

## Honoring Our Members, Reaching Out To All

### Annual Memorial Service Honors 10



previous year. This year 10 members were honored at the March meeting with candlelight and 10 white roses. Frances read a poem about thinking twice before you speak and Darcy read the names of the honorees and told a bit about each. They were

Lillie Fye,  
Margaret Green,  
Mary Jo Kirkley,  
Betty McNaul,  
Helen Munnings,  
Larine Olliviere,  
Diane Raymond,  
Glenn Sanderson,  
David Seigler and  
Barbara Wilder.

Each year BCREA takes time to remember the members who have passed away in the



### BCREA Celebrates Frances



Frances Smoot has been opening BCREA meetings with a "Thought for the Day" for "about 20 years" she guesses.



And now she's ready to hang up her microphone. We will miss her wonderful messages.

Doing the Thought was defi-

nately not the only contribution she has made in her 25 or so years in BCREA. From 2001 -



2004 she served as president. Before and after she's been on Membership, Scholarships, FREF, Information Services and probably more. She's attended numerous FREA conventions over the years. She's definitely been the GOAT of BCREA and it's now time for her to just enjoy the meetings and visiting with her many friends in the club.

### Zoom Combo Is A Work in Progress

President Sue is still working on perfecting the Combination of a Zoom meeting with our in-person meeting. At this point Julia Penley (at left in photo) reports she still can't hear. Julia has been our "quality control" person since the beginning. By trying to do this we can more readily relate to the difficulties faced by teachers trying to teach hybrid classes during the pandemic.



### April 7 Meeting

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: Jim Ward Community Center

Address: 301 NW 46th Ave, Plantation

Program: : Highlighting Broward Students  
Easter 4/17



Passover:  
4/15- 4/23



### Bring to meeting: BYOL

(Bring Your Own Lunch  
Items for the Humane Society  
Volunteer Hours  
Aluminum pull-tabs  
Old eyeglasses & Cell phones  
A New Member

## President's Corner

Spring is the season of new beginnings. A season of hope, possibility, rebirth, renewal, reawakening, new growth, blooming flowers, singing birds, blue skies ... Spring break, spring cleaning, spring fever, spring training...I read a newly released book this weekend, **Imagine If...Creating A Future For Us All**, by Sir Ken Robinson, Ph.D., and Kate Robinson, his daughter. It was a perfect entry into the spring season, a short, pocket-sized manifesto of Sir Ken's life's work, compiled and published by Kate after her father's death in 2020. A lover of Sir Ken's work, I was immediately drawn to Chapter 4: The Promise of Education. He defines the core purpose of education into the following four basic purposes: personal, cultural, economic, and social. He also suggests integrating the following eight core competencies throughout a student's educational curriculum: curiosity, creativity, criticism, communication, collaboration, compassion, composure, and citizenship. Please click on this link <https://youtu.be/GrnUCtiyUJq> and watch the clips from 0:00 - 19:20 and 9:33:25-9:40:00 to experience Sir Ken Robinson's vision of the power of imagination, innovation, and the celebration of human potential. Please join us for our next BCREA meeting on April 7, 2022, at 12:30 pm for our program, Highlighting Broward Students. You will see and hear the imagination, innovation, and service of several BCPS high school student leaders. "What you do for yourself dies with you...what you do for others lives on forever." Sir Ken Robinson

Sue



## Legislative

Chair: Sue Colton

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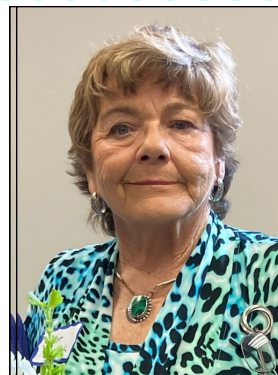
By the time this April Newsletter is published, the 2022 Florida Legislative Session will have ended. Thank you to all members who participated in our Legislative Letter-Writing and E-Mailing Campaign on March 3 at our BCREA meeting and at home the following week until March 11. Thank you to **Karen Avery** and **Sandy Lefkowitz** for their leadership in making this campaign a reality.

## President-Elect's Corner

Are high school students lazy and self-centered? Often that is what is portrayed in the news media.

As educators, we know that we cannot believe everything we read about students! At April's meeting BCREA is going to feature students doing good in their communities. Working with BCREA members **Mary Ellen Fowler** and **Sue Colton**, dedicated students from **Ely High** and **Boyd Anderson High** will highlight their outstanding student volunteer projects. We will learn creative ways to solve problems.

