

November, 2009

Broward County Retired Educators' Association

Number 200

1st Meeting at Deicke Offers Double Programs



Social Chairman Lorene Broxton and Past-President Madeline Martin and a batty friend point the way to Deicke Auditorium.

November 5th Meeting

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Deicke Auditorium Address: 5701 Cypress Road Plantation (1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Geneaologist Dr. Deborah Duay

Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share Items for the Food Drive Gently-used men's clothing Books & Magazines for the VA Men's Clothing & Shoes Campbells labels Aluminum pull-tabs General Mills labels Blankies & Pillows

An enormous meeting room! Lots of parking! Beautiful chandeliers! A podium and microphone that works! Carpeting - except for the dance floor! And a grand piano available with permission from the Plantation Women's Club! All these and much more are the amenities at Deicke Auditorium, where BCREA held its first meeting in October. The one negative is that members who had a 5-minute drive (or walk!) now have to drive 20 -30 minutes more. The consensus seemed to be that it was worth it! The meeting was opened by President Linda Horton; Frances Smoot gave the thought for the day and led the group in the flag sa-

lute. The first part of the program was presented by Linda Maurice representing



the Nova-SE's Lifelong Learning Institute, who invited everyone to attend their **Welcome Week**, **October 5 - 8**. Each day Monday - Thursday, from 9:30 - 2:00 they will have presentations and both morning and afternoon classes that are examples of their regular program. If you receive this *Newsletter* before October 8 and wish to attend, call 954-262-8471. The main speaker of the day was **Marcia Bynoe**, a family

nursepractioner who oversees Health Education Services and Health



Components for the Broward County Schools. Her topic was the "Dreaded Flu Season" - which officially begins on October 1! She presented flu statistics.... there are 36,000 - 40,000 deaths from flu annually in the USA As of September 23, there have been over 8000 reported cases of the H1N1 flu and 9 deaths in Broward County. The World Health Organization has declared it a pandemic! The problem is this: it's very difficult to distinguish it from seasonal flu as the symptoms are the same for both. These include fever of 103 or higher; fatigue and weakness; sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, stuffy, runny nose; and muscle aches. One of the best preventatives is 15 seconds of hand washing. And, of course, she recommends getting a flu shot!

President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

Here we are going into our second meeting of our BCREA year. I must state that I was especially pleased

with holding our first meeting in our new home... **Deicke Auditorium**! The room is comfortable, the microphone works, no one other than our members are talking, no phones ringing! It was a pleasure! I hope all of those members who attended the 1st meeting had the same pleasant experience. And by the way, here is another most sincere welcome to our 11 new members who attended the 1st meeting. I would also like to thank the **Board**, **Madeline Martin**, **Pat Schroder** and **Margarite Falconer**, for their hard work.

I received a memo from Member Extra Inc. which included a flyer about FREA MEMBER BENEFITS [DISCOUNTS] All you need is your FREA card and the FREA Website: <u>frea.atriba.com</u> to order products from such companies as: Alamo, ADT, 1-800 Flowers. com and many more at reduced prices.

November is a month that reminds me of volunteering to help family, friends, and the community. It also brings to mind things we are thankful for. It is a month to reflect about our lives and how each of us is special and gifted. Perhaps, sharing these gifts with others in need would be helpful. Examples of these gifts might be: making a phone call to someone who lives alone, taking family members, friends, neighbors, to places they need to go, or giving them moral support by being there, contributing your time or money to organizations you feel are important. And now as a closing thought, I wish all of you

a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Vice-President's Corner

Ft. Lauderdale did us a favor by kicking us out and this place had some ambiance. If anyone needs a ride let me know. We all had a great time and enjoyed meeting new members.

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Linda

Our November program will be about geneaology presented by **Dr. Deborah Duay**, president of the Broward DAR. *Wargant*e



Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno 954-581-4731 BB9214@aol.com



This is the month that we start our Blood Bank drive for the year 2010. This is done in conjunction with the Broward Council of Senior Citizens. You do not give blood. All you need is \$2.00 and we will give you a card that entitles you to two pints of blood in any hospital in the nation in the event that you may need it. The card explains what you should do if you need this blood. We hope you will not need it, but if you do, you will have it. You may enroll your family members also. It is \$2.00 for each

person you enroll. Proceeds from this drive go toward scholarships for seniors enrolled in Broward County schools. You will be helping a worthwhile project and doing something to help yourself. Please join. Our committee is in need of one or two new members. If you are interested in this committee please let me know at the meeting. We can use you right away. This is not a big job and you would enjoy working with us. Get involved.

Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving. Kathlyn

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



At our November meeting we will once again help fill the pantry at the Cooperative Feeding Program by collecting nonperishable food items and "gently used" men's clothing and casual style shoes. Please donate as generously as you can to this worthwhile program that helps out so many in our community.

Big News! Over the summer our members amassed

More than 1,000

volunteer hours. This is an all-time record for our unit! Remember to turn in you community service hours at each of our meetings.

Darcy

Telephone Committee Chairman: Diane Texter 954-977-7247 Texterdr@webtv.net



The phone committee needs volunteers!! If you can help, give me a call or an e-mail! BCREA needs YOU! **Dianc**

Passages



Happy Birthday to our Birthday Club (members over 85!)

