

# BCREA

# Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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## Mahalo Tama, Leilani and Luisa! Hana Maika'1



In case you missed the February Scholarship Luncheon, the headline says, "Thank you Tama, Leilani and Luisa! Well done!" Emcee Tama im-

parted the translation of "Mahalo" after the first round of applause from the 120 attendees after the first number. Two of the

songs that would be familiar were "Blue Hawaii" and "Tiny Bubbles." There were several more in their fast-paced and very lively show. The name of the group is "Tamas's Polynesian Productions" and they are available for weddings, birthday parties, etc. If

you would like to see them, they will perform at the **Annual Polynesian Cultural Festival** on February 23 & 24 in Jaco Pastorius Park at 4000 N. Dixie Highway. Call 954-938-9010 for more information or visit their website at [polynesiancultureassociation.com](http://polynesiancultureassociation.com).

### March 7 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road  
Plantation

Program: Ariadne French,  
Recreation Programmer

Business: Nominating Committee Report



March 17 -  
St. Patrick's Day



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

### Evelyn and Margaret Celebrate 93rd Birthdays at the Luncheon

It just so happened that BCREA member Evelyn Morris and Marsy Smith's mother Margaret Lorimer sat at the same table at the luncheon. This only became meaningful when it was discovered that both of them were celebrating their 93rd birthdays on that day! Have a great 94th year, Ladies!



## President's Corner

What a wonderful Scholarship Luncheon! This was due to the extremely hard work of **Diane Texter** and many other wonderful people. Thanks to all who donated time and / or financial support to our cause. Now the rest of my column will be dedicated to pictures from the luncheon. Thanks to **Michael Cardona** and **Brightstar** for their annual \$2000 contribution to support our activities.



Thanks to **Lillian Small** for always finding excellent meetings.

programs for our



Thanks to **Diane** for chairing the Luncheon the second year in a row!



Thanks to **Marelise** for always being there with the checkbook so we don't have to



wash dishes! And to **Anne French** for chairing the fund-raising efforts for the day. And to everyone who dressed for a luau!

Mahalo! **Carol**

## President-Elect's Corner

ALOHA !!

One word - SUCCESSFUL.

All elements of the Scholarship Luncheon came together nicely and ended on a successful high note. The music, decor, attire of the members and guests, all created the atmosphere of our theme, "Come To A Luau." The excitement I had held since securing the Polynesian Cultural Association for our edutainment, had now come to fruition. So grateful to **Tama's Polynesian Productions** and **Grace Krewl** of the Broward County Cultural Division for helping us deliver a beautiful program. I AM STILL SMILING!

**March brings breezes.....**

The Ides of March, March Madness, and the Vernal Equinox all come to mind. Our springtime is upon us and we are so fortunate here in SOFLO to enjoy its beauty. We find many reasons to be outdoors and attempt to stay on track with physical activities we resolved to undertake. Our guest this month is **Ms. 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+. I am excited that Ms. French consented to share with us this well-designed program with its many forms of recreation, outings, special events, wellness programs, and volunteer opportunities.



*Lillian*

## BCREA Officers....

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### 2019-2020 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 2019-20 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)

Dorothea Moran 03/10  
Mary Jane Kirkley 03/19  
Nancy Adams 03/20  
Warren Cox 03/20  
Ethel Gerakas 03/20  
Wayne McWhinney 03/24  
Carol Merz 03/31



Thinking of You....  
Kate Alexander  
Arline Ziller



In Memoriam  
Frankie Foeman

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## Information Services

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno  
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Statistics show that Senior Citizens are twice as likely to die or be injured in a fire as the rest of the population. Following some important safety tips can keep you from being in this group. Here are some things that are recommended by the Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue Department.

**\*\*A working smoke alarm** is most important in helping you survive a fire. Be sure that everyone in your home can be awakened by the sound of the alarm. Test your alarm once a month and change the batteries twice a year. When the time changes, change the batteries. **\*\*Have an escape plan** and make sure everyone is familiar with it.

**\*\*If there is a smoker in the house** there should be no smoking in bed. Use large deep ashtrays. Never leave smoking materials unattended. Wet the contents before disposing.

**\*\*Do not run extension cords** under the furniture or rugs and never overload extension cords.

**\*\*If you have** an electrical

problem call a trained professional to fix it.

**\*\*When cooking** never leave your stove unattended and watch what you are cooking. Never put water on a grease fire - use baking soda or a lid to smother the fire. If you have an oven fire, turn off the oven and keep the door closed. Never use your stove as a heating device.

