

Lifelong Learning Institute Offers Phenomenal Menu

Want to audit a couple of college classes at Nova-Southeastern? For FREE!! That's only one of the benefits of becoming a member of the **Nova Southeastern Lifelong**

Learning Institute. According to Director **Linda Maurice**, Abe Fischler (NSU president from 1970-1992) had a dream to establish a learning center that would be for pre-school age through senior citizens.



Still, fewer than 50% of instructors are professors. A membership (around \$500 per year) offers opportunities that one member estimated saved him \$125,000 by taking advantage of the many opportunities. Not only

is the membership involved in learning, they're like a family unit - having parties and celebrations such as "Birthday Bagel Breakfasts." They offer a free summer program from June - September. For lots more info. go to <https://osteopathic.nova.edu/lli/index.html>. Accompanying Ms. **Maurice** were LLI members **Barry Shapiro** and **Suzanne Parker**, liaisons between membership and leaders.

Directions to Volunteer Park

#1 - Travel WEST on Sunrise to 118th Avenue. Go through the traffic light and make a U-turn to enter the Park
Or
#2 - Travel WEST on Broward to 118th Avenue Turn RIGHT and go through "horse country." As you approach the traffic light on Sunrise, there is an entrance to the facility on the LEFT. You don't have to go onto Sunrise. Lots of free parking!

Established in 1977, LLI membership is about 50 % female and 50 % male with an age range from 50-90 and an average age of 75. LLI offers classes, lectures and social opportunities including seminars, field trips and special events. In the 70's and 80's it focused on "peer learning" still an important component. However, "Boomers" want to learn from "in-the-know" people.

May 3 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Volunteer Park

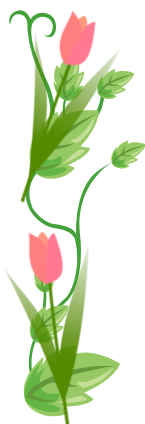
Community Center
 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd.
 Plantation, FL 33324

Program: Scholarship & Literacy Awards
 Installation of New Officers



Bring to meeting:

Dish to share (With a bit extra for our guests)
 Service Hour Reports
 Labels for education
 Aluminum pull-tabs
 Old eyeglasses & Cellphones
 Children's books



Thirteen Attend Original Florida Follies

On Sunday, March 11 thirteen members and friends attended the Original Florida Follies at the Parker Playhouse. The Follies is performed by women aged 55-94. Cultural Affairs Chairman Echo Heyer organized the event which showed that "age is just a number."



President's Corner



Change is always difficult! We are so comfortable in continually following practices that we "have always done," it is natural for us to avoid varying that routine. We like the feeling of being surrounded by a cocoon of that which we know. Sometimes though, we are faced with either having to remain snuggled in our comfort zone or accepting a challenge to step out of our cocoon. Unfortunately, May's meeting may force some of us into such a situation. Once again, BCREA must change our meeting location. We will be meeting at **Plantation Volunteer Park** which is farther west and slightly north since Deicke cannot accommodate us. Before selecting Volunteer Park, the Executive Board considered several options including Ward Multipurpose Center and the new Plantation Community Center. Although both are familiar to us, these sites are just too small to accommodate our group especially for our May meeting when we honor all our student award winners and their families. It is such a joy to meet and hear these students that I do hope you choose to accept this new challenge to expand

con't below right

Community Service

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Why is it important for us to turn in our volunteer service hours? FREA converts the value of our community service to dollars in a symbolic mock check that is presented to the State Legislature each year. This represents the importance of retired educators' contributions to our community. All of our members are volunteers in some capacity, whether formally or informally. If you assist anyone other than a family member in any way (taking a neighbor to the doctor, a friend to the airport, etc.) then you are a volunteer. Please jot down your hours, including any prep or travel time, on a calendar & report your hours at our monthly meetings. Remember to do this over the summer so that you can turn in your hours at our Oct. meeting. If you have any questions as to what constitutes community service, please give me a call at 954-977-7247. *Darcy*

President-Elect's Corner



It's really that time of year that we take a breather and CELEBRATE.

Such a joy it is to bring our last meeting of 2017-2018 to a close by rewarding the excellence of our students for their scholarship, leadership, literacy, and all-around educational demeanor. We applaud their successes and their journeys forward.

