

SaferWatch - A Way for Us to Assist Police

What do you do when the police officers who were scheduled to present your program end up with important police business to do? You wait for them and hope they make it - which they did! It wasn't the whole group, but **Officers Krystyl Smith and John Merrill** took care of business! They shared a new tool for people to use to "See something, Say something." According to the sheriff's website, "Bullying, perceived threats, suspicious activity - the **SaferWatch App** gives you the power to



L-r: Officer John Merrill, BCREA President-Elect Lillian Small and Officer Krystyl Smith.

record or report non-emergency incidents as they happen in the hallways, classrooms or courtyards of your school. Students, parents, teachers and anyone in Broward

County now have the ability to communicate with law enforcement seamlessly on a secure network." The officers emphasized that this app isn't for crimes in progress - you should still dial 911 for that. But for an unfamiliar vehicle parked in your neighborhood, this is the way to notify your local police to check it out. Also on the day's program



was **Diana Fajardo** the founder and an advocate for equal opportunities and education with **El Centro Hispano**, a non-profit, offering services

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From Luncheon Chair Diane Texter

ALOHA! You are invited to the BCREA

Annual Scholarship Luncheon
"Come to a Luau"

Thursday, February 7, 2019,
11:30 am

Tropical Acres Restaurant,
2500 Griffin Road

Get in the spirit by dressing for the occasion. Mumus, leis, grass skirts, tropical shirts, flowers, etc. I have been teasing about dancing the hula, but I need more practice.

If you have not purchased a ticket, be sure to use the coupon in this Newsletter to order by January 24. \$35.00 each.

If you have donations for our fundraiser please call Anne French (954-579-1719)

We are asking each member to bring a new or slightly used children's book.

I am looking forward to a fun "hula" day.

ALOHA! See you there! *Diane*

February 7- Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Time: 11:30 am

Place: Tropical Acres Restaurant

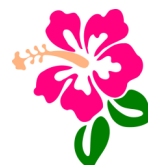
Address: 2500 Griffin Road

(1/2 mile west of I-95)

954-761-1744

Program: Broward County's Cultural Division
Polynesian Association Contingency

On the Agenda: Memorial Service
Scholarship Fundraiser



Bring to meeting:

Change for the Pot of gold

\$\$ to buy raffle tickets

Books for Elementary Students

Boxtops & Labels for Education

Aluminum pull-tabs

Coupons for our troops

Old cell phones & eyeglasses

.....And wear luau attire!

I do hope that I will see you in February at our annual Scholarship Luncheon. I know that, once again, **Diane Texter** and her committee have been hard at work planning an enjoyable tropical experience including authentic Hawaiian entertainment. So, grab your leis and grass skirts and come join the fun. In case you are not aware, this is our primary fundraiser for providing scholarships to Broward County students interested in becoming teachers. This year we hope to provide 10 students with up to \$1000.00 each which can be renewed for three years if students maintain their grades and continue to pursue teaching careers. Every year we hear from recipients that they would never have been able to graduate from college if not for our support. Most of our scholarship funds come from our scholarship fundraisers. So please buy as many tickets as you can, bid on your favorite prizes and feel good about supporting our students. Or if you are unable to attend this year, you could make a donation in honor of a former educator by sending a check to **Marelise LeClerc** payable to BCREA. On behalf of the scholarship recipients I thank you for your generosity.



Carol

Friendship

Chairman: Marsy Smith
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Throughout the year, we want to brighten the days of our members. Please let me know if you hear of a member who is ill or who has suffered a loss, so I can send a card on behalf of BCREA. Thank you.

Marsy

President-Elect's Corner

To say that time flies is trite. Hanukkah 2018-GONE! Christmas 2018-GONE! Kwanzaa 2018-GONE! We have also seen the passing of the New Year holiday, as well as the celebration of Martin Luther King Day; none of which are considered a distant past. Only a few days agoJUST MUSING....



