

BCREA Newsletter



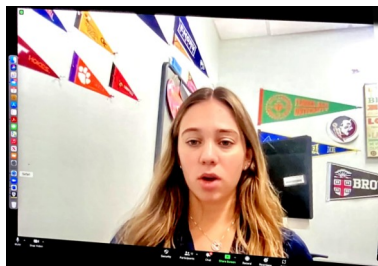
May, 2022

Broward County Retired Educators' Association

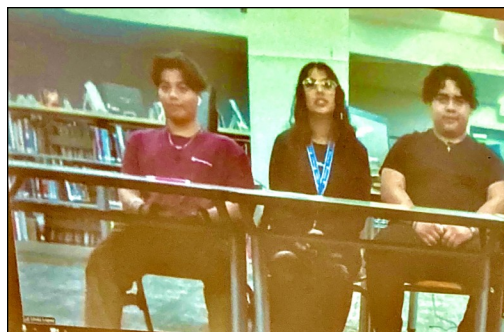
<http://browardrea.org>

Number 302

Via Zoom, We Celebrate Broward Students



The first speaker **Joelle Goldstein**, better known as Joey, is **Sandy Lefkowitz's** granddaughter. Sandy says, "She is a junior at **Nova University School** in Davie. She lives for the water and enjoys every water sport: scuba diving, snorkeling, surfing, paddle boarding and

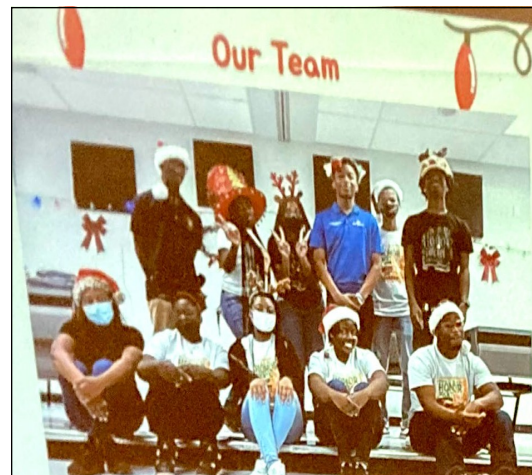


crew. At the age of 10, Joey started **SOL: Save Ocean Life**. Her goal is to preserve the ocean, spread awareness, educate others and keep our beaches clean. She has planned beach clean-ups that have grown from ten children at her

first event to over 100 at the event this past February. Each

event includes an interesting educational program. Past programs have been on sea turtles, sharks, manatees, ocean coral, plastic pollution, and more. Joey has received grants for SOL and has become an ambassador, speaking to groups. At seventeen she is determined to continue SOL to save our oceans."

The second group attend **Boyd Anderson HS** and presented their group **Latinos in Action** which provides a place of belonging that



feels like a family to recent immigrants. They provide role models and leaders and learn to accept each other in spite of their differences. The third group is the very active **National Honor Society** from **Blanche Ely HS**. They sponsor activities which are open to all students including holiday food and gift collections for low income families and a dodgeball tournament. For more info see **President Sue's** column on page 2.

May 5 Meeting

Time: 12:30

Place: Jim Ward Community Center
301 NW 46 Avenue, Plantation

Program: Diane Jarchow
Scholarship Awards
Installation of New Officers
"Celebration"



**Zoom Bingo April 28
1-3 PM**

**Bring to meeting:
BYOL**

(Bring Your Own Lunch)
Volunteer Hours
Aluminum pull-tabs
Old eyeglasses & Cellphones
A new member

2022-2023 Officers Elected

L to R: President, **Sue Colton**; President-Elect, **Anne French** Secretary, **Karen Avery**; and Treasurer **Marlise LeClerc**. They will be installed at the May meeting.



President's Corner

At our April Meeting Program, Highlighting Our Students, our members celebrated student leaders and outstanding service programs at three Broward high schools.

