

BCREA Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association website: <http://browardrea.org>

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Monster Matthew Causes Meeting Cancellation!

November 3rd Meeting

Time: 11:45 AM

Place: Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Honor Flight South Florida
Celebrating our Veterans

Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share
Stuffed Animals for
Law Enforcement
Kids' books for Literacy
Box tops & labels for education
Aluminum pull-tabs
Cell Phones & Eyeglasses
Blankies & Pillows
Used Duffel bags & book-
bags

The October 6 meeting of BCREA was cancelled due to the approach of the first hurricane since Wilma in 2005.

Category 4 Hurricane Matthew had trouble deciding exactly what route he would travel, and in the end, it was his meandering that saved Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties. A tiny move to the east kept most of SoFla from major damage. Except for a few power outages and a few downed palm fronds, they dodged a bullet that resulted in massive flooding and gusts of 100 mph farther north. More than 500,000 Floridians were advised to evacuate and 3500 National Guard members were activated. Over 100 million lost power

throughout the state. The storm surge in Jacksonville reached 4.5 feet - the highest since 1898! In St. Augustine, 20 guests had to be rescued from a bed and breakfast because they didn't evacuate! Sadly, at least 12 people in Florida died because of the storm. And there were many in the Carolinas who suffered much more loss - both property and lives - as Matthew blew ashore. Worst of all were the 1000 victims and the total devastation in Haiti where they now fear a cholera epidemic.

The meeting may have been cancelled and folks may have made unnecessary preparations, but overall it was an inconvenience at most. How very fortunate!



Pictured at left are the nine BCREA members who attended the FREA District 10 meeting on Wednesday, September 21 in Lake Worth. Front: Echo Heyer, Rosetta Watkins, Frances Smoot; Rear: Susan Lochrie, Betty Ouelette, Carol Roland, Diane Texter, Josephine Walker and Anne French.

Below, right: The 3 representatives from the District 10 clubs: George Ellis, VP Miami Dade; Ron Scharnweber President, Palm Beach; Echo Heyer, Presi-



President's Corner

There are a lot of BCREA members who are Floridians from way back. I know this past week they were thinking of the hurricanes they had experienced in the past. On Wednesday night while awaiting the winds and rain, I started to think about the hardest hurricane I had ever experienced. I was about 11 or 12 and lived not far from where I do now. The winds came up and there was the most fierce rain that we had ever seen. My mom and I mopped up walls in the dining room all night long. The wind was blasting the water right through the CBS walls. It was the hardest I had ever worked!

Later it was said that they had seeded the hurricane with dry ice and that is what caused the terrific rain.

In the morning we were the only house that wasn't surrounded by water. Everyone else was flooded. Out on our lawn was a "pound puppy" dog that someone had brought to high ground and left. He stayed with us for many years. So that hurricane wasn't so bad after all.

I'm sure all of us have "hurricane stories." We should get together at lunch in November and share our stories. We have so many connections. **Carol**

Roland is going to do a survey of your interests. It will be interesting to see how many we have in common.

The November meeting is going to be very special! We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Echo



President-Elect's Corner

I am so sorry that our October meeting was cancelled since it would have been a great way to meet new people and make our minds stay active. However, we have great plans for November.

In recognition of Veterans' Day, we will salute our armed forces veterans with a presentation by **Honor Flight South Florida**. We will see a brief video of the Honor Flight program and hear some WWII veterans talk about their experiences.

Please note: At the beginning of the meeting Plantation High School JROTC will be presenting the colors, so please arrive early.

Carol



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Gee, it will certainly be wonderful to get together again to see and chat with everyone. I was so looking forward to seeing the new people last month but Matthew ruined that. Thank goodness we were spared the brunt of the storm; however I am sure that everyone was well prepared. We've been down this road before.

By the time you receive this, some of us will have already voted in this election. If you have not yet voted, make certain that you do. It is crucial that you cast your vote. If you know anybody who is hesitant about voting, convince them that this is part of being a true American. How you vote now will determine what happens to your life for the

next four years and even longer. It could even affect your grandchildren's lives. Your vote is Important. Every vote matters.