Our New Year of 2019 was ushered in, bringing 365 days of promises to keep, choices to make, and goals to accomplish. Now that we have made a great start with our January meeting featuring the **NAT team** of the City of Fort Lauderdale, each of us should feel empowered to keep ourselves safe in our environments wherever we go to accomplish what we need to in the new year. This second appearance for the NAT was as interesting as their presentation of January 2018 when we were admonished to not become the "Low Hanging Fruit" when it comes to our safety. February brings a plethora of activities to our communities through Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, many ethnic festivals, various food and wine events, music events and many more too numerous for the shortest month of the year. Our own



BCREA highlight event of the year, the **SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON**, invites each of you to "Come to a Luau." Broward County's Cultural Division will provide for us their Polynesian Association contingency for entertainment. To echo **Diane Texter**, wear your Luau apparel - leis, grass skirts, colorful floral dresses, skirts, and shirts - and hula if you feel inclined.

Lillian

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We have made all of the resolutions to improve our lives. Our exercise routines and diets are in order and we are keeping up with this. Life is beautiful, but there is always something that we can do to improve the situation. Medical studies show that there is a connection between a healthy body and training our minds to think positively. Harvard Medical community stresses the fact that there is evidence that people who think positively have a lower risk of dying of all causes compared to those their own age who have a gloomy outlook on life. The Harvard studies have identified a few things to help you develop a posi-

tive way of thinking.
***Show** gratitude for the many good things in your life.
***Keep** a journal of these things and when negative thoughts show up look through your journal at the many good things in your life.
***Practice** living in the present. Stop thinking about something that already happened or something that might happen in the future. People who live in the present find that they are less likely to think of worries and regrets.
***Pay** full attention to the task at hand. People who do this, are less likely to trip or fall or have other accidents. You are less likely to have injuries or illness.
***Slow** down and take pleasure

in the things around you. Eat slowly, speak slowly.
***Take** leisurely walks, Enjoy the sounds of the birds and admire the scenery,
***Learn** to recover after setbacks. Look for the silver lining.

Kathlyn

con't from page 1 to immigrant families seeking a better life in this country. We currently serve 11 Hispanic families offering a tutoring program for the children and certification as child care workers for their parents. **Jean Anderson** is a volunteer with the group. They say, "We are looking for retired teachers to mentor four adult women and guide them during their hands-on practice for 10 weeks.

Passages



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

Evelyn Morris 2/07
Eleanor Meyer 2/22
And turning 85 on 2/02 -
Miriam "Mimi" Bond



Thinking of You...

Echo Heyer
Terrie Sullivan
Arline Ziller

You would pair up One-on-one to schedule a few sessions together. Please contact **Jean Anderson: 954-587-8682**

Volunteer Services/Handbooks

Chairman: **Darcia Drago**
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Thank you for helping to restock the shelves with much needed school supplies at the Broward Education Foundation's Resource Center. Your donation was greatly appreciated at this time of year.



Thanks to **Mary Taylor** for

delivering the supplies. As former educators this is a great way to give back to the school system. You can increase your chances of winning a prize at the February scholarship luncheon by turning in your volunteer hours. If you turn in your reporting form you will receive an extra ticket for the drawings. Thanks for supporting our group projects throughout the year and for your individual community service efforts.

Darcy

Social Committee

Chairman: **Sallie Sherwood**
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The first luncheon of 2019 was very successful. It was fun to hear the conversations about your New Year's resolutions. Thank you to everyone who brought in gently used containers and thank you to those who were willing to take items home to avoid wasting food. There were several non-social-committee members who offered their "helping

hands" for table set up and teardown. Thank you so very much for your assistance. Please remember the social committee will always welcome new members! A pretty holiday towel was left behind - perhaps it was used for helping to keep your food warm. If you are the owner please let **Bev Hoppe** or me know.

Sallie

If you have items for the fundraiser baskets at the scholarship luncheon, call Anne French to arrange drop off/pick up - prior to Sunday Feb. 3.
Anne's number is 954-579-1719.

Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz
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February 8th.

