

Broward SoE Turns Out In Force!

Not only did BCREA get Supervisor of Elections Dr.

Brenda Snipes at the April meeting, they got an entourage! And, they arrived with an informative display and lots of handouts! It might be called "Everything you ever wanted to know about elections but were afraid to ask!" Accompanying her were (l to r) **Mary Hall**, Director of Absentee Ballots; **Pat Nesbit**, Poll Worker Recruitment; **Dozel Spencer**, Director of Voting Equipment; and **Fred Bellis**, Executive Assistant and Election Coordinator.



They made a grand entrance carrying a table bedecked with a red table-

cloth emblazoned with the insignia of the Supervisor of Elections, patriotic flower arrangements, informational brochures to answer any question a voter might have - and a small washtub filled with "informational fans." Among the multitude of

facts she shared was their recent high school voter recruitment drive - they went to every high school in Broward to register students 18 and over and to pre-register 16 and 17-year-olds. In all more than 11,000 young voters were registered!

She emphasized one very important fact: many ballots are thrown out simply because the voter has

failed to sign his/her Voter Certificate. And she is always in need of more poll workers. For more information go to <http://www.browardsoe.org/>



May 3 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation
(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Scholarship & Literacy Awards
Installation of New Officers



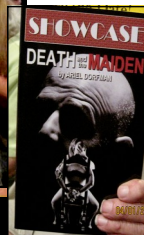
Bring to meeting:
Potluck Dish (Extra Big!)
FREF Silent Auction Items
Service Hours Reports
Campbells labels
Aluminum pull-tabs
General Mills labels
Old eyeglasses & Cellphones
Books/Magazines
for VA - last collection!
Blankies & Pillows



20 Attend Mosaic Theater on April 1

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twenty members and friends got an April Fool's Day surprise - they saw *Death and the Maiden* instead!



President's Corner

What a wonderful year we've had! We have a hard working Board of Directors who take the well-being of this group to heart. Thanks to all of you, we are giving 5 scholarships from BCREA this year. We're going to have one named after Past-President **Thelma Hendricks** who passed away last month since so many of you responded by giving donations in her memory. I'm looking forward to seeing you next year. Please remember that your ideas for programs, cultural affairs, luncheons, etc are always welcomed. And if you would like to get involved and join a committee, please call me or the committee chairman - they're all listed in your Directory. The officers and Board are here to serve the membership. Love to you all and have a great summer.

Margarite



Vice-President's Corner

As I begin to write this column for the *Newsletter* for the last time, I think about this "terrific" organization and what a privilege it has been serving as the vice-president for the past two years. Being in charge of scheduling programs for our meetings has given me the opportunity to meet a lot of fascinating people who work each and every day in our community. This position has also given me insight to the hard working Board members and how much time and energy is put forth to keep this organization successfully serving its members.

Since I am committed to taking on other obligations next year, I have decided it is in the best interest of this group that I step down from the vice-president position.

I will still be on the Board next year but taking a different position. **Diane Texter**, presently Chairman of the Telephone Committee, and I will be changing positions. She will be the new vice-president and I will be the Telephone Committee Chairman. I will be passing on to Diane a list of programs that are still on a waiting list to be presented. Most of these programs have been referred to me by members of this group. Special thanks to all the members who have submitted programs to me these past two years. Without your referrals, we would not have been exposed to some of these unique programs. I know Diane will be an excellent vice-president and will be committed to serving this organization.

Barbara



Literacy

Chairman: **Rosetta Watkins**
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The Literacy Committee would like to thank all of you who donated books to our projects this year (Fifth Grade Essay Contest and After School Program). You may still bring books, new and gently used, for the After School Program.

Jackie Allen, winner of the essay contest, will be at the May meeting to read her essay. She will receive a certificate and a Goodie Bag. Again, thanks to all of you. Have a great summer and be safe.

Rosetta

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Pompano Beach, FL 33060



Here are some of the offerings coming up this year:

NATIONAL PARKS of AMERICA, October 9-20, 2012. Brochure available in June

REFLECTIONS OF ITALY 10 Days - November 26, 2012-December 5, 2012, Brochures available June 1 or before.

NEW ** IRISH SPENDOR 8 DAYS, November 26- December 3, 2012 visiting Dublin, Guinness Storehouse, Local Pub, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Dingle Peninsula, Cliffs of Moher, Ashford Castle to name a few destinations and great food. Great opportunity for you to become familiar with Ireland. I have brochures.

