



Newsletter

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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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African Footprint Was Spectacular

By Michele Edwards

As the sun dipped into the western horizon on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 BCREA members Tom & Harriet Drilling, Carol Call, Michele Edwards, Charles & Martha Pipes dined on the patio of the Palm Grille in Riverfront. Following dinner they strolled along the New River to Broward Center for the Performing Arts where they joined Susan



Lochrie, Frances Smoot & her daughter dressed in colorful African garb; and Gwen Batie (r) and her



friend Annie Gillespie. Pre-show warm-up in the lobby included a hands-on demonstration of traditional African instruments, a drum performance, and a lecture-demonstration on African dress and dance traditions. Con't on p2, Cultural Affairs

The Ziller & Falconer Road Show!

"If you're going to China, you can expect lots of walking!" declared FREA Travel Coordinator Arline Ziller. "The Great Wall, especially, has lots of steps!" She further explained that there are lots of individual trips on a tour of China - she counted 13 different airline flights as well as a river cruise on her trip in September. As she spoke, she passed around packets of postcards which illustrated the beauty of the country.

Margarite Falconer's plan was to discuss her 3 all-time favorite trips - #1: a train trip



Arlene and Margarite display souvenirs of their trips!

April 3 Meeting

Time: 12:00

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

Program: Chuck Hill
Reverse Mortgages



- 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

across the USA ; #2: a South American cruise on Holland America's Rotterdam; and #3: A Rhine River cruise from Basel to Amsterdam. That was the plan; however, her enthusiasm for her #1 favorite resulted in a lack of time to tell about the other two! She told of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, the "Texas Eagle" segment of the trip in which she got a "roomette" - a tiny room with a bed; Tombstone and Boot Hill in Tucson; Arneau's Restaurant in New Orleans; trolley tours that allow getting off and on at will which she did in Washington, DC; and the "Silver Star" from Washington to Ft. Lauderdale! The entire trip cost less than \$1000! And she even passed out Amtrak brochures so members could plan their own train trips.

Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago



Congratulations to Bev Hoppe who is our unit's nominee for District 10 volunteer of the year. Thanks to those of you who reported your volunteer hours throughout the year. Our annual report has gone in to FREA.

This is the last month that we will be collecting manufacturers' coupons for our troops overseas. We will continue to collect eyeglasses, pull tabs, cell phones and labels for education through the end of the year.



FREF

Chairman: Frances Smoot



A reminder for everyone to please purchase the FREF tickets for the Future Teachers Fund. Tickets are \$2.00 each which gives

you a chance to win a \$100.00 bill. The drawing will be held at the Assembly in May at the Airport Marriott Hotel.

Thanks.

Frances

President's Corner

Congratulations to our newly elected officers for next year. It is wonderful that we have members who are able and willing to serve as officers and on our committees. They will need the support of our members to be successful. I am sure they will have it. If you any ideas for programs or any other suggestions, I am sure they will welcome them. Keep informed about the Florida legislature which is meeting now. Hopefully they will increase the contribution the state makes toward paying for health insurance for retirees. You may want to contact your legislators about this matter.



Tom



Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards



Literacy

Chairman: Rosetta Watkins



MAIL OR GIVE YOUR PAYMENT OF \$35 MADE PAYABLE TO BCREA FOR

"GROUCHO!"

AT 2 PM ON APRIL 27TH

Stage Door Theatre

TO MICHELE EDWARDS NO LATER THAN
THE APRIL 3RD MEETING!!!

(Yes, the Stage Door Theatre granted an extension to allow more members the chance to participate!!!!)

Con't from African Footprint

Once seated in the theatre, the house lights dimmed and the production transported us to the cultural/historical world of Africa.

The music, dance, song, costume, set and effects mesmerized, entertained and educated. Noting that this performance replaced *Lord*

of the Dance in the BCREA cultural activity season, the post-show exit conversations compared *African Footprint* to *Riverdance* and/or *Stomp* that many had seen. Susan Lochrie summed up our response when she said, "It makes *Riverdance* appear boring!" I believe we all concurred.

WE HAVE A WINNER . . . Fifth Grade Essay Contest

Thanks to our very astute judges - **Kathlyn Barno, Thomas Drilling, Harriett Drilling, Jean Childers and Florence Jones** - who had the awesome job of choosing one winner out of 64 essays! The winner of the Fifth Grade Essay Contest on "My Experiences /Relationship with a Grandparent or Grandparent Figure" is **Stephanie Figueroa**, a student in **Mrs. Donna Thomson's** fifth grade class at **Lakeside Elementary**

School. Her essay is titled "The Most Awesome Experience." Congratulations, Stephanie!

Stephanie will be invited to our May meeting along with her parents/teacher to read her essay.

We would like to thank all of the participants (students, teachers and principals) for all of their efforts.

Hopefully our winner will be the state winner.

Rosetta

Directory Correction:

Edgar and Marian Elder's city and state should be Pompano Beach, FL, 33062 (not Evans, GA) and their phone number is 954-941-2135.

Take-Stock Needs Mentors!



Children need positive role models. They need a resource, a confidant, a friend. Someone to help them make positive choices in life.

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browardschools.com.

