

## Historian Myette Tells Tales of Old Florida

City of Fort Lauderdale Historian **Tim Myette's** reputation as a humorist precedes him. He began his presentation with a tale about a man who noticed all during his

life that the Virgin Mary always looked sad. At last he entered the pearly gates and immediately looked for Mary to ask the reason for her dour expression. Her answer:

"I really wanted a girl!" Of course, this has nothing to do with the history of Fort Lauderdale which is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. He did relate his story of how the city got its name: According to Myette, President Andrew Jackson sent Major Lauderdale to eliminate the Seminole Indians in the area. Because forts were given the names of their commanding officers, the fort his men built was named Fort Lauderdale. He also related the story



of Henry Flagler and how he managed to obtain valuable beachfront property in exchange for building the Florida East coast railway system.

### BCREA Hosts District 10 Workshop

By Anne French

BCREA recently hosted retired educators from Dade and Palm Beach for the annual District 10 Leadership Workshop. **John Knox Village** in Pompano Beach was the location for this September 15 event. After a continental breakfast, FREA state officers updated the group about unit activities around the state, legislative priorities, changes in the FREA committee structure and ways to increase membership.



"Searching for Your Roots - An Introduction to Genealogy." Membership chairs

and unit treasurers also met in focus groups. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by John Knox. Since people were able to select just what they wanted for their entrees, sides and desserts everybody's taste buds were happy!

There were several winners at this daylong session. The FREF future teacher scholarship account is \$405 richer due to the generosity of participants. Chocolate decadence, snack attack, game night and kitchen gadgets were among the dozen themed baskets donated by members for the raffle to benefit the fund. In addition, **Rosetta Watkins** won a \$50 gift card for Outback

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Attendees then had an opportunity to attend 2 workshops. "The Matter of Balance" presented by **Syndee Schwartz**, a licensed physical therapist from Holy Cross Hospital, focused on ways to maintain and improve our balance and stability as we get older. In addition, **Dr. Debbie Duay** presented



**November 3rd Meeting**

**Time:** 11:45 AM

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

**Program:** Kathy Mathis - Long Term Care

**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  
Campbell's labels  
Aluminum pull-tabs  
General Mills labels  
Blankies & Pillows  
Check for Theater Tickets

## President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

What a turnout for the first meeting of the year! We had a record 86 attendees. Many were new members and some were guests who joined on the spot. Thank you all for coming to find out what we're about (besides eating good food). When we join our voices together we have a shout that the legislature seems to hear. In the past we have raised such a ruckus about what the elected officials have tried to do with our money that they have backed down on a few things. We are an articulate group of people who have spent our lives trying to improve the lives of others. One of our goals is to continue to help raise the retirement living standards for educators across the state. As Thanksgiving approaches, please give a thought to the great lives we have lived. More than any other generation in history have we had such a cornucopia of riches. If we didn't have something, we had the imagination - or as my grandmother used to say - the "gumption" to go out and either invent it or demand someone else invent it. Please don't lose your "gumption." Keep up the volunteer work you do. Keep making those around you aware of what's happening locally and in the world. We charged ourselves with these goals when we entered our profession. We can't stop now. *Margarete*



## Vice-President's Corner

Our November meeting will feature the "Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program" presented by Ms. **Kathy Mathis**. Last year one of our members, **Rita Weiss**, approached me and said, "There is a very worthwhile program that all our members should know about. It is an organization that seeks to improve the lives of Florida's elders by ensuring the health, safety, welfare and rights of long term care residents." Rita said that several years ago she was in a desperate situation where she needed help when her father was in a nursing home. This organization provided the assistance she needed and she was so grateful that she made a promise to herself that when she could, she would return the favor by volunteering with this group to help others. She has been a volunteer with this group for almost two years. Rita said, "You never know when you or a loved one will be in a nursing home and may need help with a bad situation. This group will be there to help you."

