

Club 55 Will Help Keep You Alive!

For an annual fee of only \$55, anyone age 55 or older can join the Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation "Club 55." This is for both residents and non-residents at 12 city parks. Recreation

Programmer **Ariadne "Ari" Ffrench** (not a typo! There really are 2 F's in her name!) presented a slide show showing the many activities available in a program which has similarities to Nova's Life-

of hands-on activities including art, chair yoga, jewelry making, line dance, mahjongg, outings, party bridge, pickleball, special events, walking club, yoga, zumba and much more!

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long Learning program at a lower price and with less classroom learning but loads

Help Needed for the Convention

BCREA has been asked to donate a "themed, super basket" to be auctioned at the FREA Convention. The Executive Board selected the theme: Winning and Wining. We thought that we could create a "Lottery Tree" and surround it with several bottles of wine or other liquid refreshment in case the recipient finds there are no winning tickets and needs to drown his/her sorrows. **Carol Roland** has volunteered to donate several bottles of wine. If each member could bring one or two unused lottery scratch-off tickets to our April meeting we could create a really, great basket. Too busy to pick up a few scratch offs? No problem just donate a few dollars and we will purchase them for you!

April 4 Meeting

Time: 11:45
Place: Deicke Auditorium
Address: 5701 Cypress Road
 Plantation
 (1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)
Program: Sandy Lefkowitz - Literacy Book Celebration



Easter 4/21

Passover: 4/19 - 4/27



Bring to meeting:

- Scratch-off Lottery Tickets
- Volunteer Hours
- Dish to share
- Labels for Education
- Aluminum pull-tabs
- Old eyeglasses & Cell phones
- A New Member

Annual Memorial Service Honors 8

Each year BCREA takes time to remember the members who have passed away in the previous year. This year 8 members were honored at the March meeting. They were **Mattie Benson, Shirley Ernst, Eddie B. Fisher, Frankie Foeman, Caroline Hooper, Wilese Langford, Alzora Simmons, and Beverly Yates**. To open the service, **Frances**



Smoot read the 23d Psalm. Then as **Darcy Drago** read each name and told a bit about each one, **Frances** added a white rose to a vase for each one.

President's Corner

Yesterday, I saw a Help Wanted banner hanging on the Davie Police Department fence saying, "If not you then who?"

I thought this most appropriate for BCREA since we still have no candidate for the President-Elect position. So here is my Help Wanted Banner:

If NOT YOU then WHO?

Please consider yourself for this position or help me find a candidate. Believe me when I say that president and president-elect of BCREA are the easiest positions I have ever held. Why? Because all committee chairpersons and members are doing their jobs so well, all I have to do is smile and take the credit! Everyone else does all the work. When a new project arises, members willingly jump in to make it successful! Call me at 954 472-2389 and I will place your name on the ballot. If elected,

I am sure you will discover the job is as easy and rewarding as I do.

Remember,

If not you then who?

Carol



President-Elect's Corner

STAY FOCUSED! This is an important admonishment we as former educators directed toward our students in order to facilitate learning in a learning environment. Some times were more difficult than others, but through it all, we were able to garner some success in our careers. This edict we learned all too well for our own involvements in our communities, churches, and organizations including our own BCREA.

We are now at that time of our 2018-2019 year, keenly focused on the outcomes of all our hard work. Looking forward to April and May, we direct our focus toward students in the schools of Broward County. Our Reading Initiative through the **Literacy Committee** is the focus for April, and our Awards and Scholarship Celebrations will take center stage in May. These two months will culminate a year of great progress for these and other involvements we have had. It is such a blessing that we have dedicated members who want to help facilitate learning in our schools although we have left the confines of the classrooms, offices, and other parts of the physical environment of schools. We can do this and still relish the luxury of our retirement years. After all, we could never fully relinquish our desire to be contributing members and advocates for the success of our future generations.

Speaking of the luxury of retirement, MANY THANKS to **Ari Ffrench** for her presentation on the "55+ Club" Program of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Such wonderful offerings can keep us motivated, activated, and provide that "extra push" we sometimes need in these retirement years.

Lillian



citing calendar days. There is **National Tartan Day** on the 6th, **Name Yourself Day** on the 9th and **National Rubber Eraser Day** on the 15th. When next we meet on April 4th, it will be "**Vitamin C Day!**" Hope to see everyone then.

Sallie



Social Committee

Chairman: **Sallie Sherwood**
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The March Winds certainly blew in many luncheon participants wearing various shades of green to help celebrate St. Patty's Day! As we await the April showers and plan for our next meeting, a few reminders for those new and returning members. We do not want your personal utensils to become "lost in the shuffle," so please do not bring any serve ware. Several thoughtful members have been providing gently used plastic containers for the

leftovers. If you would like to take home some of the tasty dishes which have been brought to the luncheon, please use these containers. Thank you to those who have brought in water for the luncheon recently. Presently we have enough bottled water for the remainder of the year. We do not have room to store items over the summer, so please do not bring any water to the next two meetings. Other than April Fool's Day, April is know for a few other ex-

Friendship

Chairman: Marsy Smith

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A big thank you to **Marianne Scott** for filling in for me at the March meeting and for organizing our greeting cards. We still have an abundant supply of cards, so if you

have some to donate, feel free to pass them on to another organization. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting!

