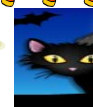




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Eight BCREA & 6 FREF Scholarships Awarded + 3 Literacy

BCREA Scholarship Chairman **Diane Jarchow** announced the following 8 BCREA scholarships - 3 to high school seniors and 5 to college students who previously had won one as a senior. They are:

Mark Fontana, Cooper City High School; **Esther Natal**, Miramar High; and **Melina Saintil**, McFatter Technical High School.

Repeat winners were:

Amanda Aguilera, Broward College, 2nd year;

Brianna Hanks, Stetson University, 2nd year;

Korrin Sheahan, FSU, 2nd year; **Casey Skumatz**, Florida Southwestern State, 3rd year; **Cara Steinberg**, FSU, 4th year.

Each of the recipients was

given a \$1000 BCREA scholarship.

There were also six FREF (Florida Retired Educators' Foundation) scholarships awarded by FREF Trustee **Anne French**.

The first year recipients are: **Marven Jean**, Northeast High School; **Esther Natal**, Miramar HS; (Also received a BCREA scholarship!)

and **Kadeen Haye**, Sheridan Technical HS, Repeat winners are:

Kadesha Reynolds, FSU, 2nd year; **Alleena Jackson**, FSU, 3rd year; and

Alejandra Gonzalez, FIU, 4th year.



Scholarship winners l - r: Mark Fontana, Melina Saintil, Kadeen Haye, Esther Natal, and Marven Jean

3 Literacy Awards Given

Literacy Chairman **Sandy Leftkowitz** presented the following: **Aryella Gomez** from Sheridan Park Elementary (left) was the BCREA first place winner. 2nd place was **Brady Bushnell** from Harbordale Elementary (right) and **Sandra Cortez** from Sheridan Park (center) won third place in the Margaret Poppell Literacy For Life writing competition this year.



October 3 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

Program: Guardian ad Litem

Kerry-Ann Brown



Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share
Your Volunteer hours
Used eyeglasses & Cell Phones
Aluminum pull-tabs
Labels for Education
New or gently used kids' books
Gift cards and/or NEW items
for FREF gift baskets
A New Member



President's Corner

BCREA HERE I AM! I am ready to assume the helm of the 56th year of this organization. It is a proud organization with an awesome past and 27 presidents before me who charted the course for the rich heritage it has ac-

quired. You were supportive as I served you these past two years as your President-Elect, and I am indeed humbled that you have given me the opportunity to lead you as your President this year. I am thankful for your confidence.

Each of you I am sure, can reflect back on your first meetings at BCREA and think about the YOU that eventually became WE and US. You brought your own unique skill sets with the intent on broadening your retirement experiences. Some of you were "freshly minted" and right out of academia, while others waited a few years to join. However it happened, you found your propitious niches sharing with your colleagues.

As we embark upon this 2019-2020 club year, I find myself in an unusual situation, one not seen before in my ten years as a member. While I am ready to move our initiatives forward, bring some new ideas and energies, as well as expand our horizons, I HAVE NO PRESIDENT-ELECT at the moment. In so many ways this seems a bit awk-

ward having just completed two terms as the President-Elect. The experience was truly gratifying and provided many opportunities to focus on our initiatives, stay involved with our local schools, and enhance our retirement years. Nevertheless, my intent is to turn an AWKWARD situation into an AWESOME year with the cooperation of each of you. With this in mind, I invite you to embrace the 2019-2020 Presidential Focus:

"REINVESTING IN OUR UNIT ONE MEMBER AT A TIME" - Through Commitment, Involvement, and Service. Let us all move forward together.

Lillian

Legislative

Chairman: Carol Roland

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I am excited to be serving you as the Chairperson for the Legislation Committee. The purpose of our committee is to inform members of legislative issues, but not to proselytize or try to convince members to vote for any candidate or issue. Therefore, I will attempt to provide information regarding what our state and if possible federal legislators are doing so you are able to make informed decisions. Already I find this a massive job and are looking for a few volunteers to serve on this committee. If interested, please call or see me at the next meeting.

Carol

Your Social Committee begins this year with some sadness as we remember **Kate Alexander** who passed May 31. Kate served on this committee since 2014 and while she will be greatly missed, she will be remembered for her smile, wit, dedication and commitment to help others. She had worked at Western, Nova and Seagull Alternative High Schools. Kate had so many interests outside of BCREA, yet she

Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood

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always was one of the first team members to arrive to help set up the luncheon table and last to leave after packing and storing all of the buffet materials. As we come together to welcome a new year of meetings and activities, let us keep close to our heart those who will be unable to

rejoin us this year.

