DATED MATERIAL -  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

**FIND THE PERSON WHO:**

1. IS A GUIDE AT THE BONNET HOUSE.
2. AFTER BEING REIRED A YEAR, WENT BACK TO WORK.
3. JUST STOOD ON THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA.
4. GOES SWIMMING EVERY DAY.
5. HAS A FAMILY KNOWN AS THE "BRADY BUNCH".
6. WENT TO STRANAHAN 5TH -12TH GRADE & TAUGHT THERE 25YEARS.
7. WON THE BROWARD COUNTY EMERALD AWARD.
8. WAS PROM QUEEN.
9. WAS GUIDANCE DIRECTOR FOR 25 YEARS.
10. TRIED OUT FOR JEOPARDY.
11. PLAYED TRUMPET IN THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND.
12. WAS AN X-RAY TECHNICIAN BEFORE BECOMING A TEACHER.
13. WAS A SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMER.
14. PLAYED ON THE VOLLEY BALL TEAM AT UNIV. OF COLORADO
15. TODAY IS THIS PERSON'S BIRTHDAY.
16. SNORKELED ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF.
17. GREW UP IN CHICAGO'S CHINA TOWN.
18. HAS LIVED IN 17 DIFFERENT HOUSES IN 7 STATES.
19. WAS HONORABLY RETIRED FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY.
20. ACCOMPANIED A PRISONER TO SYRACUSE FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

1. Susan Lochrie & Ann Graves
2. Bonnie Goldstein
3. Josephine Walker
4. Michael Kogan
5. Bev Hoppe
6. Myken Brady
7. Missy Belsito
8. Diane Texter
9. Sylvia Milks
10. Louise Costello
11. Kathlyn Barno
12. Doris Cotnoir
13. Pat Roberts
14. Linda Horton
15. Marelise LeClerc & Elvis Presley
16. Darcy Drago
17. Nancy Howell
18. Margarite Falconer
19. Charles Pipes
20. Nancy Adams
21. Sold wedding dresses - Carol Chess

