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Author Crosby Keeps BCREA Crowd Awake!

"I've been retired for 987 days and never once have I awakened and said, 'Darn! Wish I could teach school today!'" says author **Bob Crosby**, the speaker at the October meeting of BCREA. This retired educator taught English, coached 38 seasons of athletics, produced 27 year-books and 24 years of school



newspapers. He attributes his silver-gray hair to the yearbooks! A graduate of Stranahan HS and FSU, he spent 33 of his 35 years at Northeast

High School where **Darcy Drago** was his principal for several of those years. "I'd always wanted to be an author," he declares. "I

thought I might be the next 'Agatha Crosby.' But I couldn't even figure out the mysteries I read, let alone come up with a story of my own!" It was around this time that the "Block Plan" was instituted in Broward County. To keep his students from falling asleep during the 90-minute classes, he began to tell stories about his classroom and athletic



experiences. And those stories became his book ***It Happened in School***. His sampling of stories must have impressed the folks at the meeting as he sold at least 35 books!

His next book will be a compilation of stories from other teachers, so if you have a great story you'd like to share, visit his website at <http://bobcrosby.net/> and send it to him.

November 4th Meeting
Time: 11:45 AM
Place: Deicke Auditorium
 Address: 5701 Cypress Road
 Plantation
 (1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)
Program: Donna Torrey - Master Gardner

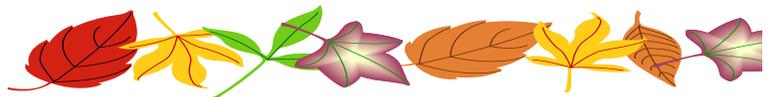
Bring to meeting:
 Potluck Dish to Share
 Items for the Food Drive
 Gently-used men's clothing
 Books & Magazines for the VA
 Men's Clothing & Shoes
 Campbells labels
 Aluminum pull-tabs
 General Mills labels
 Blankies & Pillows
 Check for Theater Tickets






8 New Members Attend October Meeting

Pictured above are 8 of the 33 new members who joined BCREA over the summer. Left to right are **Missy Belsito, Dianne Gordon, Jacqueline Stanback, Dianne Eager, Paulette Ballin, Brenda Mellowe, Patty Caliendo and Joan Paul.**



President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to all new and returning members. We are happy to have you with us.

For the 70 who attended the October meeting, you know how much fun we had - fast meeting, good food and a wonderful program! For the rest of you who didn't get there - you missed a good time. Come to the November meeting and sample some of the great food with forks. We're off to buy them by the gross (we ran out of forks).

A big thank you to all the committee chairs for pulling everything in on time. Our membership numbers are good and we had 70 attendees - a new record! If any of our newer members would like to get involved in our activities please give me a call. The members who have directories can help you find an officer or committee chair that would love to put you to work. Elsewhere in the Newsletter are the officers' numbers to call for information.

VERY Important: Don't forget to vote on or before November 2. This is a time where "due vigilance" is necessary. If we don't choose people to represent us who have our interests at heart, then we can't complain about what we get.

This month is Thanksgiving. Please, give thanks to whomever for whatever you are lucky enough to have. We so often forget how fortunate we are. Love to you all.

Margarite



Vice-President's Corner

Our featured guest speaker this month is **Donna Torrey** who is a Master Gardener with the University of Florida. Donna, along with her husband Jeff, owns "The Garden Gate" Nursery which is located next to Sears in the Pompano City-Center. Her topic is "It's Easy To Grow Herbs."

When I first met Donna, I was so impressed with her knowledge about plants. I felt as if she was a "walking and talking" book. If you could see her nursery you would know how much she loves nature. You may be interested in visiting her website before the presentation at www.donnasgardengate.com. Even if you grow herbs or have grown them, you may be surprised that there is something you didn't know. I'm looking forward to her presentation with open ears.