We are always looking for "helping hands" for assistance with the luncheon table set up and tear down. If you would be able to volunteer on a monthly basis and join our Social Committee Team, please let one of the present members know... you can find us at

the back table among all the edible and delectable wonders which have been supplied by the membership! Also, at each meeting we usually have some type of seasonal display on the 12 round individual participants tables. If you and some of your friends would like to bring in decorations for a particular month please let me know. Welcome back to a great start of the BCREA year! *Sallie*

From the Treasurer

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Membership

Chairman: Susan Lochrie
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Welcome back to another exciting year! Thank you SO much to all of you who have donated to our scholarship fund over the past several months. The list below denotes the contributions from late spring through now. Because of your generosity, we were again able to support eight \$1000 scholarships this past year. No other district in Florida awarded as many as we did! This is all due to your charitable kindness. Kudos to the following:

Donor

Christine & Richard Crawford
Echo Heyer
Susan Lochrie
Susan Lochrie
Philip Van Pelt

In Memory of

Mary Jo Bell
Charles Pipes
Mary Jo Bell
Charles Pipes
John Lyzott & Don Roberts

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Myrtle Ford	Jean Funk	Ethel Gerakas
Kathleen Ginestra	Bertilda & Luther Henderson	
Lillian Hearn	Mary Hiers	Gloria Jackson
Denise Jones	Byron Langenfass	Irene La Belle
Rosemary McGarry	Ilene Miller	Dorothea Moran
Elizabeth Ouellette	Rosa Parra	Juli Patton
Mary Perfect	Loretta Richard	Marian Resch
Joni Schachere	Sallie Sherwood	Jannes Strauch
Michael Sutton	Shirley Swartz	Bruce Voelkel
Susan Whiting	Frances Welch	Theodora Williams
	Arlene Ziller	

OOPS! Have you forgotten to pay your BCREA/FREA dues for this year? Those who haven't paid will be getting a reminder in the mail soon. We want you to continue to receive the BCREA Newsletter and also to support the efforts of FREA in protecting our pensions.

You may pay at the October meeting or send in your payment by October 26 to be listed in this year's Membership Handbook. Please call or email me if you want to check on your membership status. Invite your friends who have retired or have discontinued their BCREA membership to a meeting. If you send me their address I can send a Mem-

bership packet to them. Membership forms can also be downloaded from the website: browardrea.org Bring in 3 new members this year and you'll receive a \$25. gift certificate.

Welcome New Members



Janet Bartoszek
Jerilyn Habenicht
Gail Hall
Gloria Jackson
Nancy Hauth
Bonnie Kearns
Madeline Levine
Eva McLeod
Linda Pazos
Naomi Phillips
Linda Pomeroy
Virginia Slater

Susan

Friendship

Chairman: Marsy Smith
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I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. It will be great to see everyone at the first meeting of BCREA's new year!

Throughout the year, be

sure to let me know if one of our members is ill or has lost a loved one, so a card can be sent on behalf of the organization. See you in October!

Marsy

BCREA

President

Lillian Small
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President-Elect
NEEDED!



Officers....

Secretary

Karen Avery
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Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc
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Happy Halloween



Members who attended were (l-r) Marsy Smith, Susanne Atkin, Lillian Small, Diane Texter, Anne French and Karen Avery.

FREA Convention

May 14-16, 2019

Theme: "Let The Good Times Roll"

By Karen Avery

The FREA 2019 Convention took place at The Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach, Florida. The location was beautiful with a wonderful ocean breeze.

May 14

The first event was the Munch and Mingle to enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvre and an open bar.

May 15

The Thought for the Day was "Smiling is Infec-

tious." The FREA had scholarship fundraisers after the thought for the day. Our President **Lillian Small** was one the winners of a VISA gift card.

The presentation of FREA By Laws updates and revisions for 2019 were voted on with approval.

The Volunteers of the Year Awards were given.

The District 10 meeting was next on our agenda. Director **Germaine Richards** announced the our District 10 meeting will be held in West Palm Beach Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM. The location will be announced later.

The BCREA had lunch together by the pool enjoying beach air and cool breezes.

FREA held a Memorial Service to recognized all members that had passed in 2018-2019 - "A Journey Remembered" Our Celebration of Life

The meeting continued to vote on FREA Budget and FRS Legislative Session.

Cabaret Night

There were 10 acts - one from each district. District 10's act was titled "My Little Buttercup and The Ballad of 3 Amigos. (From the movie 3 Amigos)

Community Service

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The rest of the evening was dining and dancing.

After the Cabaret the winning numbers for baskets were on display.

May 16

Rise and Shine Breakfast Buffet. Depart for home!

Welcome back everyone!
Hope you all had an enjoyable summer.

Community Service

At our October meeting please turn in the community service hours that you accrued over the summer break.

