



Planning Ahead to Share Your Legacy

The program at the April meeting probably engendered more discussion than any previous one in recent memory. Reactions to the subject matter ranged from "Most informative ever!" to "If I'd known what it would be about, I wouldn't have come." Although it was listed in the Directory as "How to Plan Your Funeral and Write Your Own Obituary," it was given in the Newsletter as "Aging Is a Privilege."

In the Power Point presentation by **Tiffany Panciera** and



Linda Boyd from Boyd / Panciera Family Funeral Care the first slide has a subtitle: "A Guide on How to Leave your Family with Wisdom, Memories and

Peace of Mind."

Although death is inevitable for everyone, it's a topic which many prefer to avoid. The problem with this is that family members often have no idea what your wishes might have been. There are extreme cases where a child does not even know his mother's maiden name or birthplace. The #1 cause of family conflict in times of death is fulfilling final wishes. The way to avoid this is to pre-plan one's end-of-life ceremonies which ideally should provide a lasting impression of who we were.

Financial assets, personal possessions, values and life lessons, final wishes, and your obituary - which, if self-written, will have exactly what you want it to say - are all parts of your legacy - things

which need to be addressed.

Do you have a will? A designated health surrogate? A living will? Someone chosen to be your personal representative? And if you do have all these things, would your survivors know where to find this information? If the answer to any of these things is "No," it's time for action! Do it now!

Linda and Tiffany gave each person at the meeting a gift bag with information on how to begin. They also invited anyone who would like to visit their facility to do so with no obligation - or they'll even come to your home to help you. Give them a call at 954-989-9900 or 954-983-6400. Their website is www.BPFamilyCare.com.

May 2 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Covenant Village

Address: 9201 Broward Blvd, Plantation
(just past Pine Island on the right)

Program: Scholarship & Literacy Awards
Installation of New Officers



Bring to meeting:

Just Yourself -

No dish to share

FREF Silent Auction Items

Service Hours Reports

Campbells labels

Aluminum pull-tabs

General Mills labels

Old eyeglasses & Cellphones

Blankies & Pillows

Plastic bottle caps



Covenant Village Hosts May 2 Meeting

Because Deicke Auditorium will be closed for renovations, the May meeting will be held at

Covenant Village

9201 West Broward Boulevard

2.6 miles farther west on Broward from Royal Palm - the road to Deicke. There is a map on page 6.

Covenant Village is also providing lunch for everyone - at no charge! The only requirement is that everyone who plans to attend the meeting must sign up in advance so they will know how much food to order. If you did not sign up at the April meeting, you must

**RSVP by Sunday, April 28 to Bev Hoppe at
HapiHopi@aol.com or 954-587-9275**

For anyone interested, our hostess **Kellie Camp** will offer a tour of the grounds after the meeting.

President's Corner

Since it's the last time I get to have my own column I want to dedicate it to all of you who have made the last three years so enjoyable.

An organization is not run by a president. It's run by the people who do their jobs without being told and without complaint. The president gets to stand up and call on people who have done the work.

The officers and committee chair-people have given so much of their time to us and we all owe them a big thank-you. The amount of time, effort and dedication they give so freely we don't always see as members. From my vantage point I REALLY do see the work involved. To thank you all properly would take more space than we have in the whole newsletter.

We had a few surprises - like Tropical Acres burning down and Deicke turning us out - but we have risen to the occasion with the help of a great group of flexible members. Please continue your cooking skills. I look forward to all this delicious food next year when I'll be first in line, not last.

I want to convey my best wishes to the new officers and committees for next year.

There's nothing more formidable than a group of educators who want to get something done. Thank you.

Love to you all, *Margarite*



President-Elect's Corner

When I was asked to be the President-elect, my job was to set up the speakers and programs for the year. I thought it would be more difficult than it was. Everyone I approached agreed right away. Every time I see **Superintendent Runcie** in the news, I remember standing next to him and thinking how tall he is. **George Gadson**, **Corey Wilson**, and **Cindy Elias** are friends of mine, but I learned something new about each one through their presentations. Toastmaster Speaker, **Janine Kinsey**, had us all thinking of the way we speak in public. Our final speakers, **Linda Boyd** and **Tiffany Panciera**, reminded us that we should plan for our future. My one failure was not knowing that the piano had a lock on it!

Thanks for your suggestions for future programs. I will pass them on to **Echo Heyer** for next year.

Our meeting in May will be scholarship awards.

I have enjoyed being the president-elect, and look forward to following in the able footsteps of

Margarite as president of BCREA. *Diane*



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. Thanks to all those who've already done so, but we still need more if we're going to have a cookbook! *Bev*



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PAY DUES FOR 2013-2014

\$50.00 is the amount for local and state dues. BCREA sends your state dues of \$35.00 to FREA. BCREA is the Broward County Unit of the Florida Retired Educators Association. You will receive a membership card from the FREA and your name will be on the Broward County Retired Educators' mailing list and listed in the BCREA Directory. The Florida Retired Education Association is a statewide organization, which represents our interests and benefits as retirees to the state Legislature. Website:

<http://frea.org>

Please invite your retired friends to come to the meetings or send me their names and I will send them membership information. *Susan*

BROWARD COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

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 to our
Birthday Club*

(members over 85!)