Barbara



Community Service

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According to the *Sun - Sentinel*, one in six people in Broward County faces hunger with regularity. In an effort to help alleviate this problem we will collect non-perishable food and "gently used" men's clothing at our November meeting. Our donations will go to

for **LifeNet4Families** (formerly the Cooperative Feeding Program). Many thanks for all the books and magazines for VA patients that you brought to our Oct. meeting. Together we can make a difference in our community.

Darcy

Telephone Committee

Chairman: Diane Texter
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The phone committee needs volunteers!! If you can help, give me a call or an e-mail! BCREA needs YOU!

Diane



2010-2012 FREA Touring Officers
State Director Catherine McCartney, Treasurer Ann Winn, President-Elect Thelma Mosley, and President Esther Twichell

Passages



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

Agnes Schnierer 11/09
**Ruby Hutson-Hutchison
11/12**

Frances Goodstein 11/20
Linnie Kidd 11/21

Ginny Dewar 11/25

And turning 85 this month

Mary Perfect 11/13
Mary Dunavent 11/20



Thinking of You
Bruce Arnold
Nancy Howell
Ruth Travers



In Memoriam
Jeanne Stanley 9/8/10

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Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards

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Bravo, BCREA! We have another "Cultural Affairs" first!

It was a pleasure to walk into the first meeting of the BCREA season and announce that all four of our shows were **SOLD OUT!**

It was also a pleasure to announce that the three theatres involved issued more tickets to me on the same dates, at the same times, in the same area, for the **SAME "EARLY BIRD" PRICES!** This was unbelievable.

Since the due date to pay for *Burn the Floor* has passed, that is a done deal. However, it is not too late to join in on the final three shows and enjoy the discount prices. The **November 4th meeting** is the last chance to purchase at these discount prices:

Ella at Parker Playhouse on Saturday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. for \$31.10,

Plaza Suite on Friday, March 18 at 8:00 p.m. and

Light in the Piazza on Saturday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m. both at The Broward Stage Door Theatre for \$33.00 each.

I advise each of you to check your calendars, ask your friends and family to join in, and then send me a check for your tickets as they are "going fast"!

Make all checks payable to **BCREA** and send them to

Michele Edwards, 1933 NW 107 Drive, Coral Springs, FL, 33071.

Refer to the October Newsletter, on the website at <http://browardrea.org> or in your snail mail for details about the shows and for order forms. If you do not have an order form, note the shows in the check memo and/or include a note of explanation. **Do it now!!!!** I would love to announce at the November 4th meeting that the additional tickets are also sold out! It takes you to make that happen.

Michele



These 13 members attended the District 10 Meeting in WPB:
L to R: Ann French, Bev Hoppe, Kathlyn Barno, Rosetta Watkins, Marelise LeClerc, Arline Ziller, Frances Smoot, Mel Wenig, Barbara Morningstar, Susan Lochrie, Joanne Davis, Margarite Falconer and Linda Horton

Bev's Bytes...

How amazing that we had 70 in attendance at the October meeting. AND, there was plenty of food to go around. We're sorry to report that our 50/50 ticket salesman **Bruce Arnold** has had a setback in his health and missed the October meeting. **Linda Horton** and **Arline Ziller** filled in for him and took in a whopping \$226 in ticket sales! We hope he'll be back with us soon. Winners were **Ann McClintock**, \$20; **Paulette Ballin**, \$20 and **Pat Schroder**, \$10.



I didn't find out why, but **Nancy Howell** had her arm in a sling - hope it isn't too serious, Nancy. **Charlie Pipes** wants people to know he's been wearing an eyepatch due to eyelid surgery, not cataract surgery (and not because he's a pirate!)