Since **Frances Smoot** has relinquished her role of presenting the Thought for the Day at our meetings, we are looking for a new person - or persons - to provide inspiration or a laugh. The expectation is that the Thought for The Day be short, nonpolitical, inspirational but non-religious, and help set the tone for the day. Have you read a poem, a short story or anything that has touched you or made you say 'Aha'? We all have enjoyed these snippets - sometimes to laugh, often to reflect and occasionally to act. Please step up to share these gems with the group. Call or email me to discuss how you can fill this valuable role. *Anne*



## Fund Raising

Chair: Barbara Lewis

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**ZOOM BINGO will be on  
April 28, 2022  
at 1PM.**

The cost is 5 games for \$10.00. You can order as many cards as you want. There will be prizes for the winners of each game. Bingo cards can be purchased at our April 7th meeting. You can also order cards if you aren't at the meeting. Please send your

check made out to BCREA and a self-addressed/ stamped envelope by April 17th to

**Marelise LeClerc**

**615 N 31 Road**

**Hollywood, FL 33021**

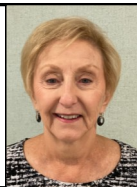
So come play one and all to enjoy BINGO and raise money for our scholarships. If you have any questions call or email me.

*Barbara*



## Community Service

Chair: Darcia Drago  
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At our April meeting we will collect pet supplies for our furry friends at the **Florida Humane Society**, a "no-kill" shelter in Broward County. Any type of pet supplies are



welcome but their most pressing

needs are:

- ♦ **White copy paper**
- ♦ **Bottled water**
- ♦ **Dawn dish soap**
- ♦ **Any kind of laundry soap**
- ♦ **Cat litter &**
- ♦ **Dry cat food.**

Darcy

## Literacy

Chair: Sandy Lefkowitz  
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Reading, writing and arithmetic, the 3 R's are still considered the backbone of education. Today consider three additional R's: reasoning, resilience and responsibility (Robert J. Sterling, PhD, American Psychological Association). It's important to teach today's youth critical thinking, "stick with-it-ness" and caring for others plus the environment.

To bring you up to date with our literacy program for this year, the Literacy Committee sadly reports that we did not receive any entries for the Margaret Poppell

Fifth Grade Writing Contest. We know this year has been difficult for teachers: returning to the classroom, masks and no masks, battling what can and can't be taught. Let's look forward to the 2022-2023 school year. Let's pledge to contact schools, teachers and fifth graders and work diligently to encourage students to write essays and enter the fifth grade essay contest. Let's remind teachers and students to reason, to be resilient, and to be responsible.

Sandy

## Information Services

Chair: Sallie Sherwood  
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Volunteerism, now is the time! We have discussed before about "Random Acts of Kindness" those actions we take, either random or planned, that we perform to help our family, friends or neighbors. We all try to help one another: picking up a neighbor's newspaper, calling an elderly person to see if they need anything, offering a ride to a Doctor's visit, walking someone's puppy dog, etc.

April is National Volunteer Month which encourages us to "step up" our random acts to a higher level and donate our time, offering our skills and talents, or giving resources to individuals, communities or organizations needing assistance. This week, as we have watched the news, we have seen selfless communities as they give everything to help their neighbors or complete strangers. If you are able, now is the time to "step it up," and volunteer at one of the organizations that are in need of your support. Below you will see some organizations which will offer opportunities for seniors to volunteer their time and skills. Some will even

match your interests and talents to specific programs. No matter whether your generous acts are large or small, the practice of doing kind deeds brings joy to both the recipient and yourself. We know that we feel better when we help others, it also increases our own self worth, encourages physical energy, helps engage our social skills, and in some cases helps us to gain knowledge. As Oscar Wilde said, "The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention."

<https://agingplace.org>  
<https://americorps.gov>  
<https://www.aarp.org/aarp/volunteer>  
<https://www.volunteermatch.org>  
<https://www.broward.org>  
<https://seniorcareftlauderdale.com>

Stay fit, stay sharp and send positive thoughts to others. Now, more than any other time, if you are able, please lend a helping hand. Don't forget to report your volunteer hours to Darcy.

Sallie

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## Membership

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Chair: Susan Lochrie



### Time For Membership Dues - 2022-2023

Payments for Membership Dues started in March. We encourage you to pay early, before June 30, 2022, if possible. By paying dues of \$50. directly to BCREA you have only one check and mailing. Your State dues of \$35 will be sent to FREA by our Treasurer. The remaining \$15 is used for Broward Unit expenses. IMPORTANT SUGGESTION: You may receive a reminder from FREA to pay dues. If you choose to pay your dues directly to FREA, instead of to BCREA, please remember to add the local dues of \$15. to the payment in the appropriate space. We are reimbursed for the local dues by FREA.

Please give me a call or email me with your questions about local and state dues. dues using the form below. Call or email me with questions!

*Susan*

## Passages



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

**Mary Bedard 4/02**  
**Lillian Johnston 4/3**  
**Gwen Thompson 4/10**  
**Eleanor Majerus 4/23**



*Thinking of You....*

**Diane Jarchow**  
**Arline Ziller**

### 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**

**Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303**



From **Jo Walker**

Live beneath your means.  
Return everything you borrow.  
Stop blaming other people.  
Admit it when you make mistakes.  
Give clothes not worn to charity.  
Do something nice and try not to get caught.  
Listen more; talk less.  
Every day take a 30 min. walk.  
Strive for excellence, not perfection.  
Be on time. Don't make excuses.  
Don't argue.  
Get organized.  
Be kind to unkind people.  
Let someone cut ahead of you in line.  
Take time to be alone.  
Cultivate good manners.  
Be humble.  
Realize and accept that life isn't fair.  
Know when to keep your mouth shut.  
Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.  
Learn from the past. Plan for the future.  
Live in the present.  
Don't sweat the small stuff.  
It's all small stuff.