My plans for this year include a **RCCL 8-day Eastern Caribbean Cruise** from Fort Lauderdale cruising to Basseterre, St. Kitts; Phillipsburg, St. Maarten; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Labadee, Haiti, Cruising, Fort Lauderdale. Great rates for December. Phone or e-mail me. For full information, go to <http://frea.org/travel.html>

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Membership...

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Time to Pay your Dues for 2012 - 2013! One Check Includes BCREA and FREA

Membership dues of \$45.00 include \$15.00 local BCREA dues and \$30 FREA state dues. The BCREA Treasurer will send your \$30 to the state and you save postage by paying with one check.

A dues change may be coming: At the state Assembly May 30, 2012 delegates will vote whether or not to increase FREA dues from 30.00 to \$35.00 which would take effect July 1, 2012. **The FREA dues collected by or before June 30 will be grandfathered in at \$30.00.** If the vote is passed at assembly, dues collected after July 1 will be \$35. Dues notices will be mailed out soon from FREA to anyone who has not paid their 2012-2013 dues.

Please send your FREA and BCREA dues in one check to the BCREA membership by June 1 to be assured that your combined local and state dues of \$45 are paid. If you wait until July 1 your dues might be \$50.

Reminder: Members who have Pioneer Medi-Gap Supplemental Insurance must pay their dues by June 1, 2012

Broward County Retired Educators Association 2012 - 2013 Membership Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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E-mail address _____

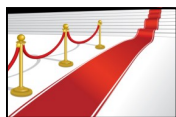
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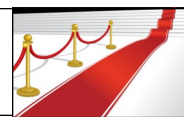
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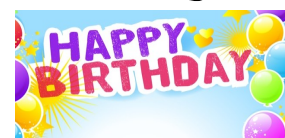
Susan Lochrie
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Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303



*Welcome New Member
Seolar Moncrief*



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

Lillian Wilson 6/17

Eleanor Travers 6/25

July

Marion Elder 7/02

Juanita Brydon 7/08

Harriette J. Hadley 7/10

Felicia Tranconi 7/21

Jean Childers 7/24

August

Evelyn C. Flemming 8/02

Helen Mitchell 8/05

Ruth Edwards 8/07

Betty McNaull 8/07

Ruth Travers 8/08

Johnne Bentley 8/10

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

Evelyn Lewis 9/19

Mary Weber 9/24

Tom Drilling 9/27

Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Carol Roland

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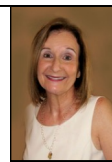
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From the Treasurer

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Help us Develop our 2012-13 Cultural Arts Calendar. What would YOU like to do? Please complete this questionnaire by checking any and all categories that apply. Your name and phone are optional.

Name _____ (Optional)

Phone _____ (Optional)

WHAT activities would you like?

Plays

_____ Musicals
_____ Drama
_____ Comedies

Musical Productions

_____ Florida Grand Opera
_____ Concerts
_____ Chamber music

Dance

_____ Ballet

_____ Modern Dance

Other

Other Activities

_____ Day trips to Museums (ex . Vizcaya, Ringling, Flagler, Other _____)

_____ **Sporting events:** _____ Baseball _____ Football
_____ Basketball _____ Hockey _____

Other Ideas: _____

WHERE would you prefer to go for productions?

_____ Broward Performing Arts Center: _____ auRene Theatre
_____ Amaturro _____ Parker Playhouse _____ Mosaic Theatre
_____ Stage Door Theater _____ Broward, Nova or FAU theaters
_____ Other _____

WHEN would you like to attend productions?

_____ Matinees _____ Evenings _____ Weekends _____ Week-days
_____ It doesn't matter

In deciding whether or not to attend events, which is your most important concern: What, When, Where, or Cost?

Please rank each of the following in order of **most** important (4) to **least** important (1)

_____ **WHAT** _____ **WHERE** _____ **WHEN** _____ **COST**

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Thanks,
Carol

As you pay your dues for 2012-2013, please consider a contribution to our scholarship fund. Every dollar helps us with our main objective: to sponsor scholarships for Broward students. Remember, your donation for scholarships is tax-deductible.

Thank you to **Danielle Sylvester** for the donation to our **Literacy Program** in honor of **Betty Hacker**.

