



Doris Emmett, BCREA Volunteer of the Year

By Darcy Drago

Congratulations to Doris Emmett, BCREA's nominee for District 10 Volunteer of the Year. Doris has been a member of both BCREA and FREA for 18 years. She is a past Membership Chairman and a past-president of BCREA. She has served as unit treasurer for the past six years. In addition to her involvement with BCREA Doris has managed the gift shop and assisted with clerical work at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for the past 11 years; as treasurer of the FtL Alumnae Panhellenic for the past 10 years; and has been president of the Imperial Point Condominium Board for the past 4 years. Doris is truly a dedicated volunteer and amassed almost 1600 service hours during the past year.



Curmudgeon In Exotic Locations!

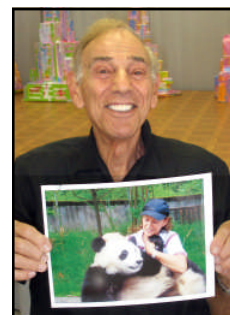
"We are a 'compendium of experiences,'" says **Hershell Gordon Lewis**, "and if you



have the opportunity to travel to exotic places, you should definitely take advantage of it. Enjoy what's here

on our planet while it's still here!" he states enthusiastically. He has certainly done this himself and he shared his experiences when he spoke at the March 1 meeting. "You need 3 senses: humor, adventure and common sense to travel to the more exotic locations," he says. He illustrated this with tales of visiting the lemurs in Madagascar, the mountain gorillas in Rwanda, pandas in China (pictured at right holding photo of his wife Margo with a panda), Komodo dragons in Indonesia, and staying in an

ice hotel and driving a dog-sled in Lapland. According to his website, hershellgordonlewis.com, Mr. Lewis is the former chairman of Communicomp, a full-service direct marketing agency renamed as a division of the



advertising holding company Interpublic. He now heads Lewis Enterprises,

through which he writes and consults individually. His background includes more than 20 years as adjunct lecturer to graduate classes in mass communications, Roosevelt University, Chicago. Locally, he's known as the "Curmudgeon-at-Large," the name of his column in the *Hi-Riser* weekly newspaper for condominiums.

April 5 Meeting

Time: 12:00

Place: Holiday Park Social Center
1150 G. Harold Martin Drive
Ft. Lauderdale
(behind War Memorial Auditorium)

Program: Barbara Payne

Book Review of 1776



Bring to meeting:

Dish to share
\$2.00 for FREF raffle ticket
Service Hours Reports
Blankies 'n Pillows
Campbells labels
Aluminum pull-tabs
General Mills labels
Coupons for our troops
Old eyeglasses & Cellphones

Homework Assistance Teachers Needed

If you keep your teaching certificate current, have your own transportation and could work from 2:45 - 5:45 pm, M - F, you could earn your hourly rate at retirement! **Mary Johnson** has a job for you with the Homeless Education Program. Contact her at 954-292-4236.

President's Corner

The FREA State Assembly is being hosted by District 10 and will be held at the Airport Hilton in Miami from May 30 to June 1.

Members are needed to help from Broward as well as Dade. Hopefully many of you will want to attend. You will receive more information in the next FREA Bulletin. The Legislature will be considering legislation to raise our health insurance subsidy. Please contact your legislators and request their support for this legislation. It will benefit all of us. Jean Childers' sister Barbara Payne will review the book 1776 by David McCullough at the Meeting on April 5. See you then.

Tom



Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago



Many thanks for making "Operation Shoe Box" a success on such short notice. This past year 17% of our

membership reported a total of 8,762 community service hours, an increase of 804 hours over last year.



Legislative

Chairman: Ruth Travers



From Larry Carmichael, FREA Legislative Chairman: Please contact your State Representative and Senator to impress upon them that

they should support House Bill 87 and Senate Bill #8. Among other things, these bills are to raise the retirees' health subsidy by \$1.00 per month.

FREF

Chairman: Frances Smoot



Each year each Retired Educators Association in FREA is asked to sell one raffle ticket to each of its members to support the FREF scholarship program. This year's prizes are five \$100 bills. Last year, **Bev Hoppe**

was one of the 5 winners! Tickets were sold at the March meeting and will be sold at the April meeting. BCREA has been sent a total of 90 tickets - approximately enough for 1/4 of the total club membership.

