

BCREA

Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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Performers by Nature -Teachers by Necessity

Bill and Karen Roach, who provided the program at the December meeting, may have been teachers, but the call of the theater was always beckoning both of them! Bill's first love was the theater, but his mom told him he needed to get a teaching job!

A **McArthur HS** graduate with the Class of 1970, he started his theater career with a lead in a school play and continued to perform at FAU. His first job as a teacher was in the adolescent center on the grounds of SoFla State Hospital; when asked where he

worked he delighted in answering and adding, "I'm on a day pass - with medication!" He joined the SBBC and began his career in administration, retiring in 2010 as principal of **Coconut Creek Elementary**. Since



then he's been in many productions. He gave us examples by singing 2 songs and by "becoming" an 86-year-old man. See it on our Shutterfly page.

Karen's mom enrolled her in dancing at age 4 in a maternal effort to encourage femininity in her tomboy daughter - who was the only girl in her family



and the entire neighborhood! It was a successful play and Karen became a dancer. She got her Equity card at age 15, worked with Arthur Murray and Ann Miller, was the

National Champion in the Cha-Cha and performed with the Rockettes for 3 years! She had her own dance studio, worked as a choreographer and she's been in over 30 musicals. She and Bill met on a blind date and recently celebrated their 30th anniversary.

Together they created a butterfly garden as a memorial to their daughter **Amber** who was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 2011. It's located in front of the Elks Lodge at 7190 Davie Road Extension in Hollywood.

Scholarship Luncheon To Be Held On February 5

The annual BCREA Scholarship Luncheon will be held

Thursday, February 5, 2015

11:30 am - Social Hour

12 noon - Lunch served

Tropical Acres Restaurant

2500 Griffin Road

(954) 761-1744

Tickets for the luncheon are \$30.00 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 Margarite Falconer know.

January 8 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation (1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)
Program: : Suzanne Jones -

Former Food Editor for the *Sun-Sentinel*



Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share
School Supplies
Door Prize for Luncheon
Books for Elementary Students
Boxtops & Labels for Education
Aluminum pull-tabs
Coupons for our troops
Old cell phones
Eyeglasses
Blankies & Pillows

President's Corner

I have been enjoying reading BCREA Newsletters from the 1980's and 90's. I have shared some of the articles with you. Here are a few more.

In 1987, Ft. Lauderdale had a "new" Museum of Art, a "new" library, and a "new" Discovery Science Center. In 1985, Mr. William Dandy, the Superintendent of Schools, was the singing star of the program. Maybe we should invite Mr. Runcie back, if he will sing for us. By the way....Do you remember the Singing Principals? Where are they now? It's fun to read these Newsletters from the past, but one thing was missing-- Photos! 2004/05 was the first pictures in the newsletter....Some of them were of the results of Hurricane Wilma! I had almost forgotten how interrupted our lives were. School was canceled for 2 weeks, my trip to Italy had to be postponed, and the November BCREA meeting was canceled!

Although the folks who published the newsletter in 1985 did a fine job, there is no doubt that our present one is a masterpiece! Be sure to read it more than once and take a minute to look at all the happy faces in the photos. (You can skip the picture of me in the December newsletter).

Thank you, **Bev**, for all you do and for keeping up with traditions and improving them.

By the way, in December, 2005 we voted for a name for the newsletter. I read the results of the voting in the January, 2006 letter. The winning name was NEWSLETTER!

So original. It is very appropriate so let's keep it.

Happy New Year. Keep track your volunteer hours - and

Remember: the meeting is

January 8. Diane



From the President-Elect.

What a good time we had at the December meeting. Our guest speakers **Karen** and **Bill Roach** were great. Karen sent me the information she promised:

"Community Theater is alive and well in South Florida! The presentation by Bill and Karen at our last meeting was proof of this. If you enjoy live productions and want to know which theater companies and shows are near you, then go to www.southfloridatheatre.com and start your search. Also, if you would like to save some \$\$, try out 2 websites that offer discounted tickets: 1. Cultural Connection (must purchase your ticket on the day that you wish to attend.) 2. www.goldstar.com (set up an account and scroll to the show you want to see). Be aware that not every playhouse or company lists on these sites, but many do so. It is always worth a look. If you want to get in on the fun that live theater brings as a performer or even volunteer behind the scenes, you can always go to an individual theater company's website and see "auditions" or "how to get involved." Another option is to check out Actors Info Booth or the South Florida Theater League. "Happy hunting and on with the show!"

Our speaker for January is **Suzanne Jones**, former food editor for the *Sun-Sentinel*. I really miss her recipes and the first thing I check when I get the *John Knox Village Gazette* is her column. Suzanne, a resident of John Knox Village, is the author of the book,

Readable, Doable and Delicious Requested Recipes and Stories From the Past to the Present. Come and join us on

January 8! Echo



Volunteer Services / Directories

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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Volunteer Service

Happy New Year everyone!
It's the beginning of a new year and the start of second semester in our schools so at our January meeting we will collect school supplies for the Broward Education Foundation's Kids in Need Resource Center. Items on their "wish list" include crayons, markers,

pens, pencils, erasers, scissors, tape, notebook and copy paper, paper clips, staples, index cards and folders.