As I reflect on the programs brought to you each meeting, I am filled with a sense of gratitude and delight for the kind remarks I received from many of you. For me, it was a labor of love which was shared by the remarks also heard from the presenters. They enjoyed sharing as much as we enjoyed receiving - for example:

From **Linda Maurice**:

"Thank you for a warm and welcoming visit at your recent monthly meeting. It was my pleasure to represent Nova Southeastern University Lifelong Learning Institute and share details about our program with your group

I forgot to invite you to try out our four free classes at any time in our regular "school year." Newcomers are allowed to enjoy four free classes before considering membership and the whole summer program from June-September is free. Simply show up and sign in as a guest in our main office,

Room 106

**Alumni Hall on East Campus
3100 SW 9th Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL**

Looking forward to welcoming you into our classroom soon.

All the Best,

Linda E. Maurice, M.A. Director"

Lillian

Con't from above

your cocoon and join us at Plantation Volunteer Park! I really hope to see you there as we celebrate the success of Broward County Students.

Carol

Membership

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie



2018-2019 BCREA and FREA MEMBERSHIP DUES

We urge you to pay your dues early before reminders from BCREA and FREA are mailed to you.

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.

BCREA had 311 members this past year. Let's continue to increase our membership. If you know retired educators who are not members or have discontinued their membership, please reach out and urge them to join. I can send them an information packet if you contact me with the mailing address. Bring in 3 new members this year and you will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate.

Please call or email me with your 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



**Welcome New Member
Vinnette Kerr**



Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club*

(members over 85!)

May

Lillie Fye 5/01

Charles Pipes 5/01

Dorothy McCrain 5/15

Florida Gilmartin 5/18

Lizzie Johnson 5/21

Darlene Utry 5/26

Polly Lenzen 5/27

Robert Green 5/31

June

Glenn Sanderson 6/03

Joseph Eddings 6/09

Ron Davis 6/11

Kathlyn Barno 6/14

Lillian Wilson 6/17

Dolly Burck 6/21

Ed Weaver 6/28

July

Milton Brantferger 7/1

Marilyn Holmes 7/04

Erma Bell 7/12

Maude Storr 7/16

Pat Schroder 7/21

Jean Childers 7/24

Lucille Folsom-Mason 7/24

Marjorie Gregg 7/28

August

Betty McNaull 8/07

Margaret Green 8/08

Robin Reinhold 8/16

Sylvia Milks 8/17

September

Eleanor Gaston 9/15

Tom Drilling 9/27

Donna Whitfield 9/27

Bobbie David 9/28



Thinking of You

Myken Brady

Juli Patten

Arline Ziller

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How about this? It's our last issue for this season! We have had a wonderful year and now we have earned a little play time. Some of us are looking forward to vacations in exotic lands, others may be planning to enjoy mountain breezes, or sunning on a quiet beach listening to the sound of waves crashing against the shore. Others of us may be spending the lazy days of summer under the mango tree in our own backyard. Whatever it is, here is a little project that doesn't take much time and can provide relaxation and satisfaction - growing your own herbs.

Growing herbs does not require a lot of time or space. You can grow them on the window sill in your kitchen or in pots on your patio or

flower beds. Herbs boost the flavor of your favorite recipe or cup of tea. Just pinch off a leaf or two and add to the other ingredients. Herbs contain vitamins and minerals as well as substances that help ward off cancer, Alzheimers, diabetes and other diseases. Choose herbs according to your taste. Most herbs require a sunny spot and well drained soil. Some herbs grow from seed and others can grow from small plants in pots purchased from a garden center. Some may require regularly pinching back to keep from going to seed. Research your plants and watch them grow. Have a good, healthy, and safe summer. See you in the fall.

Kathlyn

Friendship

Chairman: Marsy Smith

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It was great to see everyone at the April meeting! Thanks to your generosity, we are well supplied with greeting cards. (I needed to make two trips out to my car before the meeting

started!). If you know of a member who is ill or has lost a loved one, please let me know so I can send a card. See you in May! *Marsy*

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc

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Thanks so very much to **Bright Star Credit Union** for the generous check of \$2000 presented at a recent meeting. This money is used to publish our newsletters, Directory, and other organizational expenses. We are grateful for Bright Star's sponsorship and appreciate the collaborative support of our liaison Michael Cardona.

