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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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Number 263

Record Twelve Scholarships Presented in May



Presenting the scholarships to their recipients are **Echo Heyer** to **Casey Skumatz** from Nova HS; **Diane Texter** to **Yee Mun Liew** from Monarch HS; **Bev Hoppe** to **Janet Lopez** from Monarch; **Julia Penley** to **Azalea Barnett** from South Broward; **Rosa Parra** to **Juan Valencia**, South Broward; **Juli Patten** to **Tyra Philpart**, Florida Atlantic University; Below, **Diane Jarchow** presents the scholarships of **Jennifer Gaver** (University of Florida) and **Rebecca Skumatz** (Florida Gulf Coast University) to their mothers as neither could attend the meeting.



Right, **Anne French** presents FREF Scholarships to **Eliette Casimir** (FAU, 4th year) and **Alejandra Gonzalez** (FIU, 2nd year). 1st year recipients **Aleena Jackson** and **Alison Costello** were unable to attend.

October 5 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Plantation Community Center

Address: 5555 Palm Tree Road

Plantation (Directions on page 2)

Program: Kerry-Ann Brown -
Guardian ad Litem Program



Bring to meeting:

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



Winners of the 5th Grade Literacy Essay Contest were First Place: **Maya Monsalve**, center; **Gabriella Ciotti**, left, and **Cipris Strabley**, right, Honorable Mention.



2017-2016 Officers installed at the May Meeting are l-r: President **Carol Roland**; President-Elect **Lillian Small**; Secretary **Josephine Walker**; Treasurer **Marelise LeClerc**.

President's Corner

I would first like to say how honored I am that you elected me BCREA president. I believe that this organization is extremely important for several reasons.



My original plan was to use this space to discuss these reasons. But today as I am securing my home in preparation for a possible visit from Irma, and knowing that you will not read this until after Irma has come and gone, I have decided, instead, to focus on only one reason for being a BCREA Member: camaraderie, fellowship, companionship. BCREA meetings allow us an opportunity to interact with other professional educators- some old friends, others new ones. Please take time to attend our next meeting so we can garner support and encouragement from our Friends in BCREA as we deal with whatever havoc Irma may have caused.



Carol

President-Elect's Corner

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that as your President-Elect for this year, I have been entrusted with bringing presenters to you for each of our meetings. It has been an interesting assignment and one that required a bit of juggling with schedules and making sure we could enjoy a variety of presenters. It is my hope that each month's presenter will be well received, and as educators, we continue to be life-learners.



An opportunity for Volunteering, a priority among our favorites as Retired Educators, will be presented by our October speaker. **Kerry-Ann Brown**, who is the Volunteer Recruiter from Broward County Guardian ad Litem. Kerry-Ann expressed her delight that we reached out to her because of the current need of volunteers for the children that are served.



Lillian

Because **Deicke Auditorium** is once more undergoing some renovations, the October BCREA meeting will be held at the brand new

Plantation Community Center at 5555 Palm Tree Road

You can get there by using either East Acre Drive (first right after you go under the Turnpike going west) or via Fig Tree Lane - to the tennis courts opposite the Helen Hoffman Library.

Social Committee

Chairman: **Sallie Sherwood**

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Welcome to another great year with BCREA - guest speakers, presentations, friendship, and tempting food from the buffet table. The Social Committee is always looking for "helping hands." If you would like to volunteer for the year and be on this

committee, please let one of us know and we will be grateful for your help. A suggestion was made at the end of last year, that we identify vegetarian food items. Based on that suggestion, we will provide food tags which can be placed near your dish. If

anyone has any other suggestions, please tell one of the Social Committee team members and we will try to accommodate your idea. A few reminders for the buffet table. Please bring "table ready" food, but you do not have to bring any serving utensils - we will

provide the serve ware. As you leave the meeting, please remember to remove your items from the back table (including any leftovers). Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Sallie

Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz
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Did you enjoy a good book this summer? Remember days that your colleagues used to say they were too busy to read once the school year started? Retirement allows us the comfort of reading all year! Consider becoming a member of the Literacy Committee. Contact me (954-473-9480) or just let me know at the meeting. We'd love to have you join us. It's a very easy committee with very few meetings but lots of satisfaction.