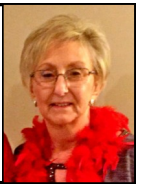
**\*\*If you do have a fire** (hopefully never) and you are prepared, you can survive. When you hear the alarm get out of bed, stay low to the floor. Feel the door, if it is cool, open it slowly and get to the nearest exit. If it is warm follow your alternate escape route. If you are unable to leave your room, call the fire department and be sure to tell the dispatcher you are trapped. Then you can try to seal the door with wet towels. Do not stop to collect valuables or pets. Pets will find their own way out. When you get out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building!

Be safe - Be happy,

*Kathlyn*

## Volunteer Services

Chairman: Darcia Drago  
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At our March meeting we will collect supplies for the Florida Humane Society, a no-kill shelter in Pompano Beach. Their wish list of needed items include:

- \*Clumping cat litter
- \*Canned cat food (not in gravy)
- \*Canned Pedigree dog or puppy food
- \*Paper towels
- \*13 gallon garbage bags
- \*Laundry detergent

- \*Clorox liquid bleach
- \*Latex gloves
- \*Fabuloso cleaner
- \*Copy paper

Our annual community service report is due to FREA in March so please turn in any unreported hours that you accrued from April 2018 until now. Remember

to include travel & prep time.

*Darcy*

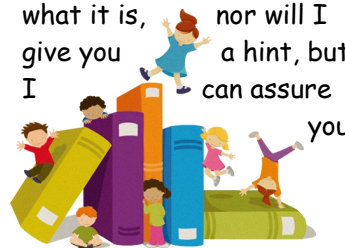


## Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz  
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Everyone loves surprises and there's a surprise waiting for you! Just bring a new or gently used children's book to our March meeting and receive your surprise. I won't tell you what it is, nor will I give you a hint, but I can assure you



that the book you bring in will bring a smile to some child. BCREA has been collecting children's books all year and this will be the last month to bring in a book. So bring in a book and get a bonus surprise.

About 20 beautiful books were donated at the Luncheon. Thanks to those who brought them.

*Sandy*

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## From the Treasurer

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Wh Thank you so much to all who attended the luncheon and bought tickets for the Scholarship Auction.

We took in \$1,100- enough for a scholarship!!

Thanks also to the members listed below for including extra money for scholarships when they bought their luncheon tickets. Marelise

### Scholarship Donations Undesignated

Marjorie Gregg  
Judith Joseph

Charles and Martha Pipes  
Annie Ruth Rawls

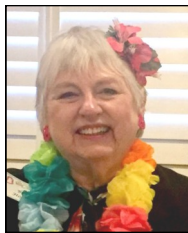
Bev Hoppe  
Susan Lochrie  
Jannes Strauch

### Bev's Bytes....

Thanks once again 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 **Alyce Aspler** who arranged programs on the tables and handed out nametags.

Diane Texter provided the orchid centerpieces which were given to the person at each table who had the closest birthday! According to **Anne French**, there were a total of 57 prizes, many of which were baskets with multiple things such as a family history album, snow globe, candles, champagne, a bird house, and a variety of

home decor items - even a tabletop fountain! Several were gift cards to restaurants



and movies. She and her crew - **Josephine Walker**, **Marelise LeClerc**, **Karen Avery**, **Marsy Smith**, **Alyce Aspler**, **Linda Gibson**, **Diane Texter**, **Betty Ouellette** put together 48 baskets.

**Betty Ouellette**, **JamesEtta Warner** and **Jean Anderson** sold tickets for the event.

Forty tickets were sold for the Pot of Gold and **Joanne Corder**



was the lucky winner of the Pot which held a grand total of \$113.46. There was one other prize: when I started printing the programs, I printed the first one upside down! Instead of wasting it, I decided to have fun with it. President Carol told everyone to check their programs for something wrong. The person who had that program was **Mary Ellen Fowler** - and she received a box of chocolates! It was great to see **Martha Pipes** who has been occupied with family responsibilities lately. Also, it was good to have **Pat Roberts** with us. I missed seeing **Glenn** and **Rita Sanderson**

as well as **Arline Ziller** who have been loyal attendees for many years. **Linda Horton** and **Margarite Falconer** and several others bought tickets but didn't appear. Unfortunately, I was so busy taking photos of 13 tables - a record 129 tickets were sold this year - that I didn't get even one photo of any of the prize winners other than the Pot! And that's the last byte for this month!!

*Bev*

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

### 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:

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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).

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All donations will be used to fund the general scholarship program as well as the operating expenses of the Foundation.