Don't forget!

This is the deadline for 5th grade students to submit their essays. BCREA has been active in the past several years and our Broward students have won several honors in the state contest. Encour-

age teachers and students to enter the Margaret Poppell Fifth grade Essay Contest. If you need information, you can find a link on our BCREA website or you can contact



me,
954-557-5817.
Sandy



Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Josephine Walker
954-742-2430 Jo43walk@comcast.net



Cultural Affairs recently attended the **Soweto Gospel Choir** performance at Parker Playhouse. Pictured below are **Josephine Walker, JamesEtta Warner** and her husband **Al**.



Gladys Knight on January 24 at the Broward Center. There are still a few tickets available. If you'd like to attend please contact me ASAP. Next on our list is the **Fiddler on the Roof**

on March 1 also at Broward Center. Come and join us for an evening out together as a group. We need at least

The next planned event is 10 people for a discount.

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc
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As we approach our Annual Scholarship Luncheon in February, I would like to remind everyone that the Scholarship Fundraiser 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 fundraiser. It will be fun - and meaningful. Many thanks to those of you (listed below) who donated extra money in purchasing your luncheon ticket. It all helps as we look to our main goal of sponsoring students in their quest to become teachers! **Marelise**

Remember, Members, if you're a senior there are many shops that may give you a discount on merchandise.

Walgreens has a senior day once a month which may vary by location; **Kohl's** on Wednesday; **TJMAX** on Monday; **Dress Barn** and **Ross** on Tuesday; **Banana Republic** by merely asking; and **Stein Mart** treats seniors who are 55 and over with their clearance offer and on the first Monday of each month. **Goodwill** gives special discounts to seniors.

Let me know if you have a super idea about an event that maybe occurring that we could attend. **Josephine**

Scholarship Donations

Donor:
Linda Gibson
In Memory of:
John Saunders

Undesignated Donations

Rosanne Belsito
Carol Call
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Susan Lochrie
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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 or mail it to me at:

Darcia Drago
2505 Dahoon Avenue
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Bev's Bytes...

There were 58 in attendance at the January meeting. Winners in the scholarship drawing were: (l-r) \$20, **Denise Jones**; \$10 each, **Susan Lochrie**, **Robin Newman**, and **Carol Roland**. Flowers



were won by **Denise Jones** and **Jean Anderson**.

Mumus donated by **Anne French** were won by **Carmen Hower-ton** and **Dorothy Moore**.



And last, **Karen Uris** won **Darcy Drago's** volunteer hours drawing!
New member **Terrie Sullivan** hasn't made it to a meeting yet - her mom (90) broke her hip and needs constant care!
And that's the last byte for February!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Bev

Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$35.00 each

Extra Donation: _____

Entrée choices: **Prime Rib of Beef**
Chicken
Fish
Vegetarian

Name _____ Entrée Choice _____

Send a check made out to BCREA
Include a Self-addressed, stamped envelope
to

Diane Texter
742 NW 69 Terrace
Margate, FL 33063

FREF Extravaganza Tickets - Only \$10.00

Buy your tickets now for 2 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

Buy Tickets at the January - March 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 _____

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

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



Helen Munnings brought her son Britt and her sister Vera Armbrister to the meeting



Pictured above are the BCREA Board members who gathered at Bev Hoppe's home on December 17 for their annual holiday meeting. They enjoyed lunch and had a Chinese-auction style gift exchange! Front: Lillian Small, Diane Texter, Anne French, Marelise LeClerc and Frances Smoot. Back row: Bev Hoppe, Karen Avery, Susan Lochrie, Darcy Drago, Marsy Smith, Diane Jarchow and Sallie Sherwood.



Diane Texter had quite a line-up to buy tickets for the Scholarship Luncheon next month. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Margarite Falconer and Linda Horton sell tickets each month for the Scholarship Fundraiser.



Social Chairman Sallie Sherwood and helper Michael Kogan take a break after getting lunch ready!



Seen at the January Meeting