Health & Information Services

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno



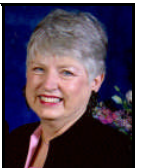
Our blood drive is complete. Thank you for your response to our call. Besides protecting yourself you have helped some deserving students further their education. Information about obtaining blood in the hospital is found on the back of your membership card so always keep it in a safe place.... If you wish, you may place your cell phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry; however, FCC regulations prohibit telemarketers from using automated dialers to call cell phone numbers. You can register on line at www.DoNotCall.Gov or call toll free at 1-888-382-1222...Spring is coming and we usual think of spring cleaning but sometimes we find it hard to part with

some of our "stuff". here are some tips mentioned in the AARP Magazine to help us cope with the departure: Photo-graph or video tape your belongings before giving them away. Record your memory of each one and then you can distribute them to the children. Give your belongings to charity instead of selling them to strangers. That can be more satisfying and you get a tax deduction. Start small. Tackle one room at a time and don't leave until it is finished. Other wise you'll get distracted and end up shuffling the same clutter from one part of the house to another. Don't forget, this is the month the tax man cometh.

Kathlyn

New beginnings are both good and bad. **Ken and Thelma Hendricks**, both past-presidents, and previous *Newsletter* editors, will soon be moving to Naples to be near their son. However, they'll remain members of BCREA and hope they'll have visitors from here. After all, Naples is only 90 minutes away! They will be missed. **Jim & Evelyn Morris** had high praise for **Toni Merton** and the **Telephone Committee**. Great job, all you callers! There were 45 in attendance at the March meeting. Door prizes of \$5.00 were won by **Marian Elder** and guest

Bev's Bytes.....



Bruce Arnold. Lucky donors to the scholarship fund drawing were **Linda Horton** (\$25) who drew her own name! **Edgar Elder** (\$15), and again.... **Bruce Arnold** (\$10)! Maybe this will encourage Bruce to join! We had a special attendee: 8-month-old **Claire Harvey** came with mom **Nancy**, BrightStar's rep! On Sunday March 4, 20 of us enjoyed the Florida Folies at Parker Playhouse - our first Cultural Affairs event! And that's the last byte for April!

Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie



Membership Dues Now Being Collected for 2007 - 2008

Dues for the 2007-2008 club year may be paid at meetings or mailed using the form below to note any changes to your personal information.

Annual dues are \$45.00. BCREA will forward the state dues of \$30.00 to FREA. You will receive a membership card from the FREA and your name will be on the Broward County Retired Educators Association mailing list and listed in the BCREA Directory.

Life members do not pay the FREA dues of \$30.00, but DO pay the \$15.00 annual dues to the local unit - BCREA. For information on how to become a Life Member, check the Life Membership Formula on page 3 of the 2006-2007 Directory.

The membership year extends from July 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Reminder: Members who have Pioneer Insurance Medi-Gap Supplemental Insurance must pay their dues by June 1, 2007.

Broward County Retired Educators Association 2007 - 2008 Membership Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SS #: XXX - XX- ____ (last 4 digits only) Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Date Retired: _____ Retired From: _____

Position: _____

Dues: \$45.00 Donation for Scholarships: \$ _____ Total enclosed: _____

Please make check payable to **BCREA** and mail to: Mrs. Susan Lochrie
PO Box 30533
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303

**Don't Forget: Museum of Art Cradle of
Christianity on March 20 at 1:00 PM**



Passages



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

Bernard Barno 4/02
William Gaffney 4/08
Anna Tarullo 4/08
Erna Kangas 4/28



*Thinking of You....
Madeline Martin*



*In Memoriam
Elzin Childers 11/25/06*

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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: _____



FREA Tours

Arline Ziller,
FREA Travel Coordinator



Don't forget the first class trip to China; cruising the **Yangtze and Hong Kong**, September 24 through October 10, 2007. Phone for a brochure now. I will be joining you on this trip.... Be sure to let me know if you are single and would like to travel. Many members are looking for partners. Where would you, your partner and/or your group like to travel? The FREA Bulletin suggests some of the trips that are available—such as Branson/Nashville musical tour; Alaska, European, Caribbean and other cruises; and Heritage of America \$1949 pp to name a few. All of our trips earn \$\$\$ for the FREA Scholarship fund! To contact me,
Phone: 954-781-4445 or E-Mail: freatravel@cs.com

Scholarship Donations

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Julie Andrews

To commemorate her 69th birthday on October 1, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was the following adaptation of "My Favorite Things" from the legendary movie "Sound Of Music".

Maalox and nose drops and
needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and
new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up
in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, and
hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and
false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and
porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,

I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.
Hot tea and crumpets and
corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food
cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads
and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains,
and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and
hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our
short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.
When the joints ache,
When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great
life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Ms. Andrews received a
standing ovation from the
crowd that
lasted over four minutes and
repeated encores.