

Officer Bob: I'll Work for Coffee!

Officer Bob Wilkins, Crime Prevention Officer of the Plantation Police Department will come to your home to do a security survey - if you live in Plantation. All he asks is that you have a cup of black coffee for him! Officer Bob has been with the Plantation PD for 15 years. Prior to that he worked in the US Penitentiary in Leavenworth, KS. While doing a police tour for kids, he told them that the police were there to help them and was promptly asked by a 6-year-old if he could tie his shoe! When he



showed "Wanted" posters to a group, one precocious lad asked, "How come, when you took their pictures, you didn't just keep them!" Getting serious, he reported that the biggest current problem

police are dealing with is vehicle burglaries - and they happen everywhere: the mall, gas stations and in driveways, particularly at night. There were 1700+ in the past month. They take cell phones, gps's and the chargers; they now also take anything from glove compartments that can be used for ID theft. He recommends that you leave nothing in your car that includes personal information - including your auto

registration and insurance cards - carry them in your wallet. ID theft is another major problem. He recommends that you check all 3 of your credit reports at <http://ftc.gov> - where they really are free. A mother took her 12-year-old son to the bank to open a savings account. He was denied because his records showed he had 2 houses in foreclosure and massive debt! No one is immune! "One way to prevent ID theft in (con't on page 2) →

Schifini Named Volunteer of the Year



Pictured above center is Patricia Schifini who has been selected as BCREA's Volunteer of the Year. Pat has been a member of our unit since her retirement from Boyd Anderson High School two years ago. In addition to serving as our substitute secretary, she volunteers as an usher at the Sunrise Civic Center

Theater and regularly assists in the media center at Mirror Lakes Elementary School. She has been recognized for her community service by RSVP and the City of Sunrise. Pictured with Pat is Darcy Drago (l) and Gigi McIntire from Mirror Lakes Elementary School who nominated Pat for the award.

May 5 Meeting



Time: 11:45

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Scholarship Awards

Installation of New Officers

Bring to meeting:

- Potluck Dish (Extra Big!)
- FREF Silent Auction Items
- Service Hours Reports
- Campbells labels
- Aluminum pull-tabs
- General Mills labels
- Old eyeglasses & Cellphones
- Books/Magazines for VA
- Blankies & Pillows



President's Corner

Thanks to all the wonderful committee people who have made BCREA what it is. Everyone took charge of what needed to be done and just got out there and did it.

We will have the same committee chairmen for next year. If you want to be on a committee, please look in your directory and call the chairman. If your name is listed on a committee and you don't want to continue, please let the chairman know. The Telephone Committee is always in need of people and it's something you can do sitting in the recliner during commercials.

Once again, I'm going to ask everyone to donate something to be taken to Orlando for the Assembly. If you want to give something for the country store, (it's like a garage sale and the state gets money for scholarships) or if you want to show what you can do with knitting or crochet needles, or painting, photography, etc. please bring these items to the May meeting. Better yet, I'll personally come and pick them up.

BCREA is going to host the District X workshop in September. If anyone has or can get some give-aways for goodie bags for the attendees from Dade and Palm Beach as well as from our unit, please give **Anne French** a call (954-561-1719) or an email Afrench@hotmail.com.

I've sat here trying to say how much all of you mean to me. The words just don't come out without sounding corny. When I was down and out, so many of you helped. I got to know so many of you this year. Each of you is special to me. Please believe me when I say that without looking forward to my job in this Club I literally would not have gotten through the last 2 months. So, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Have a great summer

Margarite



Vice-President's Corner

May is always a special type of luncheon for our members. It's the time you get to actually hear from the scholarship winners. We work hard all year raising money for these scholarships, so it's a real treat to actually meet them.

I received an e-mail recently from our March guest speaker **Anita Zeigler**. She wanted me to remind the members of our organization to continually check the website <http://broward.org/parks> for updates on all the opportunities that are available at our county parks. She stated, "There really is something for everyone."

I would like to take this time to thank all the members who have given me suggestions for programs. Because of the great response, I have scheduled all of next year's luncheons with some very unique and interesting topics.

Barbara



Literacy

Chairman: **Rosetta Watkins**
954-584-8719 mamarowat@aol.com



The Literacy Committee would like to thank all those persons who donated books to our projects this year (Fifth Grade Essay Contest and After School Program). A special thanks to **Michele Edwards, Linda Horton, Susan Lochrie and Madeline Martin** for their monetary donations to buy new books for the essay contest par-

ticipants.