Joey Goldstein from **Nova University School**

presented SOL: **Saving Ocean Life**, a nonprofit "created by kids for kids" she founded when she was ten. <https://www.savingoceanlife.org>

Kayla Leveille-Lindor, **Stephen Uguagu**, and sponsor **Buffie Phillips-Lawrence** presented a powerpoint about their National Honor Society events and programs that engage all students at **Blanche Ely High School**. <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/5020>

Boyd Anderson High School students **Melissa Vargas**, **Xavier Rodriguez**, **Jose Fuentes**, and **Gustavo Villafranca**, officers of **Latinos in Action**, presented a video of the national organization, www.latinosinaction.org, and information on their activities and published collection of stories used to mentor younger students through their experiences as an immigrant or child of immigrant parents. <https://www.amazon.com/Latinos-Action-Influencing-Students-Story>

The results? Much applause and rave reviews by our membership for our student voices reflecting their choices, interests, passions, and ambitions. This is WHY we all became educators. Thank you, **Sandy Lefkowitz** and **Mary Ellen Fowler**, for organizing this BCREA monthly program. Thank you also to **Judy Mager**, Florida Retired Educators Association District 10 FREF Trustee, for attending and sharing vital information about the Florida Retired Educators Foundation and Annual Convention, May 24-26.

Sue



President-Elect's Corner

"Celebration" will be the theme of our May meeting! We will be toasting our members, students, and officers and even serving desserts. Sweets for our sweet members.

Broward County is in the forefront of retired educator groups around Florida. Many units still have not met in person! Broward has had in-person meetings since October. You can feel the energy and watch the camaraderie in the room as friends, old and new, get together. We even have hybrid meetings via Zoom allowing distant members or those who cannot attend to listen. (These hybrid meetings are a technological challenge. Kudos to our President, **Sue Colton** for navigating this new world!)

One focus of BCREA is to award scholarships to students who want to teach. At the May meeting we will be introducing some of this year's recipients. It is always rewarding to see the eager, excited students as they embark on the next phase of their lives.

In addition, we will be installing the 2022-2023 officers for BCREA and having some fun!

More Sweet News

Each year at the FREA Convention (May 24-26), Units from around Florida bring a Gift Basket celebrating 'National Day of ...' Broward will be putting together a basket celebrating National Honeybee Day, August 15. We will be assembling the basket immediately following our May meeting. Please bring bee-related items you may have. i.e., mugs, dish towels, jewelry, or pins. FYI - We have enough honey so enjoy that at home!

Anne

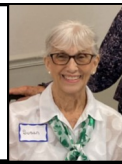


Membership

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Chair: Susan Lochrie



Time For Membership Dues - 2022-2023

Payments for Membership Dues started in March. We encourage you to pay early, before June 30, 2022, if possible. By paying dues of \$50. directly to BCREA you have only one check and mailing. Your State dues of \$35 will be sent to FREA by our Treasurer. The remaining \$15 is used for Broward Unit expenses. **IMPORTANT SUGGESTION:** You may receive a reminder from FREA to pay dues. If you choose to pay your dues directly to FREA, instead of to BCREA, please remember to add the local dues of \$15. to the payment in the appropriate space. We are reimbursed for the local dues by FREA. Please give me a call or email me with your questions about local and state dues. dues using the form below. Call or email me with 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

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

When I was a kid I wanted to be older...this is not what I expected

Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club*

(members over 85!)

