



# BCREA



# Newsletter



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## Bethune Elementary Violinists are the BEST!



Entertainment at the February Scholarship Luncheon was provided by the BEST Strings Ensemble of the Bethune Elementary School of the Arts. The group consisted of 9

third, fourth and fifth grade students who are on their way to becoming violin virtuosos! Led by their Conductor/Director **Don Hicks**, they played

several classical numbers along with the theme songs from *Titanic* and *Star Wars*. Besides a standing ovation the talented group was rewarded with money for a lunch stop on the way back

to school as well as a monetary gift to their school which will go toward their May trip to Washington, DC to perform at the Kennedy Center along with the Bethune Drama Department.

**March 1 Meeting**

**Time:** 11:45 am

**Place:** Deicke Auditorium  
**Address:** 5701 Cypress Road  
 Plantation  
 (1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

**Program:** Group Activity  
**Business:** Nominating Committee Report



**March 17 - St. Patrick's Day**

  
**WOMEN**

March is Women's History Month



**Bring to meeting:**  
**Service Hours Reports!!**  
 A dish to share  
 Supplies for the Humane Society  
 New /Gently Used Books for children  
 Labels for Education  
 Aluminum pull-tabs  
 Coupons for our troops  
 Old eyeglasses  
 Old Cell phones

### Memorial Service Honors 9

Each year at the February Luncheon, BCREA takes time to remember the members who have passed away in the previous year. This year nine members were honored. They were **Thomascita Bryant, Ruth Edwards, George Gott, Marie Heastie, Joyce Holmes, Joyce Niedenthal,**

**Mary Sefferly, Alzora Simmons, and Ruth Van Der Walt.** Frances Smoot first read an original piece she calls "In Memoriam." And then as **Darcy Drago** read each name and told a bit about them, Frances added a white rose to a vase for each one.



**President's Corner**  
At the Luncheon!



These people helped!  
*Carol*

**Literacy**

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz  
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Hip Hip Hooray for YOU!  
You have donated many, many books to pass on to children. At our March meeting we will be adding book plates and special notes to each book. Literacy is the key to the future and our children deserve a bright future. Our goal is to encourage read-

ing and make a difference in the lives of children. March is the last month this year that we will be collecting children's books. The books will be distributed to The Pantry of Broward and schools in April. Thanks for all the books you have donated. It's been amazing.

*Sandy*

**President-Elect's Corner**

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT!

These months sure do roll around quickly and our busy schedules with BCREA keep us on our toes. I must say, it has truly been a joy to watch the unfolding of the presentations we have had each month at our regular meetings, as well as our most recent musical presentation by the Bethune Elementary School of the Arts Strings at our Scholarship Luncheon. Response from our presenters has been very positive and they felt they were well-received. In fact, several are hopeful of being our guest again!

Springtime always gives us reason to want to enjoy the outdoors and stay on track with those fabulous New Year's Resolutions we tend to make: the ones about staying active and physically fit. Yes, Spring summons our inner urges to have fun while we participate in meaningful activities to keep in shape, keep abreast, and stay lively.

Our guest for March is **Ariadne French**, CPRP, TRS Recreation Programmer II. Ms. French works in this capacity with the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Fort Lauderdale Club 55+. This is a well-designed program with many forms of recreation, outings, special events, wellness programs, and even volunteer opportunities. I am excited that Ms. French accepted our invitation to share with us "Sassy Seniors."

*Lillian*



**Cultural Affairs**

Chairman: Echo Heyer

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The **Original Florida Follies** presents "**Age is Just a Number.**" The show stopping performance is comprised of former New York and Las Vegas dancers and other show business professionals.

**Sunday, March 11th, 3:00 PM**  
at Parker Playhouse

Ticket prices are \$33.50 if we have 10 or more. If you are interested call me by March 1..

*Echo*

# Membership

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie



## 2018-2019 BCREA and FREA MEMBERSHIP DUES

When you pay the dues of \$50 directly to BCREA you have only one mailing. State Dues are \$35 and Broward Unit Dues are \$15.

Your State Dues are mailed to FREA by our Treasurer.

The Florida Retired Educators Association represents our interests as retirees to the state legislature and works to preserve our benefits.

The Broward County Unit sends Newsletters and plans the monthly meetings and luncheons. It gives scholarships every year at the May meeting.

Please pay your dues for 2018-19 at a monthly meeting or mail in your dues using the form below.

Call or email me with questions!