We are now coming into the holiday season that is laden with parties and goodies. This is a time that we have to be cautious of indulging in too many foods that can be harmful to our health. One way to combat this through exercise. Health experts recommend aerobic exercises like swimming and walking. Not only will it help tone our bodies but it also helps our brain to synthesize serotonin and boost the production of dopamine. These exercises also produce endorphins which is the source of "runner's". *Kathlyn*

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Passages



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

Runette Williams 11/09

Mary Perfect 11/13

Mary 'Betty' Weber 11/17

Mary Dunavent 11/20

Dorothy Johnson 11/21

Martha Pipes 11/06

And turning 85...

Helen King 11/07



Thinking of You
Sylvia Milks
Priscilla Peck
Nancy Ruiz

In Memoriam



Betty Deacon 7/18/16

Barbara Doherty 9/9/16



Just because it was summer didn't mean the Membership Committee was relaxing. Pictured at left are Robin Newman, Lynne Ogden, Ilene Miller who joined me at the SBBC Retirement Breakfast to recruit new members. On the right are Jeri Cross. Pat Boss and Diane Jarchow who assisted with mailing out membership applications and information to the many new retirees. Thanks to all of you! Susan

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Thanks to everyone who voted in the JetBlue Soar With Reading competition, Fort Lauderdale was the national winner. This article appeared in the SunSentinel.



Children check out one of the vending machines full of books available to read as part of JetBlue Airways' Soar with Reading Program. Fort Lauderdale won 65 percent of votes cast in the national online #BookBattle competition.

How do you spell victory? 100,000 books for f-r-e-e

By ARLENE SATCHELL
Staff writer

Fort Lauderdale will receive 100,000 free children's books in summer 2017 as part of the Soar with Reading Program, JetBlue Airways announced Monday.

Soar with Reading — a joint project between JetBlue and Random House Children's Books — will provide the books through vending machines situated in areas where access to age-appropriate

books is limited, JetBlue said. Fort Lauderdale won 65 percent of votes cast in the national online #BookBattle competition that ended Aug. 31. It beat out Boston, New York City and Long Beach, Calif.

"We are elated the public has chosen to bring our Soar with Reading Program to children in Fort Lauderdale," said Icema Gibbs, JetBlue's director of corporate social responsibility, in a state-

ment. "We look forward to giving back to our youngest neighbors, helping to foster their love of reading and providing them the opportunity to build their own libraries at home."

JetBlue is the busiest carrier at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, with 23.9 percent of passenger traffic this year through July, airport records show.

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Hilton Head, South Carolina...



Fayetteville, North Carolina...



Charlotte, North Carolina...



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Community Service

At our November meeting we will collect stuffed animals to donate to law enforcement for distribution to children in crisis situations. Thanks for supporting our community outreach projects throughout the year and for reporting your volunteer hours.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!



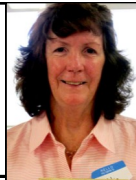
Handbook

The 2016-17 membership handbook will go to press immediately following November meeting. Copies will be distributed in December and will be mailed to members who live out of the local area and to shut-ins. Committee chairs need to have a list of their committee members to me by the November meeting.

Darcy

Social Committee

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Hopefully everyone survived the "storm" without too much trouble. We should be thankful that we were not directly in the storm's path. Speaking of being thankful, I am sure that at our November meeting, we will be able to sample many tasty Thanksgiving delights and give thanks for all of the delicious cuisine which we are able to share.

We will also add a little patriotic flair to this month's meeting, so break out your RED, White and Blue! Our guest speakers for November will be representatives from the Honor Flight South Florida. This organization allows us to say thank you to the veterans who sacrificed

so much for us. You can Google this organization at honorflightsouthflorida.org or visit them on Facebook and view tributes, personal stories and testimonials about our veterans. As always, just a friendly reminder to remove your items from the back table when you leave the meeting.

Sallie



Friendship

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Hi Everyone!! Hope you all had a "good" experience this past week with our visit from Matthew!! I know I did and what a relief!! No power outage....not too much yard damage....but have to say I was most disappointed that our October meeting had to be cancelled. I was really looking forward to seeing everyone after a long summer....but know it had to be done. October has brought several birthdays of our 85+ members, so birthday cards are going out to them. Also, I've had notices from some of you that some members have been ill, had surgery, or

lost loved ones, so Get-well and Sympathy cards have gone out to them to let them know they are in our thoughts too. Without everyone's help I would be unable let our members know that their BCREA friends are thinking of them during their happy or difficult times. My address and phone number are listed in our Directory. So...as the French say.."Au Revoir" Matthew! Glad you are gone!! Hope to see everyone in November - definitely it will be our "Thanksgiving Time!!"