Thank you to all the members who have recently included extra money when paying yearly dues. Donations have totaled \$1,775. thus far this year for NEXT year's scholarships. Members and other donors have contributed from \$5 to \$150. It all adds up! The generosity of BCREA members is always astonishing. That is why we are able to award more scholarships than any other district year after year. If you have not already paid your dues, please consider including an extra \$5, \$10 - even \$100 or more! We are so grateful for any money towards our Scholarship Fund. Happy Summer to all!

Marelise

Scholarship Donations

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Penelope Decordova

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It's scholarship time again! One winner for the previous 3 years won't be reapplying - **Jennifer Gaver**



notified Chairman **Diane Jarchow** that she has already graduated and

will be working on her MS in speech pathology!! Way to go Jennifer! At the April meeting there were

55 members and 4 guests in attendance. Winners of the Scholarship Fundraiser were **Cindy O'Linn, \$20; Rosa**



Parra, \$10; LuAnn Comes, \$10; and Alyce Aspler, \$10! Two lucky winners received pots of flowers - **Josephine Walker and Cheryl Barrios.** **Joan Gavin** won a travel bag. This month's volunteer hour winner was **Anne French.** If you are a member who hasn't

Bev's Bytes.....



been coming to meetings, watch your mail for a personalized note from the members who did attend the April meeting. Blank greeting cards were placed on each table with a list of "missing members." And we all wrote notes to one or two folks we'd like to see! And that's the last byte for this year!



Bev

Social Committee

Chairman: **Sallie Sherwood**
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As we patiently await the arrival of the "May flowers", we are also looking forward to our Scholarship and Literacy Awards Program. Just a reminder that this is a very special meeting, as we will have award recipients and their families attending this event. Our theme for this program will be "Congratulation to All Our Winners" and this also includes our newly installed officers.

Due to the higher attendance at this meeting, the Social Committee is asking that you bring a little extra of your scrumptious delights for the buffet table. We will have little "chalkboard" tags for you to identify your dishes. Several BCREA members have volunteered to bring pizza, cupcakes and chips to this meeting, so please do not bring any of

these items. Let's make the last meeting of the year very special for the award recipients. We will be at Volunteer Park for this luncheon. We will have only one warming oven and one refrigerator to use, please keep this in mind as you prepare your menu. Thank you to everyone who continuously provided tasty dishes and treats throughout the year. Your participation is greatly appreciated and helps to make this a wonderful monthly event. The Social Committee wishes everyone a beautiful and peaceful summer. For those of you who are traveling, be safe and for those of you who are not feeling well, we keep you in our thoughts.

Sallie

Literacy

Chairman: **Sandy Lefkowitz**
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COYes, today's youth have strong voices and solid skills. The essays submitted by this year's fifth graders are evidence of the students' abilities. Be proud of the students but also be proud and recognize the teachers who are in the classrooms, working diligently to help students reach their potential. At our May BCREA meeting we will be recognizing our fifth grade essay winners and their teachers. They deserve this recognition and much more.

1st place winner:

Kerah Richards
Mrs. Brennan's class,
Sheridan Park

Honorable Mention winners (in alphabetical order):

Ava Frias
Mrs. Flemming's class
Harbordale

Kaila Gray
Mrs. Flemming's class
Harbordale

Lauren Leonce
Mrs. Brennan's class
Sheridan Park

Riley McClanahan
Mrs. Taylor's class
Harbordale

Hannah Thovtrup
Mrs. Quillen's class
Eagle Point

Their writing will be on display at our May award ceremony. Hope you will take a few minutes to read and enjoy their essays.

Sandy

**- DATED MATERIAL -
 PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**



**Frances
 looks great!**

**Seen at the
 April Meeting**



OW! Carol had foot surgery!

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
 or mail it to me at:

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 Coconut Creek, FL 33066

2018-2019 Officers Elected

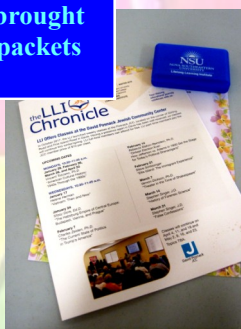


At the April meeting, the following officers were elected for 2018-2019 club year: **L to R** - BCREA president will be **Carol Roland**; **Lillian Small** will be the new president-elect; **Karen Avery** will be the new secretary replacing **Josephine Walker** who has served for the past 7 years. and **Marelise LeClerc** will serve as treasurer for the 9th year.



**Shirley writes a note to
 an absent member!**

**LLI brought
 info packets**



**District Director
 Germaine Richards
 visited!**