Here are some things that BCREA supports. We strive to encourage literacy in our schools. We do our utmost to bring literacy awareness to our communities. We endeavor to support classroom teachers who are in the fore front of literacy education. Working towards these objectives, the Literacy Committee has three initiatives for

the coming year:

1. Participating in the 5th Grade Margaret Poppell Literacy Contest
2. Donating new and gently used books
3. Reaching out to our communities

Start this year by bringing a new or gently used book to the October meeting. Last year over 250 books were donated to Orange Brook Elementary School. They were thrilled!!! Let's strive to put books in the hands of our Broward youth. Also make a commitment to share the fifth grade essay contest with at least one school. Bring this information to fifth grade teachers early in the year so students have ample time to participate. Information is always available at our meetings and on our website.

Sandy



Margarite Falconer installs the new officers

Membership

Chairman: Susan Lochrie
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One of our members, **Ruth Edwards**, turned 102 on her birthday this year. She retired in 1985 from Broward County Schools as a media specialist.

Now living in Augusta, GA with her daughter **Virginia Johnson**, Ruth enjoys reading the *BCREA Newsletter*.

At least 30 of our members are in their 90's. We have now have a total of 275 members and expect to have over 300 after our October meeting. Stay in touch with friends and encourage membership in BCREA by inviting people who are retired to attend a meeting with you. They don't have to be retired

from Florida to become a BCREA member. Please send me the names and addresses of friends and I will send them a membership information packet.

Welcome New Member



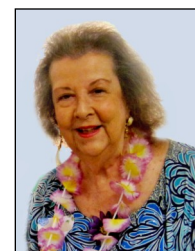
Theo Brown



Susan

Bye-Bye, Julia!

Julia Penley has been our Friendship chairman for the past couple of years, having co-chaired the committee prior to that with **Nancy Ruiz** who continued to serve even during her long hospitalization as long as she was able.



Recently Julia decided it would be best to move to Aurora, Colorado to be close to family. She moved in July and is now settled into her new apartment which has a breathtaking view of the Rockies! As Friendship Chairman, Julia initiated the greeting table at the entrance to the meeting hall and gave new and prospective members a little gift box. At least for the time being she plans to continue her BCREA membership. Her email address and her cell phone remain the same.



Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a great summer break.

At our October meeting please turn in the community service hours that you accrued over the summer. We will continue to collect eyeglasses, labels for education, aluminum pull tabs, cell phones and manufacturer's coupons at all of our meetings throughout the year..

In November, in conjunction with the American Legion Auxiliary, we will col-

lect beef jerky for our troops overseas. The Auxiliary will bear the cost of shipping our donation overseas. In January we will once again collect school supplies so you may want to take advantage of the discounted items on sale now and put them away for a few months. Please let me know if you would be interested in serving on the Volunteer Service Committee this year.

Darcy

FREF

Chairman: Anne French
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Four Broward Students Awarded State Scholarships

The Florida Retired Educators Foundation selected two Broward County students to receive \$1,000 annual scholarships that are renewable for four years.

Aleena Jackson, a graduate of Everglades High School, received the Broward County Retired Educators scholarship. She is attending FSU and wants to be a history teacher.

Alison Costello, from Coral Glades High School received an FREF scholarship. She is also attending FSU and wants to be a Kindergarten teacher.

These two students join two additional Broward students receiving FREF scholarships - **Alejandra Gonzalez** (FIU) and **Eliette Casimir** (FAU).

Members interested in selecting additional Broward students for the state scholarships from FREF can contact me (afrench@hotmail.com or 954-579-1719).