*Barbara*



## Community Service /Directory

Chairman: **Darcia Drago**  
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### Community Service

At our November meeting we will collect nonperishable food items and gently used men's shoes and clothing for the Cooperative Feeding Program. Their pantry gets low at this time of year and hopefully we will brighten the holiday season for some Broward residents who are in need of a helping hand. Thanks to those of you who brought in coupons for our troops and books and magazines for VA patients. Please remember to report your volunteer service hours each month.

### Directory

The 2011 - 2012 Directory will go to press immediately following the November meeting. Please contact me at 954-977-7247 or [dardra@at.net](mailto:dardra@at.net) with any changes that you have not already reported to Susan Lochrie.

*Darcy*

## Literacy

Chairman: **Rosetta Watkins**  
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**Fifth Grade Essay Contest** - We will participate in the Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA) fifth grade essay contest again this year. Hopefully we will have the state winner.

**Book Donation** - The literacy Committee will continue to collect slightly used books to be given to an after school program for children in kindergarten thru fifth grade. We will accept book donations thru May 2012.

**Literacy Hours** - Remember to report all of your literacy hours since our last meeting in May and each month thereafter until April 2012. We are trying to win another Literacy patch at the State Assembly and Convention.

*Rosetta*



# Passages



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

- Agnes Schnierer 11/09
- Mary Perfect 11/13
- Mary Dunavent 11/20
- Frances Goodstein 11/20
- Linnie Kidd 11/21
- Ginny Dewar 11/25
- And turning 85 this month
- Catherine Johnson 11/12



Thinking of You  
 Madeline Martin  
 Arline Ziller

In Memoriam



- Ruby Hutson-Hutchison  
 8/17/11
- Judith Signorini 1/15/11

## BCREA Officers....

- President**  
 Margarite Falconer  
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 Barbara Morningstar  
 954-781-4356
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 Josephine Walker  
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 Marelise LeClerc  
 954-962-7343



# Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards

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Wow!!!! What a response!!!! As of BCREA's October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, below is the status on available seats for our Cultural Activity Season for 2011-12. I am pleased that we are nearly sold out!

- "Billy Elliott" - SOLD OUT!!!!
- "Red Hot Lovers" - SOLD OUT!!!!
- "The Birds" - THREE SEATS Left

***THE BIRDS*** by Conor McPherson **Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 2pm**  
**Mosaic Theatre @ American Heritage Season**  
**Price (\$30.60/After 10/15/11 \$35.05) 3 SEATS LEFT!**

Since prices go up on October 15, send your check made payable to BCREA, to  
 Michele Edwards,  
 1933 NW 107 Drive,  
 Coral Springs, FL, 33071.



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



Pat Schifini receives her Volunteer of the Year Certificate from District Direc-



These 18 members attended the District 10 Meeting :  
 L to R: Front - Josephine Walker, Ann French, Margarite Falconer, Frances Smoot, Madeline Martin, and Kathlyn Barno; Back - Bev Hoppe, Rosetta Watkins, Marelise LeClerc, Barbara Morningstar, Pat Schifini, Susan Lochrie, Echo Heyer, Linda Horton, Joanne Davis, Mel Wenig and Arline Ziller . Marjuree Larin also attended but left before the photo was taken.

## Bev's Bytes...

We achieved a new record in meeting attendance with a high of 86 at the October meeting! AND, several of our regulars weren't even there: **Darcy Drago** and **Judy Joseph** were traveling in Latvia; **Linda Horton** was in Washington State; **Arline Ziller** was having eye surgery; **Madeline Martin** was recuperating from recent surgery; and **Frances Smoot** was missing as well -



**Echo Heyer** filled in to give the invocation and flag salute. We were delighted to see **Bruce Arnold** at the meeting as health problems had plagued him all last year. We had a big group of new and prospective members, many of whom are quite witty - in evidence as they introduced themselves. **Ilene Garland** announced she had lived in FtL for 62 years! Not to be outdone, **Barbara Wilder** added that she was born here in 1938! Winners of the 50/50 were new member **Renee Rubin**, \$20; **Pat Roberts**, \$20; and **Nancy Ruiz**, \$10.