We welcomed **Marjuree Larin**, Nancy Harvey's replacement from **Bright Star Credit Union**, who gave a rundown of their current activities. Visit their website at <http://BSCU.org> for the scoop!...Thirteen members trekked to West Palm Beach on September 21 to attend the District 10 Fall Workshop. The meeting held sessions on internet dangers



and crime prevention as well as a rousing exercise session after lunch. While there we heard the sad news that District Director **Maurine Harrison's** husband had died suddenly only 2 weeks before - yet she made it to the meeting. Our condolences go out to her and her family. Also, we send condolences to **Ruth Travers** whose youngest son **Bruce** succumbed to cancer on September 3, only 5 weeks after it was discovered. Stage Door Theater gave BCREA 6



free tickets for being such good patrons. I got 3 for **Will**, his sister **Claire** and me; **Mel Wenig**, **Marelise LeClerc** and **Michele Edwards** got the others! And that's the last byte for this time.

Bev

Membership...

Chairman: **Susan Lochrie**
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Currently we have 313 members and we are waiting for those who have not yet renewed for 2010-2011 to send in their membership dues. Members who have not renewed have recently received a phone call reminder. We have 33 new members and are expecting more of the recent retirees to join. Please call or e-mail me if you want a membership information packet sent to someone who is retired. Dues are \$45. Checks are made payable to BCREA.

We welcome our newest members:

- Marilyn Apau**
- Paulette Ballin**
- Mary Brady**
- Margaret Burkhart**
- Dianne Eager**
- Lorraine Galipault**
- Linda Diane Gardner**
- Dianne Gordon**
- Colleen Gore**
- Jo Harned**
- Marsha Hoffman**
- Brenda Mellowe**
- Frances Merenstein**
- Joan Paul**
- Cheryl Retchin**
- Judith Signorini**
- Jacquelyn Stanback**

Member Spotlight:

Lillian Wilson

Lillian Wilson was 83 years old on June 17, 2010 and is grateful for her long career

as a teacher. Her students have been in all three stages of life: Youth, Middle Age and the Elderly. Lillian was born in Tennessee and went on to study at Hiwassee College and completed her degree at East Tennessee State. She taught for a time in Georgia then moved to Brevard County, where she taught for 10 years in the early days of the Space Program. She later moved to Broward County and taught at Stephen Foster Elementary. Lillian spent 30 years teaching first and second grade children.

Then she worked in Adult Education where she taught English to foreign students and Reading to adult non-readers at Deerfield Beach High School.

She has also taught motivational classes in nursing homes in the northern part of Broward County, where she helped the residents to use their thinking and memory skills.

Lillian says of her many humorous memories — "Little children say funny things because they don't know any better and the elderly nursing home residents say funny things because they don't care what they say."



Susan

Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:
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 Coconut Creek, FL 33066

BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
 (Please Print)

Month _____, 200_____

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: _____



FREA Travel...

Chairman: Arline Ziller
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To see a list of the upcoming trips, look back at the October Newsletter - they're all still available this month. For full information on these trips, including prices, visit <http://frea.org/FreaTravelMay2010-2011BULLETIN.html>

You can reach me 24/7 and the goal is to enjoy yourselves while supporting the Scholarship Fund! Remember our travel is available to everyone so if you know a group or anyone that would like information and would like to travel with us, just let me know.

Arline



Scholarship Donations

Donations with no designation
Cathaleen Brower
Jacquelyn Stanback
Diane Gordon

Summer donations omitted last month:
 Donor In Memory Of
Pauline & Robert Green **Ulysses Jackson, Sr.**

Undesignated Donations

Bettye Bradshaw	Alphonso Giles
Harriette Hadley	Echo Heyer
Lizzie B. Johnson	Phyllis Kublin
Carol Merz	Allegra Murphy
Richard Perry	Mildred Peterson
Frederick & Alfreda Pinkston	Joe C. Reddick
Susan Rose	Glenn & Rita Sanderson
John & Jane Schuller	Norman VaBuskirk
William J. Wilson, Jr.	



Directory

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The 2010 - 2011 Directory will go to press immediately following the November meeting. Please contact me (954-977-7247 or dardra@at.net) with any changes that you have not already reported to Susan Lochrie.

Darcy

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Scenes from the October Meeting



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