Friendship

Chairman: Marsy Smith
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As your new Friendship Committee Chair, I want to welcome you back for another year of BCREA meetings, activities and comradery. In addition to sending birthday cards to our members who are celebrating their 85th birthday (or higher), we want to send cards to members who are ill, and to the families of members who pass away, so I

would appreciate you letting me know about those to whom cards should be sent. You can email me (smithmarsy@aol.com) or call 954-962-6433.

Pat Schroeder, who is visiting her son in Nevada, is recovering from some health issues, so we want to wish her well. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting! Marsy

Frances Smoot Wins Grand Extravaganza Prize

Frances Smoot, long time BCREA member and former FREF Trustee, got a big surprise last spring - a check for \$500. At the FREA convention in May, her name was drawn as the grand prize winner. Her reaction - "Oh my goodness. I was so surprised. After buying tickets all those years as a Trustee and not winning. Last year, I bought just one and I won!"

2018 Extravaganza tickets will be available at the December meeting of BCREA. All it takes is one ticket to win.

BCREA is hosting the

District 10 meeting
on Wednesday, October 11
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
at Deicke Auditorium.

Please bring items for the FREF fundraiser to the meeting on October 5. Gift cards and NEW items for gift baskets are wanted.

Anne

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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

Irene LaBelle 10/24

And turning 85...

Areatha Reddick 10/22



Thinking of you....

Dolly Burck

Pat Schroeder

Arline Ziller



In Memoriam

Marie Heastie 3/05/17

George Gott 8/31/17

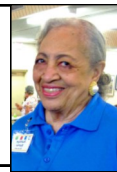


Information Services

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Welcome, back. A big salute to all of our new people. It is so nice to have you join us and we are looking forward to having a great time working together.

Even though hurricane season is coming to and end it is not too late to encounter another one - remember Wilma? One of the aftermaths of a hurricane is the invasion of mosquitoes that carry the Zika virus, Thanks to a member of this committee who is also our new President-Elect **Lillian Small** for this month's information that is designed to keep us safe.

Authority for this information is Broward.org/Streets/Mosquito

Zika virus-infected mosquitoes can live indoors and outdoors. They bite during the daytime and need very little water to breed.

There are some steps you can take to keep your home and your family from Zika infected mosquitos:

*Eliminate standing water around the home, such as that found in buckets, pet dishes, bird baths, open septic tanks, ice coolers boats and trailers and clogged rain gutters.

*Keep your pool clean and safe for swimming. .

*Protect yourself by wearing long sleeve shirts and long pants.

*Wear repellent when you are outdoors Do not put repellent on skin under clothing. The higher percentage of active ingredients, the longer the protection will last.

For further information check out these websites:

www.cdc.gov/features/

and StopMosquitos

www.Broward.org/Streets/Mosquitoes

If you have any information that you would like to share with the membership, we will be glad to publish it in this column.

Kathlyn



Myken Brady's "Watch Us Grow" creation for the State Assembly. Josephine Walker presents



outgoing president Echo Hoyer with an orchid.



Cupcakes instead of a "Congratulations Winners" cake this year.

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Bev's Bytes.....

Dolly Burck is now home after a stay in the hospital and therapy for a fall and injury to her hip. **Marie Heastie** passed away on March 3, 2017. Her daughter sent this message: Marie was a Broward County Educator for 32 years. (She had been a BCREA member for 18 years.) Winners of the Scholarship drawing at the May meet-



ing were \$20, **Joanne Corder** and \$10 each, **Lillian Small** and



Anne French. Flowers were won by **Myken Brady** and **Carol Fischer**; **Diane Jarchow** won a **Glenn Ogden** book.



Frances Smoot (left) was the winner of the grand prize of \$500 in the FREF Extravaganza at the State Assembly! Pictured above right were those attending (l-r) **Josephine Walker**, **Carol Roland**, **Anne French**, **Diane Texter**, **Margarite Falconer**, **Marsy Smith** and **Lillian Small**.



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
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