



Actress Acker Gets Great Reviews!

She's a producer! She's a TV show host! She's been in more than 250 commercials! But first and foremost she states, "I am an ACTRESS!" **Iris Acker** has been in theater all her life - or at least since the age of eleven when she first performed. Using her collection of photos, she shared memories of famous stars with whom she's worked over the years. She commented rather sardonically, "I'm the only one still alive out of all the ones I mention in my resume!" Among those who have now departed is her friend **Estelle Getty** who was "just as funny offstage as on!" Both Iris and **Bea Arthur**



played Yenta in *Fiddler on the Roof*. Bea was invited to invest in *Fiddler* when it was first staged in the early '60's. She declined as

she couldn't imagine it being widely popular outside of Jewish areas! She was in commercials with both **Tony Randall** and **Joe Di-maggio** and had the same

manager as **Ginger Rogers**. In the photo at left, she's holding a picture of herself made up as one of the cats in *Cats*. For the past 22 years she's been the producer and host of *Onstage With Iris Acker* on Fridays at 7 PM or Sundays at 6 PM on BECON-TV (Channel 19) in Broward or on Channel 63 in the Palm Beach area. She credits the fact that she's a past-president of AFTRA as the reason she's been able to attract such stars as **Valerie Harper**, **Chita Rivera** & **Hal Linden** to her show. And she's still going strong! After speaking at the BCREA meeting, she dashed off to go to another audition!

Scholarship Luncheon To Be Held On February 4

The annual BCREA Scholarship Luncheon will be held on
Thursday, February 4, 2010
11:30 am - Social Hour
12 noon - Lunch served
Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road
(954) 761-1744

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25.00 and will be sold at the January meeting. Or you may order them by mail with the coupon on page 4. Deadline for ordering tickets is January 27.

Please make checks out to **BCREA** and include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope with your order.

Door prizes are needed!

If you have something to donate, please bring them to the January meeting or let **Linda Horton** know.

January 7 Meeting

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Deicke Auditorium

**Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation**

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

**Program: Pharmacist Brent Anderson:
Medicines and Interactions**

Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share
Door Prize for Luncheon
Magazines for Vets
Campbells labels
Aluminum pull-tabs
General Mills labels
Coupons for our troops



President's Corner

Hi, Members of BCREA,

Looking back on our December meeting, three things come to mind. One, the food keeps getting better if that is at all possible! The dishes are varied and very tasty. Two, Program Chairman **Margarite Falconer** outdid herself this time on her selection of a speaker. **Iris Acker** was terrific in keeping our attention through humor and totally interesting stories. Great job, Margarite!

Three, the distribution of the 2009-2010 BCREA DIRECTORY by **Darcy Drago** is always a welcome event. We thank Darcy and Bright Star Credit Union who underwrites both our Directory and Newsletter - between our Newsletter and the BCREA Directory, everyone can keep up with our membership and activities.

Can you believe it? Another year is gone! A new decade...2010...is here! And what was your New Year's resolution? If you are like me, something always seems to happen to my good intentions. Perhaps this year I will - and maybe you too - will work harder to get contributions for BCREA Scholarship Funds.

I hope 2010 finds you happy, healthy, and looking forward to a pleasant year ahead for you and yours. Happy New Year,

Linda



Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards
954-849-5512 dramama51@bellsouth.net



Ring in the New Year by paying for the two remaining Cultural Activities at the January 5th meeting!!! **Florida Follies** presents *Celebrate* at Parker Playhouse on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 1:45 pm for \$30/ticket. There are only 2 tickets left!!!

Love, Sex, and the IRS on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 2:00 pm for \$35/. There are only five tickets left. Bring your checks made payable to BCREA to the meeting or mail them to me: **Michele Edwards, 1933 NW 107 Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33071**. Sales are first-come, first-served; I will try to get additional tickets if they are requested. Monies received after tickets are gone will be returned to sender.