Julia

Bev's Bytes.... I've been following the adventures of **Margarite Falconer** and **Marelise LeClerc** in Australia. To check out some of Margarite's "travelogue" see page 6!

Last month, I made a mistake on one of the winners of May's scholarship drawing. I mis-identified **Mary Ellen Fowler** (below) as **Priscilla Peck**. I realized my mistake



when I ran into Priscilla in Publix - with her arm in a sling! She broke it while on vacation in Germany! She's on the mend but still can't drive! **Sylvia Milks** has been hospitalized for 3 weeks and will soon be moving to rehab. **Nancy Ruiz** remains hospitalized. Even though she now lives in Vermont, **Madeline Martin** keeps in touch. And

she has plans to attend the February Scholarship Luncheon - she's planning to winter on the west coast of Florida and will make a special trip for the luncheon and to see everyone! Does anyone remember this 40th Anniversary cake Madeline had Publix create? I kept it all these years - finally tossed it in a big closet clean-out last week. Bye-bye cake! And that's the last byte for this time! *Bev*



FREF Extravaganza
Tickets - Only \$10.00

Buy your tickets **NOW** for a Chance to WIN:

\$500 Cash - 1st Prize

\$300 Cash - 2nd Prize

\$200 Cash - 3rd Prize

\$100 Cash - Guaranteed Prize to a winner in District 10: Dade, Broward or Palm Beach.

Donations are used to fund scholarships for future Florida teachers. Buy Tickets at the meeting or by filling out the form below and send with a check to:

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1017 NE 28 Drive
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this also includes literacy hours)

Volunteer hours working with youth _____
(Persons 25 years of age or younger;
This also includes literacy hours)

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Happy Thanksgiving

FREF announces a \$1,000 grant open to an educator working in a Florida School. This grant is for a project that a current teacher, counselor, administrator or other school professional wants to do in the classroom, or school. It is not for tuition. One of last year's winners wanted to start a robotics club in an elementary school and needed seed money for equipment. The other winner wanted to beef up the orchestra at her middle school. The application is available at FREA.org.

Entries are due to FREA by February 15. Awards will be made in April 2017.

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Margarite and Marelise Tour "Down Under"

On September 15, **Margarite Falconer** and **Marelise LeClerc** left on a grand adventure of a month touring Australia and New Zealand. A few days later, I tried emailing them to see if they were able to correspond from such a distance! Voila! The following tidbits came from Margarite. I downloaded this map and followed their journey,

learning quite a bit about the countries as well as her impressions of things.

9/19 I use the office center in the hotel to talk to people..

Australia is fabulous.

9/21 We're leaving Adelaide, South Australia tomorrow for Alice Springs. It's cold here and supposed to be warm in the desert. I'll believe it when I see and feel it.

We went to the "beach" tonight for dinner. We all had on long pants, gloves, hats, sweaters and parkas. We watched the sun set over the Southern Ocean.

It's some country. Parts of it seem like Key West, Dallas and Houston all rolled into one. Of course it's cleaner, more polite, friendlier and safer but other than that... (*I asked if they'd seen any kangaroos)

Yes, Kangaroos and kaolas. I have a picture of me holding one - kaola - not kangaroo!

We're going to the big red rock in the middle of the

country, Ayers Rock. Some of our group is going to get up at 5:30 to watch the sun rise. I'll just tell everyone that my picture of the sunset is the other. Who's to know?

9/24 At Ayers Rock. Went walking in, around, and around it in a bus. Many of these travelers feel that

you don't get the majesty of it all unless you walk it. Driving is just fine. I had to get out and walk into this broken off piece that you don't see in pictures to view a dried up waterfall. Nice. I mean it. A water hole in the middle of the desert inside a big rock. The whole thing is surreal.

9/28 In Sydney. Older twisty streets. More cosmopolitan than

other places. Supposed to rain today. Saw the Harbor Bridge last night - beautiful!

10/1 - I don't know if I told you about going to the Sidney opera house to hear a concert. Over the top. Beautiful music...I got me an emu egg!!!! Look it up. Not as big as an ostrich but hefty.

Flew out to New Zealand today. It looks like the Lord of the Rings movie. Cloudy, damp and dark.

(Lots more - but no more room! They'll be back 10/15!)