Throughout the year we will continue to collect cell-phones for Women in Distress, used eyeglasses for the Lions Club, aluminum pull tabs for a local clinic & "Labels for Education" for a local elementary school.

In November our first group project will be collecting individually wrapped jerky for our troops. These will be donated to the American Legion Auxiliary who will ship them overseas.

Membership Handbook

The 2019-2020 handbook/directory will go to the printer in early Nov. If you have any changes to your listing information please let me know ASAP.

Darcy

2019-2020 Officers Installed



At the May meeting outgoing president **Carol Roland** installed **Lillian Small** as the 2019-2021 BCREA president and **Karen Avery**

as secretary. **Marelise LeClerc**, who was unable to attend the meeting, will serve her 10th year as treasurer. The position of president-elect is still available.

Passages



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

Phyllis Kublin 10/08
Theodora Williams 10/09
Dolores Thomas 10/16
Carolyn Stern 10/21
Areathea Reddick 10/22
Frances Welch 10/23
Irene LaBelle 10/24
And turning 85...
Donald Conkel 10/10



Thinking of you....
Louise Costello
Diane Jarchow
Ilene Miller
Pat Schroeder
Arline Ziller



In Memoriam

Joe Reddick 1/27/19
Winifred Dickinson
2/18/19
Coleen Gore - 6/27/19
Lillian Wilson - 6/27/19
Lucille Folsom-Mason
6/6/19
Ed Weaver 4/12/19
Charles Pipes 4/19/19
Kate Alexander 5/31/19
Mary Jo Bell 7/5/19

Information Services

Chairman: OPEN

Kathlyn has retired after many years as Chairman. New Chairman needed!



Repeat of a previous article by **Kathlyn Barno**:

Welcome back to our great organization and a big SHOUT OUT to our new members. We are so glad to have you with us and we are eager to make you a part of our organization. We want you to join one or two of our committees so you can really get to know us. Take a look at all of them and find one that interests you. Here are some interesting tips I came across in some of my readings this summer. Our concept of "old"

is changing as more of us are living into our 80s, 90s, and 100s. If 60 is the new 40 then 80 could become the new 60. Here are some tips that may help you get to 100:
***Eat** a Mediterranean diet which includes plenty of fruits, vegetables, fish and poultry, whole grains, olive oil and perhaps a glass of wine.
***Stimulate** your brain with learning new things, volunteering and having hobbies. ***Exercise** regularly,

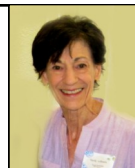
***Get** 7 to 8 hours of sleep.
***Get** regular checkups and
***Don't** use tobacco in any form.
***Socialize** with family and friends. And lastly,
***Look** for silver linings.
***Eliminate** as much stress as possible. Take joy in simple pleasures and events. Enjoy your life and live longer.

I will be looking forward to seeing everybody at the meetings. Please call me if you'd like to volunteer to be the next chairman.

Kathlyn

Literacy

Chairman: **Sandy Lefkowitz**
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NOW HIRING.
POSITIONS AVAILABLE!
Join a fantastic committee. Come on board! The Literacy Committee is waiting for you. Contact me (954-557-5817) or come up to me at the next meeting and smile. We'd love to have you join us. Be involved in BCREA by

bringing one new or gently used children's book to the every meeting. Over the past years we have distributed 200+ books. Let's strive to continue to put books in the hands of our Broward youth. Also spread the word that the Margaret Poppell Literacy 5th Grade Essay

Contest will be in full swing. Make a commitment to share the fifth grade essay contest with at least one school. Share 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

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Bev's Bytes.....

It seems like only yesterday I was celebrating being "on vacation" for 5 months after I finished the May Newsletter! And here I am, 5 months later starting a new year of Newsletters! And "away we go!" At the May meeting there were 45 members and 31 guests. Amazing that those 45 people provided enough food for all 76 people. Actually they had a little help from Social Chairman **Sallie Sherwood** who ordered some pizzas to be sure there was enough!



Winners of the Scholarship Fundraiser were **Valerie ?**, \$20 and **Joni Schachere**, \$10. Flowers were won by **Diane Texter** and **Juanita Pringle**.



In August, The Board met at the Red Lobster for a planning session for the upcoming year. February Luncheon Chairman **Diane Texter** is planning ahead - she's chosen "Western" as this year's theme! Start



planning your attire! During the summer both **Kathlyn Barno** and **Ilene Miller** had some "bad breaks." Hope they're healing nicely by now! Also, **Diane Jarchow's** 97-year-old mom passed away. Our condo-



lences to her and her family, And last, someone very special attended the May meeting: Literacy first place winner **Aryella Gomez's** grandmother, the subject of her winning essay was there!

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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