

Newsletter



October, 2016

Broward County Retired Educators' Association

Number 255

Record Nine Scholarships Presented in May

Pictured (standing) L-R are the 2016 BCREA and FREF Scholarship winners: **Cara Steinberg**, Marjory Stoneman Douglas; **Abbey Jo Tomaszewski**, Coral Glades; **Carla Corsetti**, West Broward; **Rebecca Skumatz**, Nova; FREF Joel Creasy Memorial Scholarship: **Alejandra Gonzalez**. (Sitting) **Jennifer Gaver**, University of Florida, 2nd year; and **Eliette Casimir**, FREF BCREA Scholar. Not pictured are 3rd year winner **Alyssa Celestin**, who attends Tennessee State University; 2nd year winner **Andree Devove**, entering her senior year at FSU and on her way to China for a "study abroad" tour; and FREF Scholar **Krista Roberts**.



October 6 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Carol Roland - Getting to Know You



Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share
Your Volunteer hours
Used eyeglasses & Cell Phones
Aluminum pull-tabs
Box tops for Education
Coupons for our troops
Blankies & Pillows
New or gently used kids' books



Pictured above are 3 of the 4 BCREA officers for the 2016-2017 club year. From the left, Returning for the 7th year as treasurer, **Marelise LeClerc**; Returning for the 6th year as secretary, **Josephine Walker**; in her 2nd year as president, **Echo Heyer**; and District 10 Director and past-president of BCREA **Margarite Falconer** who did the installation. Missing from the photo is President-Elect **Carol Roland**.

President's Corner

Welcome to Year 50 plus one! Our first meeting, October 6th, will be a happy one with a getting to know you theme led by **Carol Roland**, our President Elect. She has put together a great group of programs for the year.



We are continuing our theme of **CONNECTIONS**. Through out the year we will explore things we hold in common. I know that many of you have had adventures that are exciting and very different. So, I would like to share some of those things in my upcoming columns. Maybe you were Prom Queen like **Diane Texter** or perhaps you grew up in an unusual area because of an unusual reason like **Nancy Howell**. Call me or e-mail me with your experience or adventure. After all we are so much more than just educators. Your Board has many plans for the year. We have the Community Service projects, the Literacy program, Scholarship Awards, and our Social Committee that provides so many goodies and surprises. We hope that this year you will be enlightened, entertained and feel a part of a very dynamic group.

Echo

Myken Brady Named District 10 Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to BCREA Volunteer of the Year **Myken Brady** who was also named District 10 Volunteer of the Year at the FREA Assembly. Myken has been a member for many years but volunteering 4,800 hours at Broward Health often prevented her from attending meetings.



President-Elect's Corner

This year we have selected our programs based on member suggestions provided last May. We think we have developed an exciting and varied program scheduled for this year.



Our **October** meeting will provide an opportunity for members to get to know each other a little better. Members will be participating in a group dynamics problem-solving activity with prizes being awarded to the winning team. **November** will be dedicated to saluting our armed forces veterans with a presentation by Honor Flight South Florida. At the beginning of the meeting Plantation High School JROTC will be presenting the colors, so please arrive early. In **December**, to increase your holiday spirit, we will be having a holiday funfest. Come to this meeting ready to participate in festivities such as singing, dancing, dramatic presentations and fun. **January's** meeting will spark your literary interests when we have author **Glenn Ogden** (husband of BCREA member **Lynne Ogden**) discuss his most recent book and how to become a novelist after retirement. Of course **February's** meeting is our annual Scholarship Banquet where members will be entertained by a jazz combo. The **March** meeting will focus on improving our health and we will have **Jaime Dalton** discuss the importance of exercise and fitness for seniors. He will also give us some activities that we can do at home to maintain physical fitness. **April's** meeting will focus on Florida Retired Educators Association and we hope to have FREA President **Roger Cuevas** give us a legislative report and discuss the importance of FREA. Finally, our **May** meeting will be dedicated tot the presentation of Scholarships and Literary Awards as well as the installation of new officers.

