

January, 2020

Broward County Retired Educators' Association

website: <http://browardrea.org>

Number 282

Mirror Lake Kids Dance and Sing - In Spanish!

Twenty-seven really energetic students from **Mirror Lake Elementary** provided entertainment at the December meeting. They were introduced by Karen Avery who used to teach there. Guided by teachers **Cynthia Boggus**, **Enid Chevannes** and **Oswaldo Hernandez**, the children sang and danced in a program that was not your usual holiday program. Except for their opening number "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," their performance was in Spanish and if the songs were holiday songs, those who aren't bi-lingual didn't



know. Four students read about stars of Hispanic heritage including Gloria Estafan and Camilla Cabello.

Mirror Lake recently celebrated its 50th anniversary - and has received the Golden

School Award for 40 years. It prides itself on diversity which was apparent in this group.

From Luncheon Chair Diane Texter

Save the Date

Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Thursday, February 6, 2020, 11:30 am

Howdy, Y'all! Get ready to do the Texas Two Step at our Annual Scholarship Luncheon. Bring your cowboy hats to **Tropical Acres Restaurant** 2500 Griffin Road.

Tickets are \$35 each with a choice of beef, fish, chicken, or a vegetation plate. Tickets will be sold at the January meeting or may be ordered by mail. See the form on page 5 in this Newsletter. Send your order with a self-addressed-stamped-envelope to Diane Texter.

We enjoy seeing friends at the luncheon. We would like to see your smiling face there. Sorry, no horses permitted!

Diane

January 2 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: Deicke Auditorium

**Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation**

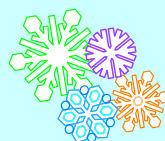
(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: : League of Women Voters



Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share
School Supplies
Door Prize for Luncheon -
Gift cards,
New items,
Baskets
Loose Change for Pot of Gold
Boxtops & Labels for Education
Aluminum pull-tabs
Old cell phones & eyeglasses



President's Corner

IT'S A NEW YEAR!

When a year has ended, all that came with it are now memories written onto our life's journal. The experiences we had were either good or bad, depending on how we decided they should be categorized, based on how we responded to them.

The journey was 12 months/52 weeks/ 365 days/ with hours minutes and seconds that disappeared. We are then brought face-to-face with yet another year of blank pages on which we must write our continuing journey of life.

HAPPY NEW YEAR greetings we extend to all whom we meet as we approach the new year with an upbeat spirit. It is a spirit derived from thanks and gratitude for being, and enduring the year we are leaving behind. It is a spirit of hope for better health, happiness, prosperity and a peaceful coexistence with those whom we meet. It is a spirit of kindness and love we look forward to giving and receiving for the year ahead. Most importantly, It is a

spirit that brings a reflective mood for the pitfalls of the past year, so that we can resolve to become a better person.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. May the many spirits of this New Year bring you the greatest joys yet!

Lillian



Dollars for Scholars Fundraiser

At the February Scholarship Luncheon, BCREA raises money for local scholarships by having baskets of wonderful prize baskets for members to win.

At the January meeting, please bring your new items to donate.

In addition, we need empty baskets.

If you are not attending this meeting, please contact Anne French to arrange for pick up.

Please do not wait to bring your items to the luncheon.



Legislative

Chairman: Carol Roland
954-472-2389 carolrbeads@aol.com



The opening session for the 2020 State Legislative Session will be January, 2020. Currently both the Senate and the House are holding standing committee meetings and setting agendas. Do you know who your senator and representative are? Check the district numbers on your voter's registration card and this list to find who they are. At monthly meetings, your BCREA Legislative Committee will provide you with information on what our legislators are doing and saying.