May

Mary Hiers 5/07

Lizzie Johnson 5/21

Darlene Utry 5/26

Norma Cosby 5/28

Robert Green 5/31

June

Frances Smoot 6/24

July

Milton Brantferger 7/1

Marilyn Holmes 7/04

Arline McWhinney 7/04

Echo Heyer 7/10

Erma Bell 7/12

Jacqueline Jackson 7/12

Maude Storr 7/16

Pat Schroder 7/21

Marjorie Gregg 7/28

August

Alice Mack 8/14

September

Nancy Howell 9/01

Allegra Murphey 9/06

Eleanor Gaston 9/15

Annie Rawls 9/22

Mary Morris 9/25

Bobbie David 9/28



Diane Jarchow

Robin Newman

Lillian Small

Marsy Smith



In Memoriam

Frances Welch

2/2/22

Information Services

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Darcy Drago shares the following information and it's something we might want to insert into our health routine as we STAND TALL. Slouching can sap energy because it strains your neck, back, hips, and compromises oxygen flow to the brain according to Holly Phillips, M.D., author of *The Exhaustion Breakthrough*. When you're standing, make sure that your head and ears are directly above your shoulders. Your shoulders are directly in line with you hips. Your hips are in line with your knees and feet. When seated, your head and neck should be above your shoulders in line with your hips. Scan your body periodically and straighten up. Once in the habit, you'll feel more alert and energized! Summer is almost upon us! As we experience April showers and welcome the flowers of May, we anticipate June's summer arrival, up through the heat of August. Here is a compilation of activities from various sources to help us keep active in both mind and body: board games or card games for memory; Vitamin D can help osteoporosis (speak with your doctor); anxiety and depression may be reduced by getting outside for short periods of time; watching a sunset while eating ice cream; join or start your own book club with friends; attend a coffee group; visit a museum: (Plantation Historical Museum presently has a model train exhibit) or a historical society: (Fort Lauderdale Historical Society offers tours). When weather is appropriate, walk around flea or farmers markets or craft shows, engage in bird-watching, go fly a kite, bake your favorite cookies with a neighbor, volunteer and offer your skills at a library or community center. A final comment... due to the "COVID Time" many organizations still have not resumed their meetings, some have disbanded all together, thank you to our leadership and members for continuing to band together for camaraderie, volunteering hours of community service and supporting student scholarships. Whatever you do until we meet again in the Fall, stay fit, stay sharp and send positive thoughts to others.

Sallie

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc
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Happy Spring to All!

Just a gentle reminder:

Broward Schools Credit Union, (our depository) is very strict about accepting checks. **Please use blue or black pen (other color inks are not accepted), remember to use the correct date, and address to BCREA.** Thanks so much.

Our members have again been so generous in adding scholarship donations to their annual dues. The members below donated a collective \$1,390 to the Scholarship Fund. How generous BCREA members are! Gracias!

DONOR:		IN MEMORY OF:	
Emma Black		Eddie Pearl DeGraffenreidt	
Emma Black		Royetta Tunnage	
Pauline & Robert Green		Ulysses Jackson	
Philip Van Pelt		John Lyzott & Don Roberts	
UNDESIGNATED DONATIONS:			
Erma Bell	Milton Brantferger	Leslie Brown	
Betty Clark	Norma Cosby	Warren Cox	
Eleanor Gaston	Ann Graves	Echo Heyer	
Nancy Howell	Sharyn Iba	Denise Jones	
Marelise LeClerc	Susan Lochrie	Sally Macak	
Ron Mayhew	Cindy O'Linn	Betty Ouellette	
Jody Perry	Juanita Pringle	Sallie Sherwood	
Stanley Siesel	Rochelle Stunson	David Swartz	
Mary Taylor	Amada Walker		
<i>Marelise</i>			

Social Committee

Chair: Marianne Scott
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Thank you to everyone for remembering to recycle your bottles and cans last month. It was the largest amount that has been collected since we started recycling. May brings us our last meeting of the year and the last time you

will need to pack your lunch for 2021-2022. Whatever you choose to bring for lunch, make sure you save enough room to indulge in some Sweet Treats that will be served for all attendees to enjoy. See you on May 5.

Marianne



A highlight of the April meeting was a visit from District 10 Trustee **Judy Mager**. Although she lives in Tamarac, she's a member of the Miami-Dade REA.



Among the things she discussed was the availability of financial assistance for any member having financial difficulties.