You may still bring in books, new and gently used, that we donate to the after school program.

Monserath Mojica, winner of the essay contest, will read her essay at the May meeting.

Again, thanks to all of you. Enjoy your summer and be safe.
Rosetta

Officer Bob, con't a restaurant", he says, "is to notice your server's name and use it several times so he realizes you know who he is." It's unlikely he will steal your credit card if he knows you'll remember him. And if someone calls, e-mails or

writes to try to sell you something, "Just Say No" and don't even talk to them. Buy or contribute money only when you initiate the process. And don't fall for the call or e-mail from "your grandchild" in a foreign country who needs money!

Home burglaries happen mostly between 9 - 2 on weekdays. Felons work in pairs or more, with one serving as a lookout while the other knocks on doors to discover if the house is occupied or has a dog. Even

burglar alarms often are useless because it takes 15 minutes for the company to be sure the homeowner hasn't accidentally set off the alarm and get the police. In 15 minutes the thieves are gone.

Membership...

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie

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Time to Pay your Dues for 2011 - 2012!

Dues for the 2011 - 2012 club year may be paid at meetings or mailed using the form below if there are any changes to your contact information. Currently, we have 343 paid members.

The total annual state and local dues are \$45.00. **BCREA will forward the state dues of \$30.00 to FREA.** You will receive a membership card from the FREA and your name will be on the Broward County Retired Educators Association mailing list and listed in the BCREA Directory. The membership year extends from July 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Reminder: Members who have Pioneer Insurance Medi-Gap Supplemental Insurance must pay their dues by June 1, 2011.

If you have friends who have retired, invite them to one of our meetings or send me their names and addresses and I will send a membership information packet.

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

Remember to check the BCREA website at <http://browardrea.org> and the FREA website at <http://frea.org>.

Broward County Retired Educators Association 2011 - 2012 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: _____

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

Susan Lochrie
PO Box 30533
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303

Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club*

(members over 85!)

May

Sara C. Essig 5/10

Al Giles 5/02

Elisebeth Greene 5/21

Lizzie Johnson 5/21

William Kaelin 5/24

Dorothy Foster 5/27

Polly Lenzen 5/27

Ethel Pappy 5/27

June

Glenn Sanderson 6/03

Jackie Cisco 6/06

Dorothy Puckett 6/09

Kathlyn Barno 6/14

Eleanor Travers 6/25

July

Marion Elder 7/02

Juanita Brydon 7/08

Harriette J. Hadley 7/10

Felicia Tranconi 7/21

August

Evelyn C. Flemming 8/02

Helen Mitchell 8/05

Ruth Edwards 8/07

Betty McNaull 8/07

Ruth Travers 8/8

Bernard Simon 8/15

Ruth Van der Walt 8/20

Cora Ashley 8/23

Jane Leone 8/27

September

William Gilmartin 9/11

Margaret Lerro 9/15

Mary Weber 9/24

Tom Drilling 9/27



In Memoriam

Annie Williams 3/5/11



Welcome New Members

Gracia Jean Curlee Gordon Lillian Robertson Billie Zalcmán



Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards

954-849-5512 dramama51@bellsouth.net



The 2011-2012 BCREA Cultural Season goals are:

- 1) continuing interest and support from current attendees
- 2) new faces at our cultural events; every member attending at least one event would be superb!
- 3) group seating for 40+ (this year we hit 30)
- 4) build a working relationship with the Retired Educators Social Club to increase the type and number of events we offer; like the 2011-12 Palm Beach Pops at FAU, 6-concert series for \$162 (\$27/ticket)
- 5) select events from member suggestions!!!!

Be sure to e-mail me or call my cell phone (954-849-5512) with your ideas; I am in & out of town all summer

and these are the best ways to reach me. I need to finalize the BCREA season offerings by September so get your ideas to me ASAP.

At the April meeting, interest was shown in "South Pacific" at the Broward Center's Au Rene Theatre in April 2012; *let me know if that would interest you!*

At the Stage Door Theatre for 2011-12 members asked about "Guys and Dolls" in the fall and/or "The All Night Strut" in the spring; *let me know if these would interest you!*

Have a wonderful summer; be sure to take advantage of the local arts offerings with your friends and family, Michele

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc

954-962-7343 Flsun1@comcast.net



As you pay your dues for 2011-2012, please consider a contribution to our scholarship fund. Every dollar helps us with our main objective: to sponsor scholarships for Broward students. Because of your generosity over the past year, we are able to support four scholarships for students this year! Remember, your donation for scholarships is tax-deductible.