Susan

### BROWARD COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to receive my Newsletter by email only

Date Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Retired From \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: .....\$50.00; Donation for Scholarships: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **BCREA** and mail to

Susan Lochrie, BCREA Membership

P.O. Box 30533

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303

## Passages

# Happy Birthday

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

- Grace Vaughn 3/2
- Dorothea Moran 03/10
- Mary Jane Kirkley 3/19
- Nancy Adams 03/20
- Warren Cox 3/20
- Ethel Gerakas 03/20



Thinking of You...

Myken Brady  
Arline Ziller



In Memoriam

Shirley Ernst 2/2/18  
Alzora Simmons 1/22/17



# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## Information Services

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno  
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Shout Hooray! Old man Winter is packing his bag and is on his way out. He dealt us a hard blow this year - those of us here in South Florida who are not used to a series of cold days. The heralds of spring will be music to our ears. One thing that is a good morale builder is the return of Daylight Saving Time. More sunshine and less darkness. It begins March 11th - mark your calendars.

Another event happening throughout the year will be the mid-term elections. There will be candidates for local, state, and national offices. All of us know that these elections are very important, but let's put forth our efforts to make sure all people understand this, Our

future lives depend on who we put in office. If the opportunity presents itself, participate in voter registration drives, get out the vote efforts, work at the polls etc. If we don't participate in our democracy, then we are bound to lose it. History has examples of this. Know the candidates and know what they believe in. Your vote is precious so cast it wisely.

On a lighter note, Spring calls for a fresh start, to make things right, things that we have neglected while engaged in our winter activities, It is time to check on our diets, revive our exercise schedules and try new activities. Raise a glass to a welcome to Spring.



- \*Latex gloves
- \*Fabuloso cleaner
- \*Copy paper

Our March meeting is our last opportunity to report community service hours to be included in our annual report to FREA. Please turn in any unreported hours for the time period April, 2017 through March, 2018. Remember to include travel and prep time.

Darcy



To see all the photos from the luncheon, visit our website at <http://browardrea.org> Click on [Photos on Shutterfly](#)

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## From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc  
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What a great success the Annual Luncheon was! We took in \$922.00 for the auction! This amount is almost a mirror of what we took in last year (\$930.00.) That is almost one scholarship. Thanks to all who bought tickets. A hearty congratulations to **Diane Texter**, the Luncheon Chairperson, and all who helped her with the event. Thanks to **Anne**

**French** for handling the auction. The money taken in is due to her excellent planning and execution of the auction. Kudos also to **Bev Hoppe** for all the "behind the scenes" work including designing and printing the program and name tags, as well as all the photography at the event.

Marelise

## 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](mailto:dardra@att.net) or mail it to me at:

**Darcia Drago**  
4346 Carambola Circle North  
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

## Scholarship Donations

### Donor

### In Memory of

Jean Anderson  
Mary Ellen Fowler  
Winifred Graham  
Elzena Johnson  
Lana Lysen

Patricia Peabody  
Mary Sefferly  
Helen Lyons  
Ruth Edwards (Elzena's mom)  
Patricia Peabody

## Undesignated Donations

Carol Call  
Echo Heyer  
Judy Joseph  
Nancy Lindberg  
Shirley Pepe  
James Etta Warner

Doris Cotnoir  
Cynthia Johnson  
Eileen Kimmich  
Amanda Miles  
Marianne Scott  
Theodora Williams

## Bev's Bytes....

Thanks to **Diane Texter** for chairing this year's luncheon and to **Anne French** for chairing the fundraiser. My personal thanks to **Sandy Lefkowitz**, **Jean Gray** and **Diane Jarchow** who arranged programs on the tables and handed out nametags. **Diane Texter** and **Carol Roland** were the creators of the delightful centerpieces with help from **Echo Heyer** and **Sandy Lefkowitz**. According to **Anne French**, there were 56 prizes. She and her crew - **Louise**



**Costello**, **LuAnn Comes**, **Carol Roland**, **Marsy Smith** and **Elizabeth Ouellette** put together 39 baskets. **Linda Horton** and **Margarite Falconer** sold tickets



for the event. **Josephine Walker** won the Pot of Gold which had a grand total of \$181.58. There were many more winners and I didn't get them all! I did get **Juli Cole Patten** - who won a \$50 gift card! On a sad note, 2 members passed on in the past month - **Alzora Simmons** and **Shirley Ernst**. **Myken Brady** is now home from the hospital but is still unable to use her arm. And that's the last byte for this month!!

Bev

## BCREA Officers....

### President

Carol Roland  
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### President-Elect

Lillian Small  
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### Secretary

Josephine Walker  
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### Treasurer

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



**FREF Scholarship 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.