Marsy

Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago

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The staff at the Florida Humane Society was very grateful for our donation of pet & household supplies. That is our last group project until next Fall. Thank you for supporting our service projects throughout the year. If you have any sug-

gestions for new group projects please let me know. Our nominee for District 10 Volunteer of the Year is our president-elect **Lillian Small**. Her profile will appear in next month's Newsletter. Congratulations, Lillian!

Darcy



Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno

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Most of us are tied to our automobiles and don't want to think about not ever being able to drive again. As we age many of our driving abilities diminish. AAA tells us that by 2030 nearly 70 million people will be 65 or older and most of them will be driving. They say, however, that mature drivers may be able to minimize their risks through physical conditioning, travel planning, defensive driving and choosing vehicles that meet their needs.

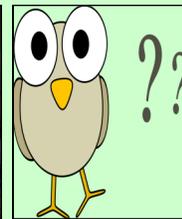
AAA believes you may be able to compensate for slow reflexes by using sound judgment and making adjustments to your driving

habits. Most municipalities offer courses in safe driving. To find out more information about this in your area, go to the AAA website or AARP website. Usually you can get a discount on your automobile insurance if you take the courses. Keep your vehicle in good operating condition - be sure the headlights, taillights, wipers, and rear window are clean, And now for the next thing - This is your last chance to pay the tax man if you haven't done so. Don't forget. After that the Easter Bunny comes! Hope he brings everybody a big, fat, juicy egg. Happy Easter.

Kathlyn

Slate for 2019-2020 Announced

L to R: President, Lillian Small; President-Elect, Open;



Secretary, **Karen Avery**; and Treasurer **Marelise LeClerc**. Voting will take place at the April meeting.

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Help save on postage costs for BCREA!

We ask that you pay your dues now, before BCREA and FREA have to send out individual reminders in the mail. Thank you to all you members who have already paid their dues for this year.

When you mail the dues of \$50 directly to BCREA you have only one mailing. State dues are \$35 and Broward Unit Dues are \$15. Your state dues are mailed to FREA by our Treasurer. The membership year officially is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

BCREA had 296 members in 2018-19.. Lets work together to increase our membership this year. Reach out to friends who are not members or who have discontinued their membership and urge them to join. Bring 3 new members this year and you win a \$25. gift certificate. Information packets are sent to anyone who sends their mailing address to me.

Susan

BROWARD COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

I would prefer to receive my Newsletter by email only

Date Retired _____ Retired From _____

Position _____

Dues:\$50.00; Donation for Scholarships: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please make check payable to **BCREA** and mail to
Susan Lochrie, BCREA Membership
P.O. Box 30533
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Passages



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

- Gwen Thompson 4/10
- Jimmie Wickham 4/30
And turning 85...
- Lillian Johnston 4/3
- Eleanor Majerus 4/23



Thinking of You....

- Kate Alexander
- Barbara Bohuny
- Louise Costello
- Echo Heyer
- Lois Rhodes
- Pat Schroder
- Barbara Wilder
- Arline Ziller

Welcome New Members



- Janet Bartoszek
- Naomi Phillips



Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz
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Look forward to a fun, interactive April meeting. We will be adding book plates to all the books that YOU have donated this year. We will also add personal notes to book marks. This will be your chance to see the wonderful books that we have collected. You deserve a pat on

the back for making a difference in the lives of children. We are competing with tablets and computers so it is especially gratifying to see a child hold a book and devote time to reading. Thanks to you for making books special. **Sandy**

If you look under the Passages column in this Newsletter, you'll notice we have quite a few members who have been reported as currently dealing with some health issues. I guess this isn't surprising when you realize even our youngest members are at least retirement age. We do send out our best wishes for improved health to each of them. Hospitality Chairman **Ilene Miller** reported 58 members and 2 guests at the March meeting.



Bev's Bytes...



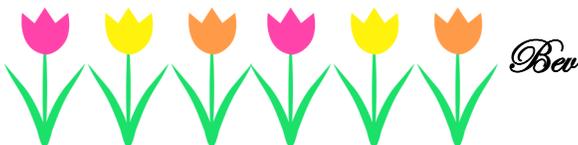
Winners in the **Scholarship Fundraiser** were Below, L-R: Diane Texter, \$20; Diane Texter, \$10; Carol Roland, \$10; and Val Proffer, \$10.



Bev Hoppe and Josephine Walker won the flowers - donated, as always,



by Carol Roland. LuAnn Comes was the winner of the Community Services Drawing. See all the rest of the photos on Shutterfly! Go to the website <http://browardrea.org> and click on Photos on Shutterfly. Happy Passover! Happy Easter! Happy Spring!



BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 201__

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:

Darcia Drago
2505 Dagoon Avenue
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc
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A huge thank you to all the members who have recently contributed to our Scholarship Fund while paying your annual dues. To all of you who have not yet paid your dues, please consider includ-

ing extra money for scholarships. We would like to recognize the following members for their benevolence:

Marelise

Scholarship Donations

Susan Barber	Milton Brantferger	
Jo Ann Corder	Doris Cotnoir	Ann Graves
Edith Gooden-Thompson		Susan Lochrie
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