Directory

The 2014-15 Directory will be available at all of our meetings. Please check your individual listing for any errors.

Darcy

Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood
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No matter what holiday you celebrate,
Or whenever you do,
Warm wishes of the season
Are being sent to you.

Thanks for bringing delectable delights
To the table we share
And thanks for remembering
To take home your tableware!

If you're traveling during this holiday time,
We wish you safety as you go!
If you are feeling under the

weather,
Get-well wishes we bestow.

Happy holidays to everyone
Be ye far or right here -
We on the Social Committee look forward
To seeing you next year.

Happy wishes and the best of all things in 2015 to you and your family.
From your Social Committee,

Sallie

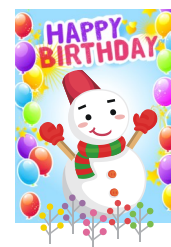


A HAPPY NEW YEAR

REMINDER!!!!

**REMEMBER TO
BRING RAFFLE
PRIZES FOR THE
FEBRUARY
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LUNCHEON.
GIVE THEM TO
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Passages



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

*Nancy Sword 1/01
Claudia Finlayson, 1/23
Norma Van Buskirk 1/23
Wilise Langford 1/25*



*Thinking of You
Nancy Ruiz*

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. Thanks for helping spread literacy.

Don't forget - BCREA sponsors 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 they may contact me at

slef123@bellsouth.net.

Remember the deadline is February 15th.

Sandy

Friendship

Chairman: Julia Penley

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I appreciate all the support from all the members of BCREA....and your help in remembering the birthdays of all our 85+ members as the ones who left us in this past year. Feel free to call me with any card-worthy news about members.

Happy Holidays to everyone and please continue to keep our friend **Nancy Ruiz** in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her path to a healthy and happy life in the new year!

Julia

Telephone Committee

Chairman: Arline Ziller

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To the members of the Telephone Committee - Many thanks for your great work. The pages in the new Directory look like they are the same. I will e-mail you each individually with any changes.

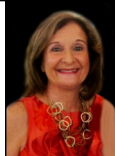
May your New Year be full of wonderful news, good health and many friends.

Arline

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc

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Thank you to the following members who have recently contributed to our

Scholarship Fund:



Information Services

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno

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Happy New Year!

May this year see that all of your hopes and dreams come true and that you will enjoy the blessings of good health. We are now getting into the heart of the flu season. Even though we don't have harsh winters, flu bugs can easily slip in on our planes and ships with our winter visitors. Our warm climate can extend the life of the virus thereby making it more widespread. Take precautions to guard against the flu. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or a sanitizer. Use paper towels to dry your hands. Try

to avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth with your hands. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue then throw it in the trash. Use a disinfectant to clean door knobs, cell phones, kitchen sinks and counter tops and any other place where germs thrive. Don't share dishes or towels with others.

It will soon be time to pay the piper. Now is the time to start gathering all your facts and figures so you won't pay more than you should.

Be healthy. Be happy,
Kathlyn

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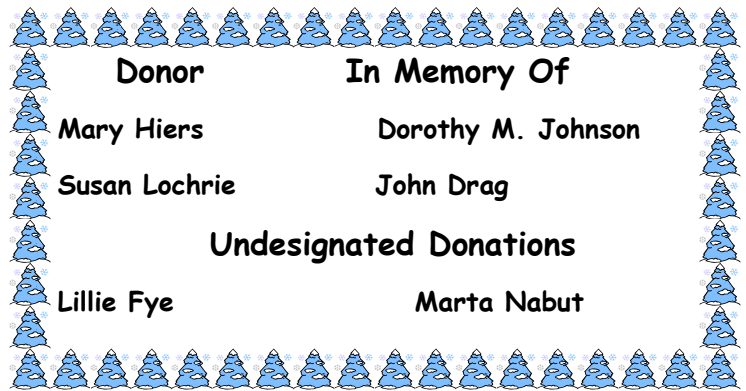
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(persons who are non-family members;
this also includes literacy hours)

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(Persons 25 years of age or younger;
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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

Bev's Bytes.....

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Please notice that our January meeting is
NOT the first Thursday of the month since
that would be on New Year's Day.

It is on January 8!

Evelyn Morris has recovered nicely from her fall - her
bruised face is back to normal and she didn't need to
wear sunglasses to the December meeting!

Hospitality Chairman **Martha Pipes** reported that there
were 79 members and guests in attendance at the De-
cember meeting. In the Scholarship Raffle **Diane Ray-**
mond won \$20; **Rosa Parra** won \$10; **Lucia Herring** won



\$10;
and I
(Bev
Hoppe)
won
\$10.

Exciting news!! Two FREF Scholarship recipients are now
teaching in Broward! **Whitney Johnson** is a 2nd year
teacher at Renaissance Charter School in Coral Springs
as a 4th grade teacher! And **Marissa Hoffman** is a first-
year math teacher at Plantation High School! And that's
the last byte for 2014!

Happy 2015!

Bev

Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$30.00 each

Entrée choices: Prime Rib of Beef
Stuffed Breast of Chicken
Broiled Salmon Fillet

Name _____ Entrée Choice _____

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

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 \$200.00 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
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 Foun-
dation).

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