Thank you to the following people who have recently sent in money for our scholarship fund with their dues:

Scholarship Donations

Donor

- Mary Jo Bell
- Milton Brantferger
- Milton Brantferger
- Doris Cotnoir
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- Eleanor Gaston
- Ronald Mayhew
- Rosa M. Parra
- Nancy Ruiz
- Diane Texter

In Memory Of

- Janie Bounds
- Bill Gaffney & Dorsey Maynard
- Kathy Gosnell
- Joyce Larswill
- Terri Oglesby
- John Sands
- Sr. Adrian Clare, IWBS
- Harold Phares
- Tom Mullarkey

Donations to General Scholarship Fund

- Susan Barber
- Pedro Cazas
- Sally Creswell
- John Drag, Sr.
- Michele Edwards
- Marelise LeClerc
- Madeline Martin
- Arline & Wayne McWhinney
- Antoinette Merton
- Patricia Schroeder
- Mark Thomas
- Edward Weaver
- Barbara Wilder
- Eulalee Burke
- Norma Cosby
- Maravalyn Davis
- Harriett & Tom Drilling
- Echo Heyer
- Gloria Marshall
- Joan McCabe
- Beverly Merrill
- Richard Perry
- Joan Sperber
- Gweneth Thompson
- Rita Weiss
- Beverly Williams

Costume World in Pompano

45-min. Guided Tour
w/Exhibition & Lunch
Saturday, May 21, 2011

11am - 2pm

Checks payable to: Michele Edwards;
\$40.28 (\$20=tour, \$18=lunch, tax & tip)

Mail to: 1933 NW 107 Drive,
Coral Springs, FL 33071

Due by: May 13, 2011

For more information:

<http://www.costumeworld.com>

Since May has Mothers' Day, Helen Munnings sent a lovely poem called "Reflections of a Mother" sent to her by her son. I don't have room to print it, but if you'd like to read it go to <http://mrmom.amaonline.com/poems/Reflections.htm>

Was I the only one who went home after hearing **Officer Bob** and promptly cleaned out my car's glove compartment? There were several years worth of registration forms and insurance cards in there! After all, we've always been told to have those things in our car - right? That was before ID theft! I now have them in my wallet.

Did you notice our new BCREA logo at the top left of the front page? A big thank-you to **Marjuree Larin** and Bright Star for sponsoring this.

There were 77 members and friends at the April meeting. Winners of this

Bev's Bytes.....



month's Scholarship Raffle were **Diane Texter**(\$20); **Mark Thomas** (\$20) and **Diane Jarchow**(\$10). Very quietly, **Mark** donated his winnings to the Scholarship Fund! Thanks, Mark!

The May meeting is when we award our scholarships - 4 this year - and our Literacy Award - so please remember that we always have LOTS of guests - and increase the amount of your pot-luck contribution!

And that's the last byte for this year! *Bev*

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 _____, 2011

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: _____

Community Service

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



Many thanks for your donations to the Florida Humane Society. The staff (and their furry clients) were most appreciative.

Over the summer please keep track of your commu-

nity service hours and continue to collect coupons, books and magazines, cell phones, eyeglasses, aluminum pull tabs and Labels for Education.

See you next fall. Have a great summer! *Darcy*



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Roger Cuevas is New District 10 Legislative Representative



The District 10 Legislative Representative Roger Cuevas visited BCREA at the April meeting. He gave an update on happenings in Tallahassee. He replaced former District Legislative Representative **Maria Lang**. For up to date info on the Florida Legislature, visit <http://frea.org>.



Cheryl Ammons added critters to her blankies



Great food!



The lunch lineup

Seen at the Stage Door Theater



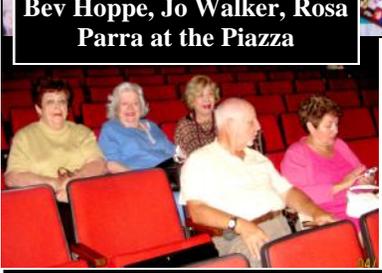
Bev Hoppe, Jo Walker, Rosa Parra at the Piazza



Lois Rhodes, Pat Schiffini, Susan Lochrie



Seen at the April Meeting



Myken Brady, Evelyn Morris, Margarite Falconer, Peter & Paulette Balin



Roger & Michele Edwards and a friend at the Piazza



Pledging allegiance

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