



BCREA Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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Flora & Lenore Want YOU For the FREA State Assembly

District 10 Director **Flora Jackson** and **Lenore Dupree**,



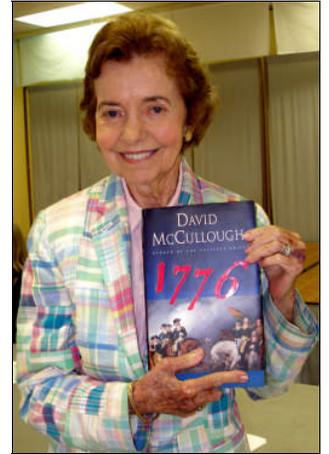
theme "The Harmony of Success" greeters will be dressed in black trousers, white shirts and top hats decorated with musical notes. Flora also requested items for "goody bags" for Assembly attendees. These should be small items and around 300 of each if possible. Most of all, the duo encouraged a good turn-out of members.

"Since we're the host district, it would be good if a lot of us are there to welcome those who visit from the rest of the state. AND it's fun!"

the Coordinator of Hosts & Hostesses for the State Assembly attended the April meeting and requested volunteers to help with the Assembly which is being hosted by District 10 May 30 - June 1 at the Airport Hilton in Miami. To coordinate with the

Payne Reviews 1776

David McCullough writes, "'1776 was a year of all too few victories, of sustained suffering, disease, hunger, desertion, cowardice, disillusionment, defeat, terrible discouragement, and fear, ... but also of phenomenal courage, and bedrock devotion to country.'" In her review of this book, **Barbara Payne** tells us about that year – the year of the Declaration of Independence – and how very close our country came to remaining British! In the first few months of 1776, George Washington commanded an army that McCullough describes as little more than an unwashed mob, lacking uniforms, short on weapons and gunpowder, racked by typhus, dysentery and drunkenness. Their ages varied from 10 to 57 and, because



they were volunteers they saw little need for rules, coming and going at will. She tells of Nathaniel Greene, and Henry Knox, 2 ordinary men who became generals and heroes and, along with Washington, helped to hold the fledgling army together during 1776. Barbara, an alumna of Ft. Lauderdale High where she taught journalism for 4 years, also worked for the *Ft. Lauderdale News*.

May 3 Meeting

Time: 12:00

Place: Holiday Park Social Center
1150 G. Harold Martin Drive
Ft. Lauderdale
(behind War Memorial Auditorium)

Program: Scholarship Awards
Installation of New Officers



Bring to meeting:

- Potluck Dish
- FREF Silent Auction Items
- Service Hours Reports
- Blankies 'n Pillows
- Campbells labels
- Aluminum pull-tabs
- General Mills labels
- Coupons for our troops
- Old eyeglasses & Cellphones



You Can SHINE!

"SHINE is in dire need of volunteers!" says **Edith Thompson**, a retired educator who now works for SHINE: **Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders**. SHINE provides educational materials and free unbiased insurance counseling to Florida elders, caregivers and family members as well as many other services including respite care,



chore services, personal care and transportation. Volunteers do need some training. If you think you could help, phone 1-800-963-5337 .

President's Corner

I wish to thank all of our members for their support during the past year. If you wish to be more active next year, contact me. We need your suggestions for programs and other activities. Please volunteer to serve on our committees. I hope you are considering attending the FREA State Assembly in Miami May 30-

June 1. For more information contact me or the FREA at 800-895-3732.

Best wishes, Tom



Health & Blood Bank

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno



My how the time has passed! Here it is vacation time again and it seems like just yesterday we were beginning our new season. As we leave to go on our vacations, here are a few things to help keep you in good shape.

We know that regular physical activity keeps our bodies in good shape and also our minds. By the same token, eating a healthy low-calorie diet will benefit the body and the brain. Just as you feed your body everyday, don't forget to feed your brain

too. You can do this by memorizing poems or songs, working crossword puzzles or playing computer-based brain games, and curbing stress.

Do you want to know how long you will live? You can get an idea from the Life Expectancy Calculator developed by Dr. Thomas T. Perls, author of Living to 100, at www.livingto100.com. Be happy. Be safe. Enjoy your vacation. See you in October. *Kathlyn*

Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago



Please keep track of your volunteer hours over the summer and continue to save aluminum pull tabs, cell phones, eyeglasses and labels for education so you can bring them to our meeting next October. *Darcy*

FREF

District 10 Trustee: Frances Smoot



Please bring some nice small items to the next meeting for me to take for the Silent Auction or items to be sold in the Country Store at the FREA convention. Remember, no large items! Thanks *Frances*

Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards



Thanks to all who supported our fledgling efforts at cultural activities this year. I'd like to offer four activities for next year; optimally one dance, one music, one theatre and one art. I'm open for suggestions. At the April meeting a few people expressed an interest in revisiting the "Follies" as our dance outing. Since booking tickets necessitates a financial commitment within two weeks, I am also open to suggestions on how to "spread the word" and increase participation. *Michele*

As part of the Telephone Committee I have been phoning **Beatrice Malter** in Boca Raton this year. Because she was a regular substitute (at the age of 81!) I usually spoke with her husband **Fred**. When I phoned on Monday before the April 5 meeting, I expressed the hope that since it was Spring Break she might be able to attend the meeting. I left this message on the answering machine. On Friday, when I read the obituaries in the *Sun-Sentinel*, I was shocked to discover Bea had died "due to an accident" on April 2. This seems especially ironic since she had recently served a month as a volunteer with the Israeli Army and returned safely! I'd spoken with her and found her so interesting that I'd hoped she might one day share her experiences at a meeting. Our sympathy to her husband and their entire family..... We had