Carol

Happy Halloween

Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood
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Before we begin the 2016-2017 BCREA, the Social Committee would just like to thank everyone for the delicious cuisine that you brought to the table last year and a "thank you" to those who participated in the "Favorite Family Recipes". We have a short list of Do's and Don'ts to serve as reminders for our seasoned luncheon attendees and to help those members who might be attending for their first time.

Do bring food items that are "table ready". If you need something to be kept cold or warm, please hand it to someone on the Social Committee and we will take it to the kitchen area. Just after the speakers and presentations, we will then bring your edibles back to the table to be served. Unfortunately, we do not always have the time to cut, plate, slice, wash or otherwise prepare the food item that you bring, so please make sure that your food has been "prepared to serve" before you arrive.

Do not bring a serving utensil for your food, we will provide

the necessary serve ware and we certainly don't want your gadget to get misplaced or lost. **Do** feel comfortable about going back for second helpings to sample a few more items.

Do not be hesitant to ask for assistance when needed.

Do bring an extra bag (or keep yours with you) so you can take home your left over food and containers. We will not be able to provide tinfoil or plastic wrap.

Do not forget to check the back table before you leave for the day. If you see that some of your food has been left over and you do not want carry it back home, please ask another member if they can take it for their family or neighbor.

Wishing everyone a great start to the new BCREA year. We are looking forward to your tempting morsels and tasty delights to be shared by all who attend. The Social Committee is always looking for "helping hands," so if you would like to volunteer for the year and be on this committee, please let one of us know. *Sallie*

Membership

Chairman: Susan Lochrie
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Welcome to another wonderful year with the BCREA.

Thank you to all who have sent in your Membership renewals. We have over 250 members as of September 1st. Nearly 100 members have not yet renewed. Additional reminders will be sent to those who have not renewed for 2016-17. In order to be included in our Membership Directory we will need your renewal before Nov. 1.

Membership in BCREA is a good way to maintain old friendships, and make new ones. With our membership dues we also support the FREA which is monitoring the representatives in the Florida Legislature who vote on the pension and our health subsidy. The BCREA Newsletter provides interesting updates

on our meetings and activities, even for those who live away.

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact me by phone or email

A Membership Form can be downloaded from the website at <http://browardrea.org> and be mailed with a \$50. check payable to BCREA

to: BCREA Membership,
P.O. Box 30533,
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Susan

Welcome New Members



Hildegarde Bohn
Elizabeth "Betty"
Sheridan

Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz
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Get Get ready for a super year. Last year will be hard to beat. Our fifth grade essay contest winner, **Chloe Kratenstein**, placed third in the state FREA Margaret Poppell Literacy Contest. We are so proud of her and her school, Harbordale Elementary. Let's



launch our book drive in October by bringing one new or gently used children's book to the meeting. Also spread the word that our 5th grade essay contest will be in full swing. Materials to share with schools will be distributed at the first meeting. If you

are anxious to get started and to encourage fifth graders to write an essay about their grandparents or a grandparent figure, please contact me. Want to join a fantastic committee? Come on board! The Literacy Committee is waiting for you, Just contact me or come up to me at the next meeting and smile. We'd love to have you join us. *Sandy*

Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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Welcome back to another year of BCREA meetings and activities. Hope you all had a great summer.

At our October meeting please submit the volunteer hours that you amassed over the summer. In November we will collect new and gently used stuffed animals to donate to law enforcement officers to give to children in stressful or crisis situations. These toys provide a sense of comfort and normalcy to kids in distress.

At all meetings throughout the year we will collect used eyeglasses for the Lions Club, cell phones for

Women in Distress, aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House, "Labels for Education" for a local school, pillows and "blankies" for Kidz in Distress and manufacturer's coupons for our troops and their families in noncombat areas overseas. (Coupons should be non-store specific and be valued at 50 cents or more, Coupons may be expired up to to 3 months. If you separate them into food and non-food categories that would be greatly appreciated.)

Darcy

Friendship

Chairman: Julia Penley
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Welcome back everyone!! A new year for BCREA is beginning and many changes have been planned to make this year a fun and exciting one for our organization. But, of course, I want to thank everyone for their help in sending out Happy Birthday Cards to our 85+ members as well as Get-Well cards to members who have been ill and Sympathy Cards to members who have lost a loved one in their family. It is amazing to me how many

members have reached that magical age of 85+ and are still so active and attend our monthly meetings each year as well as serve in various officer positions!! Please continue to send me notifications of any member who is or has been ill or has lost a loved one, so that I can get a card out to them Each member is a part of our BCREA family and it is important to let them know we care! Hope to see you soon..October 6th!