Also visit our website at

www.takestockinchildren.com

Bev Hoppe BCREA Volunteer of the Year

By Darcy Drago



Congratulations to Beverly Hoppe, BCREA's nominee for District 10 Volunteer of the Year. Bev has been a member of BCREA and FREA for eight years. In addition to all that she has done for BCREA, Bev serves on the steering committee for her high school reunion, handling all their correspondence. She has also designed a website for them. Bev is also active in the Ft. Lauderdale Women's Club, designing and maintaining their website, editing their newsletter, and assisting wherever she's needed.

She has amassed in excess of 600 community service hours this year. Way to go, Bev!

At the right →→ Behind Jean Childers, Agnes Schnierer, Cheryl Bar-tanowitz and Shirley Paoli you may be able to tell that it was raining. An umbrella in the photo was definitely useful!



FREA Tours

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OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS

A Summer Adventure in our National Parks, June 8-19, 2008; \$3,159 pp double occupancy;

\$4,359 pp single occupancy; includes r/t air from Orlando & insurance. Your motor coach tour begins in Scottsdale, Ariz. and includes Lake Powell, Grand Canyon Bryce, Zion, Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks, Salt Lake City, Old Faithful, Bighorn Mountains, Sheridan, Custer State Park and Mt. Rushmore.

An Exciting Adventure to Canada, July 20-30, 2008;

\$1,859 pp, double occupancy;

\$2,309, pp single occupancy. This trip features Niagara Falls, Toronto, fantastic tours and more. This is a motor coach trip.

An Autumn Adventure in Southern New England and Cape Cod, Oct. 3-13, 2008,

\$1,788 pp, double occupancy, \$2,188 pp single occupancy.

This motor coach Fall foliage trip includes Hyannis, Martha's Vineyard, Plymouth Rock and the Elegant Foxwoods Resort and Casino.

A Holiday Adventure to Popular Branson and the Ozark Mountains, Nov. 29-Dec. 7, 2008, \$1,577 pp, double occupancy, \$1,947 pp single occupancy.

This motor coach trip includes fabulous shows including Andy Williams as well as a tour of and the Shoji Tabuchi Show as well as a tour of Elvis' Graceland.



Flora Stops By!

District 10 Director Flora Jackson stopped by to remind members of the 54th State Assembly of the FREA to be held in Miami on May 28 - 30. Since we are the host district this year, she's hoping for a big turn-out! Let Tom Drilling know if you'd like to attend!



Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie
954-525-8503



Membership Dues Now Being Collected for 2008 - 2009

Dues for the 2008-2009 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.

The membership year extends from July 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Reminder: Members who have Pioneer Insurance Medi-Gap Supplemental Insurance must pay their dues by June 1, 2008.

Broward County Retired Educators Association 2008 - 2009 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

Passages



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

William Gaffney 4/08
Anna Tarullo 4/08



Thinking of You...
Kathlyn Barno
Ginny Dewar
Ed Elder
Madeline Martin



Congratulations
Carol Call

BCREA Officers....

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Tom Drilling
954-537-9288

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Linda Horton
954-463-0192

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Madeline Martin
954-973-6509

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 Or E-mail: Darbob2007@aol.com

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: _____

Slate of Officers Announced

At the March meeting, President tom Drilling announced the slate of officers for the 2008 - 2009 Club year. Current Vice-



President **Linda Horton** has agreed to serve as President.

Margarite Falconer, this year's historian, will be the new Vice-President;



Secretary **Madeline Martin** will also be the secretary for the coming year and



Treasurer **Doris Emmett**



has agreed to serve in that position for another year.

A vote will be taken at the April meeting to approve the slate.

Scholarship Donations

Donor
Edie Fisher

In Memory Of
 her husband **George Fisher**

Unspecified donations

Susan Barber
Elizabeth Cannata
Eleanor Gaston
Daisy Kennedy
Pauline McShane
Beverley Merrill
Richard Perry
Sallie-Anne Sherwood

Johnne Bentley
Bobbie Lou David
Ken & Thelma Hendricks
Georgia MacVean
Wayne & Arline McWhinney
Ogden Miller
Joe Reddick
Edward Weaver

In spite of heavy storms on March 6, 47 members and 5 guests braved the elements to attend the meeting! Among those were new members **Gloria Brown** and **Evelyn Johnston**; first time attendee **Joan Lederer**; and 2 whom we hadn't seen for awhile, **Edie Fisher** and **Mary Geiger**. Welcome everyone!

Three members have had recent surgeries: **Madeline Martin** has recovered from her 8-hour surgery for a double-hernia last month! **Ruth Travers** reports that **Ginny Dewar** had foot surgery on March 6. Doris Emmett let us know that **Edgar Elder** also had hernia surgery on March 5. Kathlyn Barno missed the meeting because she's suffering with a shoulder problem. We wish them all speedy recoveries.

Good news from **Carol Call** - she missed the March meeting because her daughter gave birth to a little boy - a month early! Even though he weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces, he has to

Bev's Bytes.....



stay in neo-natal for a week due to his early arrival. Winners in the Scholarship Raffle were **Martha Pipes** (\$20), **Judy Joseph** (\$15) and **Madeline Martin** (\$10). **Frances Smoot** missed the meeting as she was attending the FREA Scholarship Committee meeting in Ocala. I should have put it in the March issue, but I didn't realize it came early this year! So, if this reaches you before Easter, I hope you have a very



Happy Passover to our Jewish members too! (Sorry - They don't have a "Happy Passover" in clipart!) And that's the last byte for April!

Bev

Julie Andrews' Current Favorites!

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 *The 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!
(from the Internet)



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