Many thanks to **Bright Star** rep **Marjuree Larin**, who provided new club stationery. She also was one of the attendees at the District 10 meeting. Visit their website at <http://BSCU.org> for all the scoop!

Bad news for us! Cultural Affairs Chairman **Michele Edwards** and her husband have bought their dream home in Stuart and will be moving up there in the near future. And that's the last byte for this time. *Bev*

## Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie  
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**BCREA Meetings** are a great way to stay in contact with retired friends. All retired educators and support personnel are invited to be members of the Association. Call your friends and ask them to come with you. Polls have shown that the personal touch is the best way to attract new members and retain present members. Please contact me by phone or e-mail if you have questions about becoming a member. Please send me the address of someone who should be mailed a membership packet. The BCREA website <http://browardrea.org> has information and past Newsletters. Dues are \$45. per year and includes membership in the Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA). STRENGTH IS IN

**NUMBERS!** When we speak with our Florida Legislators about saving our pension benefits they ask, "How many members are in your organization?" The more people who join FREA and BCREA the more power we will have in making our concerns heard by the legislators. FREA will notify us of any bills which could negatively affect our pension benefits. We will get information on how to contact our lawmakers. **SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012.** The Annual BCREA Scholarship Luncheon will be at the newly renovated Tropical Acres Restaurant. Plan to bring friends and family and have a good time and help raise funds for scholarships. *Susan*

## Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno  
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Have you gotten your flu shot yet? If not, see your doctor as cold and flu season is upon us. The holidays are here and along with our winter visitors and tourists come the winter unsavory characters who are up to no good. At this time of the year we are approached for numerous donations for charity. We should be very careful in responding to requests for

donations. All requests may not be legitimate. Before giving to any charity, we need to be sure that it is a "charity". [Charitynavigator.org](http://Charitynavigator.org) and [Guidestar.org](http://Guidestar.org) are two web sites where you can find much information about thousands of charities. Know where your money is going and for what purpose. Have a great Thanksgiving and great shopping afterwards.. *Kathlyn*

## Welcome New Members

Michael Cassaw  
Nancy Gagliano  
Dolores "Dee" Heyman  
Adelia Jones  
Leah Kelly  
Amanda Miles  
Florence Miner  
Benjamin Mingle  
Gladys Richard  
Lamont Roberts  
Renee Rubin

Dominic DiSanto  
Rona Hager  
Barbara Hugley  
Iris Kauffman  
Mamie Gooden-Lee  
Sylvia Milks  
Diana Mingle  
Jeanette Petrozella  
Robyn Roach  
Harriet Rubenstein  
Marcia Steiner

Susan Whiting

Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:  
**Darcia Drago**  
 4346 Carambola Circle North  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Steakhouse provided by John Knox.  
 BCREA members organizing this event were Chairman **Anne French, Kathlyn Barro, Margarite Falconer, Bev Hoppe, Marelise LeClerc, Susan Lochrie, Barbara Morningstar, Patricia Schifini, and Arline Ziller.**



**FREA Travel...**

Chairman: **Arline Ziller**  
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For full information on FREA travel, including prices, visit <http://frea.org/benefits/travel>

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*

**From the Treasurer**

**Marelise LeClerc**  
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Sincere appreciation is extended to **Bruce Arnold** for his very generous scholarship donation of \$1000 given in memory of **Coach John Lyzott**. BCREA is very grateful to Mr. Arnold, as this charitable contribution will assist a worthy student to pursue his/her quest to become an educator. Thank you to all who sent in scholarship money along with your yearly dues. Any amount is truly appreciated - \$5, \$10, \$20. It all adds up!

**Scholarship Donations**

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Mary Perfect	Robert Lamby
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Gwendolyn Batie	Mamie Gooden-Lee
Dee Heyman	Amanda Miles
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# Scenes from the October Meeting



# Scenes from the District 10 Meeting



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