Julia

From the Treasurer

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Thanks to all our members who have contributed to our Scholarship Fund over the last several months. The list below denotes contributions from late spring through the beginning of September. Because of your generosity, we were able to support seven \$1000 scholarships this past year. I just recently sent the last \$1000 check to a university. No district in Florida awards more scholarships than we do! This is all due to your charitable kindness! Many kudos to the following contributors:

Donor

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Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club*

(members over 85!)

Beverly Yates 10/05

Theodora Williams 10/09

(Ms.) Eddie Fisher 10/11

Dolores Thomas 10/16

And turning 85...

Irene LaBelle 10/24



Thinking of you....

**Nancy Ruiz
Rosetta Watkins**



In Memoriam

Eulalee Burke 10/10/15

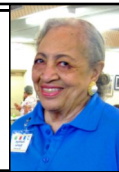
Evelyn J. Lewis 7/6/16



Information Services

Chairman: **Kathlyn Barno**

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A great big hearty welcome to all of our new members. So glad to have you join us. It looks like we are going to have a wonderful year together. Hugs and kisses to all of our regular members. It is very nice to be back together again.

Again this year the Informative Services Committee will be here each month with some bit of information that is intended to enhance your life a little. Topics will be on a number of subjects. We are also open to presenting any topic that you would like for the group to be aware of. Just let any member of the Committee know about it. We will be glad to have it appear in this column. Here is a list of resources that you may find helpful:

Animal Poison Control/
ASPCA, 888-426-44335

Web site: aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control - A resource for poison-related animal emergencies.

Elder Care Locator - 800-677-111; Web site:

eldercare.gov This will give you access to local

aging resources such as Area Agency on Aging and Disability Resource Center. National Institutes of Health Osteoporosis & Related Bone Diseases National Resources Center. 800-624-2663
Web site:

www.niams.nih.gov/Health_info/Bone/Osteoporosis/Fracture/prevent_falls_ffasp

Information on how to prevent falls and related fractures and tips to make your home safe.

Be safe. Be happy 'til we meet again next month

Kathlyn

FREF Scholarship Amounts Raised

In August, the Trustees of the Florida Retired Educators Foundation (FREF) voted to increase the amount scholarship recipients will receive. Students will now receive \$1,000 per year for a total of \$4,000 up from \$3,250.

The FREF Trustees felt that the increased amounts would make the scholarship more competitive and more appealing to high school seniors.

This scholarship is for high school seniors who want to teach in the State of Florida. Interested students must complete an application and submit it by Friday, December 23, 2017 to Anne French, FREF Trustee. The scholarship application is available at www.frea.org

BCREA members are urged to tell friends, relatives and school personnel about this scholarship for future Florida teachers. For more information about the scholarship, contact Anne French by email - afrench@hotmail.com or by calling 954-579-1719.

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Bev's Bytes.....

Missy Belsito reported, "Just saw AARP Magazine 2-page spread on **Bev Williams** ...FABULOUS in the Aug/Sept issue. Winners of the Scholarship drawing at the May meeting were \$20, **Priscilla Peck**; and \$10 each, **Marian Resch**, **Becky Williams** and **Diane Texter**."



Four of our members went on the **FREA Assembly**

cruise on the

Brilliance of the Seas in

April: L - R

are **Marsy**

Smith, **Diane**

Texter,

Margarite

Falconer and

Anne French

And speaking

of travel,

Marelise LeClerc and **Margarite Falconer** will miss

our October meeting because they'll be on a month-

long trip to Australia!

Thanks to Membership Committee members **Robin**

Newman, **Lynne Ogden** and **Ilene Miller** (pictured



left) who attended the Broward County School Board Retirement Breakfast to represent BCREA and hand out information.

We had a nice note from 2nd year scholarship recipient **Jennifer Gaver** who's now a sophomore at UF. And that's the last byte for October.

Bev

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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