Senators

District 29	Kevin J. Rader
District 32	Lauren Book
District 33	Perry Thurston, Jr
District 34	Gary Farmer, Jr.
District 35	Oscar Braynor II

Representatives

District 92	Patricia Williams
District 93	Chip LaMarca
District 94	Bobby DuBose
District 95	Anika Omphroy
District 96	Kristin Jacobs
District 87	Dan Daley
District 98	Michael Gottlieb
District 99	Evan Jenne
District 100	Joseph Geller
District 101	Shervin "Shev" Jones
District 102	Sharon Pritchett
District 103	Cindy Polo

Carol

What is FREF?

By Anne French

The Florida Retired Educators Foundation is an autonomous branch of the state's retired educator association (FREA).

What does FREF do?

FREF aids educators, past, present and future.

Past - FREF assists members who are facing a financial crisis.

Present - FREF provides grants to teachers who want to start a project in their classroom.

Future - FREF awards scholarships to outstanding high school seniors who want to teach.

How can you support FREF?

Buy Extravaganza tickets - FREF's fundraiser. Purchase at meetings or by mail (form on page 6)

Upon passing, ask that your obituary state "In lieu of flowers please donate to FREF."

Volunteer Services / Directories

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



Volunteer Service

Happy New Year everyone!
Wishing you health & happiness in 2020.

At our January meeting we will collect school supplies for the **Kids in Need Resource Center of the Broward Education Foundation**. Pencils, pens, crayons, notebook paper, folders, glue sticks, index cards, etc. are on their wish list. These items will be made available to teachers in Title 1 schools.

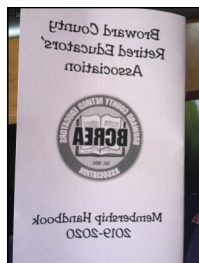
Thank you reporting your volunteer hours and for supporting our group projects during the year. **Anne French** was the winner of the Volunteer



Hours drawing.

Membership Handbook/Directory

Handbooks will be available at all of our meetings including the February Scholastic Luncheon. Copies will be mailed to members who live outside of our area and to local shut-ins who are



unable to attend our meetings. Please check your individual listing and report any errors.

Darcy



District 10 Director **Germaine Richards** visited the BCREA December meeting and spoke briefly on the importance of reporting volunteer hours. This is because all the hours contributed and reported by every FREA member in the state are converted into monetary value. Last year's hours were worth a grand total of \$27,000,000! That's 27 million dollars! Isn't that worth turning in your hours?

Passages



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

Beverly Merrill 1/03
Norma Van Buskirk 1/23



Thinking of You

Pauline Green
Jacqueline Hall
Lillian Hearn
Arline Ziller



Social Committee

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



When next we meet, it will be January 2, 2020 which just happens to be **National Buffet Day!** Certainly we will be filling the luncheon table with various forms of potluck goodies ranging from fruits, to salads, to desserts, to breads, to veggies, to casseroles to chicken. One can always find something to please their palate. Also, during the month of January many of us attempt to create and keep a few New Year's

Resolutions. It would be wonderful if, as a group, we could all practice our recycling skills. Our meetings provide a great outlet to help the planet with just a few simple steps. After you have emptied your water bottle or soda can, remove either the plastic cap, which can be thrown away or remove the pull tab from the soda can, which can be used by a charity like Ronald McDonald House - give them to Community Service Chair-

man **Darcy Drago**. Once the tops or pull tabs have been removed simply place your container in the recycle trashcan which is located at the end of the coffee table as you exit the room. Easy... New Year Resolution reached!!! Your Social Committee wishes everyone a safe, healthy and productive New Year.

Sallie

In Memoriam
Nancy Lindberg
11-21-19
Dorothea Moran
10-29-19



Membership...

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



Congratulations to all of you who have brought friends who may be interested in joining BCRA to our meetings. Maintaining friendships is one of the best motivations to join BCREA.

If you would like to have membership information sent out to anyone please call or email me. For online information and registration our website is <http://browardrea.org>. Collection of dues for 2020-2021 will start in February 2020.