If you missed out on Fun 'n Frolic day last month you



Bev's Bytes.....

missed a great time. Even the

Heritage Park ducks and geese joined us - hoping for a hand-out of course. Thanks to **James Etta Warner** for supplying most of the games and prizes and to **Carol Roland** for all the snacks! Next up - Zoom Bingo on April 28. So far, the Cultural Affairs Book Club has met 2 times and will meet at **Anne French's** home next week to discuss *The Glass Castle*. **LuAnn Comes** reported a total of 42 in attendance plus 8 on Zoom. Big THANKS to **President Sue** for trying to



Cultural Affairs

Chairman: **Carol Roland**

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First I would like to thank all of the members of the Cultural Affairs Committee for their hard work in providing activities including creating the BCREA Book Club monthly meetings, theater visit: *Sister Act*, and the Fun 'n Frolic Day. But we're not finished yet.....

All Aboard!

BrightLine is waiting for brave BCREA members (and guests) interested in riding to Miami or Palm Beach, having lunch together and returning.

Train departs on **Thursday, May 12**, about 11:15. Meet us at the Ft. Lauderdale station: 101 NW 2nd Avenue. Park in the adjacent garage, buy your tickets at the station or on line (Approximately \$15.) Destination is tentative based on member interests. If interested, - email me at carolrbeads@aol.com to sign up or for more details. Deadline April 28, 2022 to join your friends for a new adventure! *Carol*

work out the kinks with the hybrid presentation.

Winners in the scholarship fundraiser were **Josephine Walker**, \$20; **James Etta Warner**, \$10 and **Earthalene Perry**, \$10. (Second month in a row for both James Etta and Earthalene!) Winning the flowers were l-r, **Joyce Stokes**, new members **Carole D'Ausilio** and **Susan Os-theim** and **Sallie Sherwood**.



Thinking of **Robin Newman** who recently had heart valve surgery; **Diane Jarchow** who is fighting cancer, **Marsy Smith** and **Lillian Small** who both had deaths in their families. And that's the last byte for May and until the October Newsletter!



Community Service

Chairman: **Darcia Drago**

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Fluffys & staff at the Florida Humane Society. Your donation of pet supplies was ex-



Our annual report has gone in to FREA. In 2021 our unit re-

A big "thank you" from all the Fidos,

extremely generous. We unloaded over 3 big flat-bed carts of items.

ported 7,113 hours of volunteer service, understandably down in numbers due to Covid. Thanks to all of you who reported your service hours throughout



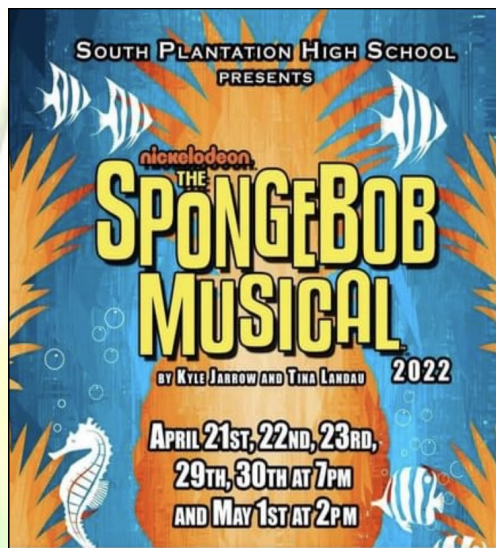
the year. **Dorothy Moore** was the winner of the volunteer hours drawing for April. Hope you have a healthy & enjoyable summer. See you next Fall. *Darcy*

- DATED MATERIAL -
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

Seen at the April Meeting



Left to right: Alyce Aspler looked festive in bunny ears and Val Proffer wore her Easter egg shirt!
 Jean Anderson and Mary Ellen Fowler



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 33063



Welcome New Members

Meryl Angelo
Marianne Barr
Carole D'Ausilio
Leslie Brown
Diana Carter
Betty Coby
Lisa Gemmell
Leda Itzkowitz
Cherline Jean-Pierre
Joanne Majerus
Cecelia McIntyre
Jody Perry
Darlene Pillsbury
Swarnia Thomas
Yvonne Yearwood



Marianne Barr,



Carole D'Ausilio

Susan Ostheim
 isn't brand
 new but this is
 her first
 meeting