Thanks to those who made

Oh, What a Night of Doo-wop Rock-n-Roll at Parker Playhouse on Friday, January 8, 2010 at 7:30 pm a SELL-OUT!!! Put the event on your calendars so you don't forget to meet us for a wonderful night of fun! Details for ticket disbursement will be announced at the January 7th meeting where I will either hand them out or inform you that I'll have them for you in the theatre lobby prior to the performance.

Michele



Community Service / Directories

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



Happy New Year to all! Our holiday gifts were gratefully received by the residents at **Women in Distress**. A big "thank you" to members who donated toiletries and personal care products.

If you are looking for a new community service opportunity, check out www.broward.org/volunteer/ for some ideas. Volunteers are special people whose

dedication and skills make a difference.

2009 - 2010 BCREA Directories were distributed at the December meeting and will be available at the January meeting and the February luncheon as well. Directories were mailed on December 4 to members who live out of county and to those who are "shut-ins."

Darcy

Social Committee

Chairman: Lorene Broxton
954-427-3161



It's been a big help with everyone taking home their own leftovers after our luncheons.

Many Thanks to all of you!

We can always use new committee members. Call me if you'd like to help - either setting up or cleaning up!

Lorene

Health & I+PS

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



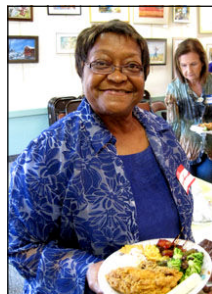
It is time to start again. A new year means a new beginning. A good place to start is to join our blood bank drive if you haven't done so by now. Remember you don't give blood - just 2.00 to insure that if you ever need blood in a hospital you are covered for three pints.

We are entering the height of the flu season. Do be

careful and protect yourself against the virus. If you haven't gotten your flu shots, consult your doctor about doing so. Take all the other precautionary measures to keep well - frequent handwashing, dress properly for the weather, eat a proper diet and don't forget your medications.

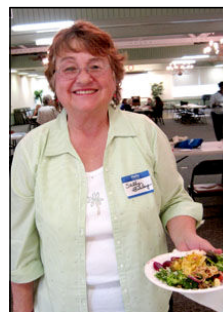
Have a healthy, happy year.

Kathlyn



Left:
Newest
member
Lillian
Small

Below: Sally Finley who attended her first meeting even though she joined a year ago.



FREA Tours for 2010

Arline Ziller,
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Travel and help support FREF scholarships for future teachers at no extra cost to traveler.

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Cruise prices for an outside stateroom Category H ; Balcony E1 or D1 --others are available. The deposit is due now for stateroom choice. Please remember to include the following when you contact me: full name as on your passport, birth date, home address, home and cell telephone numbers, and your e-mail address. Passports must be valid at least 6 months beyond dates of travel.

Cruise prices include a one-day tour of Rome and a one-night stay in a first class hotel, visit to the Vatican and other famous places, transfers will be from the ship to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport. Also included is the airfare from Rome to Miami, April 25, 2010

DON'T HESITATE, RESERVE NOW!!! TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL ME FOR THE LATEST PRICES. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU WITH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND e-mail address .

Always, Arline Z

Passages



Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club
(members over 85!)
Nancy Sword 1/01
Edith Colden 1/12
Arthur Wolfe, 1/17
Claudia Finlayson, 1/23
Wilise Langford 1/25



Thinking of You
Edgar & Marian Elder
June Travers



Welcome New Member!
Lillian Small

Directory Corrections
Dorothy C. Johnson's e-mail
is Dottycj@bellsouth.net

June Travers is now at
1322 Independence Avenue
Melbourne, FL 32940

BCREA Officers...

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Bev's Bytes.....