BCREA members are volunteers in many Broward County institutions and services. We also need more volunteers with BCREA Committees and at meetings. Remember to mail or email your number of volunteer hours to **Darcy Drago** if you can't attend meetings. *Susan*



Welcome
New Member

Laraine Olliviere



BCREA

Officers....

President

Lillian Small

954-288-9211

President-Elect

Vacant

Secretary

Karen Avery

954-806-1678

Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc

954-962-7343

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc
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Happy New Year! I hope that 2020 brings a year of good health and much happiness to all.

As we begin collecting for our Annual Luncheon in February, please consider including a few extra dollars for our Scholarship Fund.

Several of you have already given an extra \$15. making the check out for an even \$50. In the past, a number of members who were not able to attend donated that \$35 check for scholarships. It is truly a kind and meaningful gesture.

Our latest list of members who have made generous donations are:

Member

Darcy Drago

Carol Roland

In Memory Of

Mary Beth Schmid

Mary Bush

Undesignated Donations

Marvalyn Davis

Charlie Eruchalu

Eileen Kimmich

Janice Johnson

Vinette Kerr

Angela Dickenson

Carol Iris Fischer

Marva Jenkins

Sheryl (Jane) Keyes

Ronald Mayhew

Mark Thomas

Marelise



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Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz
954-557-5817 Slef123@bellsouth.net



Happy New Year and Happy Reading. Here are some New Year's resolutions to add to your list for 2020.

- * Read a favorite book to a young child. Or take time for you and an older child to read a book together.
- * Donate one new or gently used child's book to our BCREA book box. If every-one brings in one book we will have over 50 books to pass on to children, helping them develop a love

for reading. A big thank you to everyone who brought children's books to the December meeting. Let's continue filling up the book box.

- * The February 10 deadline for the fifth grade writing contest is coming. Be sure fifth graders know that essays for the Margaret Poppell Fifth Grade Essay Contest must be turned in by February 10. The Literacy Committee can't wait to read the essays.

Sandy

Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$35.00 each
Extra Donation: _____

Entrée choices: ☐ Beef ☐ Chicken
☐ Fish ☐ Vegetarian

Name _____

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

to
Diane Texter
742 NW 69 Terrace
Margate, FL 33063
Deadline - January 24



We received a nice note from scholarship recipient **Brianna Hanks** who's a sophomore music major at Stetson updating us on her progress and activities - mostly in her major which is music.

If you attend the February you may remember seeing an a wheelchair. This was suffered from MS for 30 to attend meetings regu-

eons. Nancy finally suc-

to report on treasurer **Marelise LeClerc** - she's plans to attend the January meeting. We've re-

mare having health problems: **Pauline Green** has been ill; **Jacqueline Hall** is undergoing chemo treatments on Thursdays;

and **Lillian Hearn** was recently released from the hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all of them. The winners of the Scholarship Fundraiser this month were:

\$20 - **Mike Phillips**; \$10 each - **Amada Walker** and **Suzanne Atkin**. Flowers (donated by **Carol Roland** as always) were won by (l-r) prospective member **Lorna Williams**, **Karen Avery**, **Lenora Smoot** and **Jamesetta Warner**. And that's the last byte for January.

Happy 2020

Bev



Bev's Bytes.....



Scholarship Luncheons, attractive blond lady in **Nancy Lindberg** who years. She wasn't able larly, but she was a faithful attendee at the lunch-cumbed to her malady on November 21. Good news making good progress after her hip surgery and ceived some not-so-good news about 3 members who



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

- DATED MATERIAL -
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

Holiday Attire at the Meeting



FREF Extravaganza Tickets - Only \$10.00

Buy your tickets now for 2 Chances to WIN:

1st - \$100 Cash Guaranteed Prize to a winner in District 10:

Dade, Broward or Palm Beach. PLUS

2nd - \$500 Cash - 1st Prize

\$300 Cash - 2nd Prize

\$200 Cash - 3rd Prize

Donations are used to fund scholarships for future Florida teachers. 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

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:

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