

Tedder Bears Earn a "Standing O" for Piñataville!



The Tedder Elementary Chorus - aka "Tedder Bears" - arrived before 11:30 so they would have time to set up for their performance at the December BCREA meeting. Director **Susan James** and sev-

eral assistants scurried around getting things just right! And, WOW! Did they ever get it right! They opened with a pleasant rendition of *God Bless America* inviting the audience to

sing along - fairly ordinary fare. And then the real show began!! They took us on a magical visit to "Piñataville" - beginning with a boisterous *Ola* - and a tale of pirates who raided the

candy supply! The energy and enthusiasm of the students was infectious and many were soon clapping and seat-dancing! At the end of their final number the audience gave them a standing ovation.

Scholarship Luncheon To Be Held On February 6

The annual BCREA Scholarship Luncheon will be held

Thursday, February 6, 2014
 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 5. 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 Diane Texter know.

January 2 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am
 Place: Deicke Auditorium
 Address: 5701 Cypress Road
 Plantation (1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)
 Program: : Elaine Norlin, Afro-American Research Library and Cultural Center

Bring to meeting:

- Potluck Dish to Share
- School Supplies
- Door Prize for Luncheon
- Books for Elementary Students
- Books for Humane Society
- Campbells labels
- Aluminum pull-tabs
- General Mills labels
- Coupons for our troops
- Old cell phones
- Blankies & Pillows

President's Corner

Happy New Year!

I do not make resolutions each year. Of course, I have habits to change and improve, but I consider that a life-long project.

I hope you all enjoyed our

Tedder Elementary Chorus

presentation on December 5. I was impressed with the talent the students showed. The director, **Susan James**, deserves a big pat on the back. The motto of the school is "Tedder Bears are Better Bears." As far as the chorus goes, this is certainly true.

Be sure to get your tickets for our February Luncheon. Also, this is a chance to clean house and donate articles for our raffle. It is always fun to see what treasures we are willing to part with. You can bring donations to the January meeting or to the luncheon.

I am looking forward to a busy, exciting New Year! I plan to do my best as president of BRCEA. Is this considered a New Year' Resolution??

Diane



From the President-Elect.

We have a most interesting speaker for January. She is **Elaine Norlin** from the **Afro American Research Library and Cultural Center**. Elaine is the Executive Director for programs and exhibits.

As educators we need to be supportive of libraries and librarians. The knowledge that they bring to us can't be found "online."

Recently when there was a cut in school funding many librarians were removed. We need to be

knowledgeable about all of the activities and exhibits that are here in our area and represent the idea that libraries are most important to us and to our community.

Echo



Literacy

Chairman: **Sandy Lefkowitz**
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Happy New Year
and Happy Reading!

Start the year by putting a book into a child's hands. Bring a new or gently used book to the next meeting. In fact, ask a relative or neighbor if they have a book to donate. Perhaps one of your grandchildren has outgrown a book and is ready to pass it on. Bring a book and receive a "goody". Don't forget BCREA sponsor the 5th grade literacy contest. Fifth graders may submit an essay, 500 words or less, about an experience with a grandparent or a grandparent figure. This can be done as an independent writing task. It does NOT need to be done in a classroom or with a school. Please, please encourage a fifth grader to send in an essay. They may give it to you to bring to the next meeting or contact me.

Sandy



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FREF Extravaganza

Tickets - Only \$10.00

Buy your tickets now for a
Chance to WIN:

Grand Prize

Visa Gift Card (\$500)

1st Place HD TV (\$400)

2nd Place iPad Mini (\$350)

3rd Place \$150.00 Cash

4th Place \$100.00 Cash

Donations are used to provide scholarships for students planning to major in education. Buy Tickets at the January - May meetings. Drawing will be at the State Assembly May 28-30.

Volunteer Services / Directories

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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Volunteer Service

Happy New Year everyone! It's the start of a new year and the start of second semester in our schools so at our January meeting we will collect supplies for the Broward Education Foundation. Our donations will help restock their Kids in Need Resource Center. Items on their "wish list" include crayons, markers, pens, pencils, erasers, scissors, tape, copy

and notebook paper, staples, paper clips, index cards and binders.

Directory

The 2013-14 Directory was distributed at our December meeting and will also be available at our January meeting and the February scholarship luncheon. Please check your listing to make sure that all the information is correct.