Thank you to the following people who have recently sent in money for our Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship Donations

Donor

William Atchison

Darcy Drago

Harriett & Thomas Drilling

Doris Emmett

Pauline Green

Bev Hoppe

Bev Hoppe

Susan Lochrie

Ronald Mayhew

Arline & Wayne McWhinney

Evelyn Morris

Robert & Amanda Smith

Betty Melrose Stevens

Nancy West

Martha Wilson

In Memory Of

Thelma Hendricks

Thelma Hendricks

Les & Jerry Peterson

Thelma Hendricks

Freeman Jackson & Ulysses Jackson

Judy Heede

Thelma Hendricks

Thelma Hendricks

Nathaniel Dixon

Bruce Herndon

Thelma Hendricks

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Donations to General Scholarship Fund

Susan Barber

Sandra Behrens

Mary Jo Bell

Johnne Bentley

Emma Black

Milton Brantferger

Pete Cazas

Doris Cotnoir

Norma Crosby

Sara Essing

Dorothy Foster

Eleanor Gaston

Florida Gilmartin

Winifred Graham

Bertilda Henderson

Echo Heyer

Marelise LeClerc

Linda Marable

Madeline Martin

Rosemary McGarry

Toni Merton

Shirley O'Malley

Rosa Parra

Richard Perry

Julia Penley

Carol Roland

Nancy Ruiz

Rita & Glenn Sanderson

Patricia Schroeder

Brenda Shannon

Jean Shishin

Alzora Simmons

Mary Taylor

Gwen Thompson

Peggy Tingle

Rita Weis

Theodora Williams

What an April Fool's surprise we had at the **Mosaic Theater** on April 1! Twenty members and friends arrived expecting to see *The Birds* but were informed that we'd be seeing *Death and the Maiden* instead. Former Cultural Affairs Chairman **Michele Edwards** was not happy that she had not been informed of the change - particularly since *DATM* was a very powerful drama involving a "politically and psychological complex battle of wills among three characters in an unnamed South American country." There were situations and language which some found shocking,

Ber's Bytes.....



or at the very least unsettling.

Be sure to bring a bit more food than your usual amount to the May meeting as we will be having guests - there will be 6 scholarship winners, the Literacy Contest winner and their families and/or teachers. That could be a LOT of extra mouths! Winners of the 50/50 were **Doris Emmett**, \$20;



Joyce Ferguson, \$10, and **Charles & Martha Pipes**, (2nd month in a row!) \$10.00. Raffle winners were **Joan Gavin**, flower arrangement; **Diane Jarchow**, a piggy bank; and



Evelyn Morris, a box of colorful plastic Easter eggs! There were 69 in attendance at the meeting. To see all the photos of this meeting be sure to visit our Shutterfly Share Site by clicking on "Photos on Shutterfly" on the Home page of the website. And that's the last byte for this year! *Ber*

Community Service

Chairman: **Darcia Drago**
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Thanks to those of you who turned in your volunteer service hours. We had a 10% increase in members reporting this year with an increase of over 4,000 hours reported. Over the Summer please keep track of your community service hours and continue to collect cell phones, eye-

glasses, manufacturer's coupons, aluminum pull tabs, Labels for Education and books. **We will not be collecting magazines next year.**

Hope you have a great summer. See you next Fall.

Darcy

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 _____, 2012

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: _____

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Where did the time go? I can't believe that this is our last *Newsletter* for this year. I do believe that the years are getting shorter. I am grateful that we had a very successful year. Maybe some of us had a few little hitches but all in all everything was great. The election year is upon us. This summer you will be hearing more negative rhetoric from both sides. This can sometimes become depressive. If there is too much gloom and doom talk and it is getting to you, take some time out. It is important to be an informed voter but you have to think for yourself. Don't believe eve-

rything you hear. Instead study the facts. Look up facts to see both sides of the issue and then make your own opinion. Limit the time you are exposed to the media. Alternate between watching and reading the news. Take a walk or go to the gym. Don't listen to negative talk. If you can't get away from negative people change the subject to something else. Think about the good things in your life - health, both physical and mental; love from family; caring friends; spiritual values. Have a happy summer filled with good health and pleasant adventures. *Kathlyn*



During the summer, when you have some extra time, remember to send your Potluck Recipes to **Bev Hoppe** - either by e-mail to HapiHopi@aol.com by USPS mail, call me and read it aloud or hand it to me at the October meeting. Thanks to all those who've already done so, *Bev*



Barbara Hugley, Frances Smoot and Lillian Small

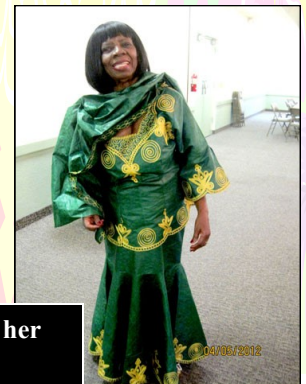
Seen at
the April
Meeting



Sister Act: Members
Bertilda Henderson &
Lucia Herring



Barbara Morningstar
with Brenda Snipes



Helen Munnings in her
beautiful outfit

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