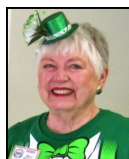
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Hospitality Chairman  
**LuAnn Comes** reported  
34 members at the  
March meeting. **Julia**

**Penley** in Colorado and **Suzanne Adkin** from her car at-  
tended via Zoom!

Winners in the **Scholarship Fundraiser** were Below, L-R:  
**Ellen Emery**, \$20; **Earthalene Perry**, \$10; and **James**  
**Etta Warner**, \$10.



*Bev's Bytes...*



**Karen Uris and Marian Resch** won the flowers - donated, as always,

by **Carol Roland**.



**Karen Avery and Priscilla Peck** won the books. **Mary Ellen**



**Fowler** was the winner of the Com-

munity Services Drawing  
See all the rest of the photos on  
Shutterfly! Go to the website  
<http://browardrea.org> and click on  
"Photos on Shutterfly."

Last week Cultural Affairs Committee  
Chair **Carol Roland** and 4 committee  
members - **James Etta Warner, Ellen Emery, Lenora**



**Smoot** and I met at Heritage Park to  
"rehearse" for this Thursday's "Fun  
and Frolic" games about which Carol  
cleverly reminded everyone at the  
meeting (You had to be there!) And on  
Sunday, March 6 Five members and  
friends attended "Sister Act" at the  
Lauderhill Performing Arts Center:  
**Josephine Walker, Mary Pavlinek,**  
**Marelise LeClerc** and her friend  
**Mary and Bev Hoppe** gave the show  
rave reviews. **Sue Redfern** missed the  
meeting because she's in Portugal.  
And that's the last byte for April.

Happy Passover! Happy Easter! Happy Spring! *Bev*

## 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)

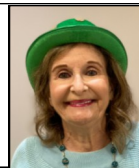
Volunteer hours working with youth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Persons 25 years of age or younger;  
This also includes literacy hours)

Bring this to our next meeting, e-mail it to me at [dardra@att.net](mailto:dardra@att.net)  
or mail it to me at:

**Darcia Drago**  
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## From the Treasurer

**Marelise LeClerc**  
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As we begin collecting dues for the 2022-2023 year, please remember to add a little extra (or a BIG "extra") to your dues for scholarships. A huge thank you to the members listed below. The total of their donations is \$1,052. Because of you, we have one scholarship for a future teacher! KUDOS to you!

### Member

**Roseanne Belsito**  
**Linda Gibson**  
**Rosa Parra**

### In Memory Of

**Don Roberts & John Lyzott**  
**Kathlyn Barno**  
**Nancy Ruiz**

### Undesignated Donations

|                         |                           |                       |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Bobbie David</b>     | <b>John DeGregory</b>     | <b>Maureen Dinnen</b> |
| <b>Carl Flowers</b>     | <b>Myrtle Ford</b>        | <b>Anne French</b>    |
| <b>Joan Gavin</b>       | <b>Margorie Gregg</b>     | <b>Micaela Hawn</b>   |
| <b>Ruth Hooper</b>      | <b>Bev Hoppe</b>          | <b>Adelia Jones</b>   |
| <b>Phyllis Kublin</b>   | <b>Arline &amp; Wayne</b> | <b>McWhinney</b>      |
| <b>Annie Rawls</b>      | <b>Marvalyn Rhett</b>     | <b>Carol Roland</b>   |
| <b>Melissa Schultze</b> | <b>Marcy Smith</b>        | <b>Paula Talese</b>   |
| <b>Bruce Voelkel</b>    |                           |                       |

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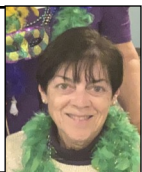
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### *Social Committee*

Chair: Marianne Scott

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April, 2022 brings us Easter, Passover, Income tax deadline and Earth Day (April 22). The Social Committee will continue with our effort to help Planet Earth. A recycling bin will be at the end of the table ready to accept your EMPTY water bottles and soda cans, ONLY. All other garbage - trash from your lunch, raffle tickets, cups, etc. should be thrown in the large garbage can provided by the

City of Plantation. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated. If you're able to join us on April 7, remember to bring your lunch. The Social committee will provide water, soda and coffee. This month celebrate Grilled Cheese Day on April 12 and the next day enjoy dessert by celebrating National Peach Cobbler Day. Hope to see everyone then.

**Marianne**

**The wearin' of  
the green!**



### **Slate for 2022-2023**

L to R: President, **Sue Colton**; President-Elect, **Anne French** Secretary, **Karen Avery**; and Treasurer **Marelise LeClerc**. Voting will take place at the April meeting.



**Clockwise: Marsy  
Smith; Cindy O'Linn;  
Sally Macak; and  
Marianne Scott**