Turning 85 on 10/16: Dolores Thomas

Agnes Schnierer 11/09 Ruby Hutson-Hutchison 11/12 Frances Goodstein 11/20 Linnie Kidd 11/21 Ginny Dewar 11/25



Thinking of You.... **Edgar & Marian Elder**



BCREA Officers.... President Linda Horton 954-463-0192 Vice-President Marguerite Falconer 954-524-2938 Secretary Judy Joseph

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(Left)L to R: Front - Bev Hoppe, Frances Smoot, Rosetta Watkins, Arline Ziller; Back - Kathlyn Barno, Margarite Falconer, Susan Lochrie, Linda Horton and Joanne Davis

Nine Attend FREA District 10 Workshop in Miami Lakes

"Safari South - Explore the Possibilities" was the theme of the FREA District 10 Leadership Workshop held on September 15 at the Don Shula Hotel in Miami Lakes. The nine BCREA members pictured above attended. This was the first meeting held: Crime Watch was presented by Gonzalez Caldwell, Executive Director of the Citizens Crime Watch of Miami-Dade; and "Amazon Beyond," by Ron Magill of Metro Zoo. During the General Session, Susan Lochrie spoke about Membership and Linda Horton, about Health. District 10 FREF Chairman Frances Smoot reported that the Chinese Auction and donations raised \$501 for District 10's contribution to FREF.



hosted by new District 10 Director **Maurine Harrison** from the Dade County REA. Two break-out sessions were



Visiting FREA Officers: L to R: State Director Virginia West, President Marie Grein, President-Elect Esther Twichell & Treasurer Ann Winn

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Bev's Bytes....

Did you happen to notice on the front page that this is the **200th edition** of the BCREA Newsletter! At 8 issues per year, this



means the Newsletter is celebrating 25 years of publication!! I've been the editor for only the past 4 years. For the previous 21 years the editor was Thelma Hendricks. According to her husband Ken, when Lillian Lampkins was BCREA President, she asked Thelma if she could do a newsletter. And the rest is history!! Longtime member Ginny **Dewar** has moved to Tallahassee to be near her son Buddy and his wife Adele; and Dorsey Maynard has moved to Texas. Violet Dargan is still up in Sanford with her son; she sent a nice note and says, "I miss you all very much!" We miss you too Violet and hope you'll be back soon. There were 54 members at the October meeting, 11 of whom were new members. Of the 54 attending, 52 were women. Since Charlie and Martha Pipes were on a trip to Arizona, and Alphonso Giles was among the missing, the only 2 men were Bruce Arnold and John Curran. We have lots of men in our membership! Come on Fellows! We need you at the meetings! I asked many of the members who attended the October meeting if they liked our new "home" and if they thought the longer drive (for some) was worth the trip. Not one said they wished we were back at Holiday Park. It was unanimous that Deicke is a beautiful facility. Social Chairman Lorene Broxton reports that it made a big difference with everyone pitching in to clear the table after lunch! Thanks, everyone! In the 50/50 Rosetta Watkins won \$20; Barbara Morningstar, \$20 and Nancy Adams, \$10. If you get your Newsletter a little late this month, it's my fault. I'm late in getting it out since I spent the past weekend at Westside Regional with my husband Will who tripped over a garden hose and sustained a very nasty compound fracture of his left arm just above his wrist. I had to call 911 and we spent from Saturday morning until mid-afternoon Sunday at the hospital. He's improving, but with only one usable hand, he needs my help. So, the Newsletter will be done as soon as I can get it done! And here's the last byte for this time:



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Membership... Chairman: Susan Lochrie 954-525-8503 or slochrie@bellsouth.net



Currently, we have 280 members. We are expecting more members to join when all of the 2008-2009 retirees from the Broward County School Board, who now live in Broward County, receive our invitation to join. Membership information and

applications were mailed on October 10.

The new Members all retired from Broward County School System:

CAROL ANDREWS CATHALEEN BRAWER ELIZABETH CAMPBELL



If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining BCREA, please contact me and a packet will be mailed to them.

Susan

Left: Margarite Falconer won a \$50 American Express gift card at the District meeting! Below: Linda Horton presents Rosetta Watkins with a Literacy "patch" for her work with the 5th grade essay contest.



Left: **Madeline** gets in the Halloween spirit! **Below:** Chow time at the meeting!





Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to: Darcia Drago 4346 Carambola Circle North Coconut Creek, FL 33066 BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM	FREA Travel Chairman: Arline Ziller 954-781-4445 Email: arlinez11@gmail.com or <u>arlinez@juno.com</u>
Name	Travel and help support FREF scholarships for future teachers at no extra cost to traveler. ROYAL CARIBBEAN NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS 14- Night Transatlantic Cruise Departing Miami, Florida April 10, 2010 & extra day in Rome April 25, 2010 Ports of Call include: Tenerife, Canary Islands; Barcelona, Spain; Nice (Villefranche), France; Florence/ Pisa (Livono), Italy; Rome (Civitaveccia). RESERVE YOUR STATEROOM NOW!!!! Ship's Amenities Include: Royal Promenade -Main Street USA, great Ice Skating Shows, Mini-Golf Course, Solarium with an adult only pool, Flat Screen TV in every stateroom, Library, DVD's available, Exercise programs, Pool Deck and Spas, Shopping, Specialty Restaurants etc on this new ship. Feel renewed vitality. Your host Arline Zeller looks forward to traveling with you. We aren't allowed to print the fantastic prices in this Newsletter, but please call or e-mail me for that info. Please remember to include the following when you contact me: full name as on your passport, birth date, home address, home and cell telephone numbers, and your e-mail address. Pass- ports must be valid at least 6 months beyond dates of travel. Cruise prices include a one-day tour of Rome and a one- night stay in a first class hotel, visit to the Vatican and other famous places, transfers will be from the ship to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport. Also included is the airfare from Rome to Miami, April 25, 2010 <u>Be sure to</u> include your name, address & phone number when request-
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