Darcy

Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood
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Time and time and time again, we outdo ourselves with our luncheon table. It was a wonderful sight to see at the conclusion of 2013. The buffet was an array of many tasty delights and tempting morsels to be shared by all in attendance. There was such a variety of cuisine that everyone was able to find something to tempt them into breaking their food restrictions just a little. We should give ourselves a "pat on the back" because almost everyone picked up their leftover food and containers on their departure. The Social Committee was extremely appreciative of this gesture and we applaud

your effort of not only preparing and bringing in your dishes, but of helping to clean the table after the luncheon. Please remember that when you bring in your edibles, we can usually provide the utensils to serve the food and that eliminates serving items from becoming lost in the clean up process. The Social Committee would like to thank everyone for your participation and in making this a very successful event. We wish you a wonderful start to a beautiful New Year and a happy and healthy 2014 to everyone! Hope to see you in January. Sallie



Frances Smoot's Thought for the Day.....



"I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life." I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
Maya Angelou

Passages



Happy Birthday to our Birthday Club (members over 85!)
Nancy Sword 1/01
Claudia Finlayson, 1/23
Wilise Langford 1/25



Thinking of You
Kathlyn Barno
Lee Henschel
Mary Jo Kirkley
Nancy Ruiz
Alexandra Zalis



Cathy Pierce-Gaus
12/3/13



Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie
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Cultural Affairs / FREF

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Remember to bring your retired educator friends to meetings and urge them to join us!

We have 347 BCREA members who have paid dues for his year 2013-2014.

Forty-four are NEW members.

Congratulations to new member **JoAnn Corder** who

already won a \$25 Macy's gift card for bringing in 3 NEW members in one year! Please contact me by phone or e-mail, if you have any questions regarding your membership or if you want membership information sent to a friend.

Pictured below are 7 of our newest members:

Five Trek to Sarasota Ringling



Pictured above are **Jean Anderson, Margarite Falconer, Carol Roland, Diane Texter and Marelise LeClerc** in front of the Ringling Museum in Sarasota on November 15. The group had a "fabulous time" but decided to make it an over-

night trip if they do it again! At left, **Diane and Margarite** mingle with some famous Ringling characters. **Carol**

Welcome New Members

Barbara Jordan Lynne Ogden
Mary Beth Schmid John Voss



L to R: Top
Lynne Ogden, Mary Beth Schmid, John Voss
Bottom:
Heidi Hoffner, Mary Lou Deering, Ana Maria Hayden and JoAnn Corder



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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
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$25.00 each
Extra Donation for Scholarships? _____

Entrée choices: **Beef**
Chicken
Fish

Name	Entrée Choice
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Send a check made out to BCREA
Include a Self-addressed, stamped envelope
to
Echo Heyer
1800 SW 12 Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

Bev's Bytes.....

Pat Roberts is our new FREF Chairman and **Sylvia Milks** has agreed to do the club scrapbook for this year! Thanks, Ladies! Hospitality Chairman **Martha Pipes** reported that there were 77 members and guests in attendance at the December meeting.



In the Scholarship Raffle **Darcy Drago** won \$20; **Margarite Falconer** won \$20; and **Barbara Morningstar** won \$10. **Missy Belsito** and **Toni Merton** won beautiful flower arrangements created by **Carl Roland**; and 5 people won tickets to the **River of Grass Theater** donated by **Marjuree Larin** and **BrightStar**: **Bev Williams**, **Missy Belsito**, **Juan Perez**, **Barbara Morningstar** and **Thelma Lewis**.



On a more serious note, **Kathlyn Barno** and **Nancy Ruiz** had recent surgery; **Lee Henschel** fell and broke her

patella and is in an immobile cast for 6-8 weeks. We wish them all a speedy recovery. Our sympathy to **Alexandra Zalis** whose husband **Chuck** died suddenly on November 13. And last, the telephone committee member who phones **Mary Jo Kirkley** is concerned about her because she hasn't come to the phone for several months! We hope she's OK! The **Tedder Elementary Chorus** was so good, I just had to video them. Go to <https://browardrea.shutterfly.com/pictures> to see the kids AND **Susan James** in action! And that's the last byte for this year!

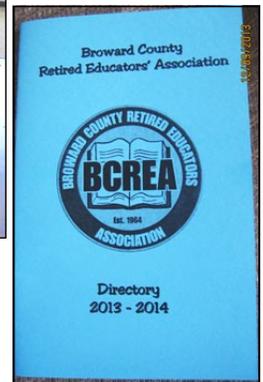
Happy 2014!

Bev



The pirates and the piñatas

2013-2014 Directories were distributed at the meeting



- DATED MATERIAL -
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY



Seen at the
December
Meeting -
Members in
the holiday
spirit!



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Not only did **Diane Texter** (above) teach at **Tedder Elementary** for 37 years, 4 other members taught there as well. They're in the back row: **Winifred Graham, Barbara Morningstar, Toni Merton and Mary Lou Deering**