Happy New Year! **ALERT!** It's a sad thing to realize, but there are quite a few people trying to take advantage of us. Be very careful about responding to e-mails that ask you to submit or "resubmit" personal information. I just had one that was ostensibly from PayPal. It even looked like the real PayPal logo! Since I don't even have a PayPal account, I forwarded it to Spoofof@paypal.com. I was right! It was another attempt at identity theft! I've also had similar e-mails from banks - and one purporting to be from AOL telling me my account was about to be closed! Do NOT respond to these "phishing e-mails."

June Travers is now living in Melbourne and sends her best wishes to everyone via her sister-in-law **Ruth Travers**. We've been happy to see Ruth at recent meetings. I had a nice chat with **Dorothy C. Johnson** and discovered that she can't come to meetings because she's doing volunteer work - she takes care of a 3-year old every day and drives an 8th grader to school - both neighbor kids.

Since I had some extra room this month, I sent out a request by e-mail for "Member News" and got these items:

From new member **Lee Kalvaitis**: "I have been volunteering at New River Middle School this first year of my retirement. I have gone on two fieldtrips and helped with the flu and H1N1 flu shots program at New River Middle School. As a member of the Broward County Science Fair Committee, I have attended the meetings that inform Broward County teachers about the rules and organization of this year's fair, and have also been asked to judge science projects at Oslo Middle School in preparation for the Port St Lucie County Science Fair."

From **Shelly Stunson**: "Retired teacher, FLHS football coach and Northeast HS principal **Bob Schmelz**, 82, died on 9/12/09. Also, **Maria Brown's** husband died." Although neither of these people was a BCREA member, I'm sure there are members who knew them.

Hospitality Chairman **Martha Pipes** reported that there were 55 members and 3 guests in attendance at the December meeting. In the 50/50, **Josephine Walker** won \$20; **Cathy Brawer** won \$20; and **Mel Wenig** won \$10. Two books donated by Iris Acker were won by **Judy Joseph** and **Dorothy Cox**. And that's the last byte for this month!



Bev



Membership...

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



We have 31 new BCREA members this year and most of our members have already renewed their membership, giving us 317 members. Encourage your friends to come with you to a meeting. It is a good way to stay in touch with friends and make new ones. If you want someone to receive a membership packet, please contact me at **954-525-8503** or slochrie@bellsouth.net

and I will mail it to their address. Remember to check the website at browardrea.org for the latest BCREA news. We will begin to collect dues again in March for the 2010-2011 membership year.

Member Spotlight

Dorothy Cox came to Florida on a vacation from her teaching job in Memphis, Tennessee. In Broward County, she taught at Northside Elementary. After earning a Master's degree in Guidance at FAU, she worked at Everglades Middle School as a guidance counselor and later at Ramblewood Middle School as Guidance Director. She enjoys writing and

has written curriculum on guidance topics. A pamphlet that she wrote, "Don't Monkey Around With Stress- (Manage Your Stress)" is being used as a resource in Broward County schools now. After Dorothy retired she was trained and volunteered as a Guardian ad Litem, who is a person appointed by the court to protect the rights of and advocate for the best interests of a child involved in a court proceeding.

Dorothy has been a member of BCREA since 1992, and for many years was Chairman of the Annual Scholarship Luncheon held in February each year.



Left:
John Curran,
American
Pioneer Rep

Right:
Ruth Travers & Linda Horton



Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:

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



Scholarship Donations

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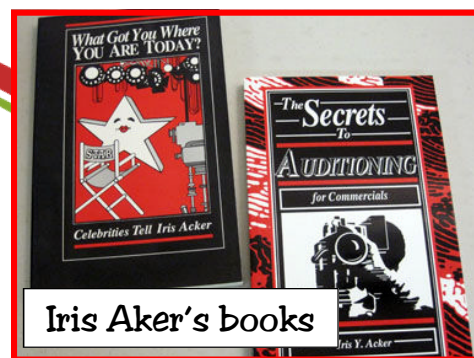
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Alexandra



2 Nancy's & a Joanne!



Iris Aker's books



December Guest



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Seen at the December Meeting

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