Bev's Bytes.....



a note from **Jimmie Wickham** who's missed coming to meetings this year as she had knee surgery and family responsibilities. But she promises to be a "more faithful member" next year! Member **Gail Chapman** lives in NC but maintains her membership. She sent in a donation to the Scholarship Fund in honor of her good friend **Gloria Evert** who recently retired from McArthur HS "with about 40 years service." At the meeting, **Marian Elder** and **Linda Horton** won the door prizes and the 50/ 50 winners were: **Michele Edwards** (\$25); **Lorene Broxton** (\$15); and **Kathlyn Barno** (\$10). Members **Mary Barrett & Sallie Sherwood** and visitor **Sharon Jordan** attended their first meeting. And that's the last byte until fall.

Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie



DUES ARE DUE! DON'T PUT OFF RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to all of you who have already sent in your renewal for 2007-2008.

The membership year extends from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Annual dues are \$45.00. BCREA will forward the state dues of \$30.00 to FREA.

You will be listed in the BCREA Directory of 2007-2008.

Life Members do not pay the FREA dues of \$30.00 but DO pay the \$15.00 annual dues to BCREA, the local unit.

REMINDER: IF YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, E-MAIL ARE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR THERE IS NO NEED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM BELOW— YOU ONLY NEED TO FILL IN YOUR NAME AND SEND YOUR CHECK.

Reminder: Members who have Pioneer Insurance Medi-Gap Supplemental Insurance must pay their dues by June 1, 2006.

Broward County Retired Educators Association 2007 - 2008 Membership Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SS #: XXX - XX- _____ (last 4 digits only) Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Date Retired: _____ Retired From: _____

Position: _____

Dues: \$45.00 Donation for Scholarships: \$ _____ Total enclosed: _____

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Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club*

(members over 85!)

March (Belated)

Janet Knapp

turned 85 on March 06

May

Dorothy Lennon 5/03

Sara C. Essig 5/10

Harold Phares 5/15

Elizabeth Greene 5/21

Ethel Pappy 5/27

Elizabeth Blazier 5/28

And turning 85 on 5/12

Alphonso Giles 5/12

June

Glenn Sanderson 6/03

Jackie Cisco 6/06

Dorothy Pluckett 6/09

Lillian Treacey 6/14

July

Juanita Brydon 7/08

Lena Matthews 7/09

Dorothea Holden 7/12

Frank Koegel 7/16

Felicia Tranconi 7/21

August

Evelyn Flemming 8/02

Carolyn Payne 8/04

John Aidem 8/07

Ruth Edwards 8/07

Helen Mitchell 8/15

Bernard Simon 8/15

Betty McNaull 8/17

Robert Rollins 8/22

Valerian Neely 8/24

September

Pauline McShane 9/11

Mary Webber 9/24

And turning 85 on 9/15

Margaret Lerro



In Memoriam

Beatrice Malter 4/02

Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:

Darcia Drago
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 200__

LITERACY VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Teaching Sunday School, reading to children/adults; tutoring; helping with testing programs, etc; Includes any activities to promote a more literate America. TOTAL _____

WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH:

School, tutoring, mentoring, coaching etc. (Persons 25 years of age or younger. TOTAL: _____

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:

Church, civic, hospital / hospice, personal help to others (non-relatives), school, drug, ecology / environment. TOTAL: _____

Overlapping categories should be reported in both places.
GRAND TOTAL: _____

Scholarship Donations

Donor

Milton Brantferger
Elise Owen
Ken & Thelma Hendricks
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Dorothy Foster
Evelyn J. Lewis

In Memory Of

Dr. Robert Miiller
Betty Owen
Larry Stock,
Jane Pepper,
Lillian Lampkins,
Hazel Vaughn
Grace E. Morgan
H. W. Lewis

In Honor Of

Gloria Evert

Donations to General Scholarship Fund

Don Fry Eleanor Gaston Frances Goodstein
Judy Joseph Phyllis Kublin Ronald D. Mayhew
Nancy Ruiz Agnes Schnierer, Rosemary McGarry
Edward Weaver William J. Wilson, Jr.



FREA Tours

Arline Ziller,
FREA Travel Coordinator



On December 6, 2007 you will have an opportunity to celebrate your birthday no matter what the date is or was, aboard Royal Caribbean's *ENCHANTMENT OF THE SEAS*, on a four night cruise leaving on Thursday, December 6, 2007 for Coco Cay and Key West and returning Monday morning, December 10 with a price starting at \$331pp including all taxes and port charge. I am overseeing this special and we will have gifts for all as well as special get together daily. The ship itself is fantastic. Reserve your cabin today with a \$150pp deposit..... *NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS*, departing November 29 thru December 3, 2007 and visits Cozumel, Mexico. This cruise will have exclusive events such as Texas Hold 'Em tournament at sea etc. prices range from \$512. A \$150pp deposit will reserve your cabin..... The China trip *CRUISING THE YANGTZE AND HONG KONG* with me and a superb Collette Tour guide is available. Deposit is due now.

Call me at 954-781-4445 or e-mail freatravel@cs.com for all your travel needs.

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