May

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

July

Marion Elder 7/02

Juanita Brydon 7/08

Gloria Marshall 7/9

Maude Storr 7/16

Pat Schroder 7/21

Felicia Tranconi 7/21

Shirley Paoli 7/22

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

Bernard Simon 8/15

Ruth Van der Walt 8/20

Cora Ashley 8/23

Jane Leone 8/27

September

William Gilmartin 9/11

Evelyn Lewis 9/19

Mary Weber 9/24

Tom Drilling 9/27



Welcome New member

Clara Burck



Thinking of You
Bruce Arnold



In Memoriam
Margie James 12/2012

Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno

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Remember back in the 20th century when there were no cell phones? Sym cards, texting, sexting and blue-tooth were not words in our vocabulary. How did we ever live without this invention? Today cell phones are a fact of life and they are here to stay.

Here are a few things you may not know about your phone. Your cell phone can actually be a life saver in an emergency. The worldwide Emergency for Mobile is 112. If you are out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency dial this number and mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you. This works even if your phone is locked.

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Your phone will restart with this reserve and it will show a 50% increase in battery.

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To check your phone's serial number, key in the following digits: *#06#. A 15 digit code will appear. This number is unique to your phone. If your phone is stolen, your service provider will be able to block your handset so the thief will not be able to use it even if the sym card is stolen.

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Have a happy summer filled with good health and pleasant adventures. *Kathlyn*

Social Committee

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It has been a wonderful year for the BCREA Social Committee because of all of the scrumptious delights which you shared with all of our members. We would like to thank you for your contributions to the "pot luck" lunch throughout the year. Because of your generosity there was always enough food for everyone to partake and be satisfied and some of us

even took a few snacks home!

Thank you for remembering to remove your plates and containers as you left the room.

Remember! For the May meeting you will not have to bring any food items, as everything will be prepared for us.

The Social Committee thanks you all. *Sallie*

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc

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Telephone Committee

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I would like to thank all the people on the Telephone Committee for taking the time each month to contact assigned members of this organization to remind them about each upcoming meeting.

Many of our members need that little reminder of meeting dates even though we send reminders by email or the *Newsletter* is sent by mail. I know that when I contact some people they express how much they appreciate the call.

If you can spare 10 to 15 minutes every month to make some phone calls, please call

or e-mail me. We would love to have you join our team. Important information regarding calls for the May meeting:

1. Please make calls by 4/26
2. Meeting will be held at Covenant Village since Deicke Auditorium will be in the process of renovating.
3. Lunch will be provided by the facility; therefore, we need to know how many members will be attending.
4. Please RSVP to Bev Hoppe, at 954-565-9275, by 4/28. Members who attended the April meeting and signed up already do not have to call.

Barbara

This month's meeting made me think of BCREA past-president, the late, great **Lillian Lampkins** who died in July 2006 at the age of 89. Her funeral and reception were the most fun one could have at a funeral! Lillian had planned everything herself - she did programs with lots of her favorite photos and planned the service down to the last detail. At the reception, each table had a Scrabble board with glued-on letters, as she was an avid fan! She used to contribute poems to the *Newsletter*, and her last one seems appropriate to reprint here:

Do It Now!

by Lillian Lampkins

If you have hard work to do,

Do it Now!

Today the sky is
clear and blue -

Yesterday is not for you;

Tomorrow's cloud may
hinder you!

Do it Now!

We had a note from member **Charles Hofman** and his wife **Sue** about Life Member

Ber's Bytes.....



Lily Diekmann who turned 100 on March 2.

"I see she wasn't mentioned in the March **Newsletter** as



having a birthday, so I guess she hasn't kept up her membership in recent years.

She is doing very well and living at The Colony Club in Sunrise," they wrote. "Lily taught for almost 50 years, most of them in Broward County." Belated "Happy Birthday," Lily!

Kudos to **Frances Smoot** for the monthly "Thoughts for the Day," all of which pre-

sented messages in highly enjoyable

Winners of the Scholarship



Raffle were
Mel Wenig,
\$20; **Anne French**, \$10;



Mary Shannon, \$10;
and **Joyce Stokes**, \$10.



There were 64 in attendance at the meeting.



Doris Cotnoir was amazed and pleased at the success of the plastic bottle caps collection! She could hardly carry them all!

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

Community Service

Chairman: **Darcia Drago**
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Thanks for your generous donation of supplies to our four-legged friends at the Florida Humane Society and for participating in our other community service projects throughout the year. Last month we collected 172 tubes of lip balm to send to our troops in Afghanistan. You

are a great group to work with!

Our unit report has been filed with FREA. This past year we accrued just under 10,000 volunteer hours. Hope you all have a great summer. See you in October.

Darcy

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Lots of supplies for the Humane Society



Nancy Ruiz wins the door prize from Boyd/Pancier



Example of a memory table at a Celebration of Life Service



The lunch lineup



Volunteer of the Year Darcy Drago gets a gardenia bush from Margarite

Seen at the April Meeting



Rosetta, Joseph & Carolyn

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)

GRAND TOTAL: _____

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Map to Covenant Village, Plantation
 Definitely not to scale!

