

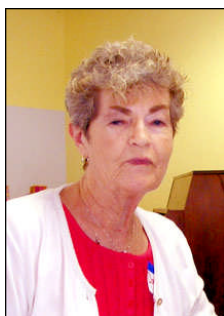


Genealogist Debbie: Researching Your Roots

Doris Cotnoir, Linda Horton Named Broward Pioneers

On October 17 at the Hallandale community Center, Doris Cotnoir and Linda Horton were honored as Broward County Pioneers. Linda was unable to attend as

she was out of town, but Doris reported the event as being a lovely affair including lunch and certificates for the honorees who ranged in age from 40 - 92.



mation - such as a family Bible." Now would be a good time to acquire something in which to store the information and documents you locate - such as a good-size loose-leaf notebook with archive-quality plastic sleeves. Once you've exhausted your family resources in the search, you really need to have access to a computer to do online searches. Dr. Duay distributed a list of useful sites. One that seems to provide links to several others is <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com>.

A very useful link on this site is the Social Security Death Index at <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com>. This includes most people who died after 1962. To locate a person, add as little information as possible to the search form for the best results. For immigrants from 1892 - 1924, go to <http://www.ellisland.org>.

Important Upcoming Dates!

December 3 Meeting

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Holiday Music

December 11: December Board Meeting, 11:00 am
Bev Hoppe's home

Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share

Items for Women in Distress

Campbells labels Aluminum pull-tabs

General Mills labels Coupons for our troops



December 12: Happy Hannukkah

December 25: Merry Christmas

December 26: Happy Kwanzaa



Presenting a 20-minute mini-version of her usual 2-hour workshop, genealogist Dr. Debbie Duay says, "The first thing you should do in researching your family tree, is to write down everything you know about yourself, your parents and your grandparents. Next, talk to your brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins to learn what they can add. Look around your home for anything that has family infor-

Mark Your 2010 Calendar:

BCREA invites You and your guests to our

Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Social Hour: 11:30

Lunch served: 12 noon

Tropical Acres Restaurant

Tickets will be sold at the

December and January meetings or

order them by mail with the coupon on Page 4.

President's Corner

I thought I would start my chat with thoughts on BCREA. I think what I have enjoyed the most about BCREA is our new members who attended our first two meetings. It is great to see "happy faces" and wonderful additions to our pot luck lunches as well as new members who have embraced BCREA projects! It makes one feel educational goals will continue through membership in BCREA. This brings my attention to our main goal of scholarships. Scholarship funds growing, and being protected for Broward County students definitely would be our main goal each year. It gives one a good feeling to be able to give two or three scholarships to deserving seniors to help them pay for a college education in the teaching profession. To me this is a noteworthy accomplishment for BCREA.

I would like to thank **Michele Edwards** for doing a fine job with her selections for BCREA'S Cultural Affairs. Kudos to **Frances Smoot** for her well chosen "Thoughts for the Day." And to the **Board** for all their hard work in helping BCREA to run smoothly. Also a BIG THANKS to all of the members for their cooperation and support.

The holidays are here - family and friends sharing good times! A spirit of good will for ourselves and others is in the air! I hope all of you have a marvelous holiday in whatever faith you hold dear. Share, if you are able, with those who are in need.

Linda



From the Vice-President..

I'd like to welcome all our new members! Let's all try to get in touch with someone we know who has retired but has not yet come to a meeting.

Personally, I'd like to welcome to our world my new grandson, **Colin Brock Falconer**, 7lb. 9 oz. born on October 27, 2009 to my son and his wife, **Drs. Brock and Sherri Walker Falconer** of Evansville, IN. Colin has a sister **Nora Grace** who is twenty-six months old. Happy Turkey Day and Merry Christmas to all.

Margarite



Community Service / Directories

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Gifts for Women in Distress

At our December meeting we will collect toiletries and personal care products for Women in Distress. Hopefully our gifts will make their holiday a little brighter.

Many thanks for your generous donations of food and clothing to the Cooperative Feeding Program at the November meeting. If you read the article about them in the November 1st edition

of the *Sun-Sentinel* you'll know how much this wonderful organization does in our community. We collected 7 cartons of food & 2 carloads of clothing!

Directories

2009-10 directories will be distributed at our December meeting. Copies will be mailed to members who live out of county and to those who are shut-ins. Happy holidays! See you next year, *Darcy*

Scholarship Donations

Donor:

Maureen Dinnen

Dorothy Howard

Susan Lochrie

In Memory Of:

Buddy Lochrie

Juanita W. Williams

John Lyzott

Undesignated Donations

Rosemary Hart-Rawls

Joan Krueger

Mary Underhill

Lee Kalvaitis

Patricia Schifini

FREF

Chairman: Frances Smoot
954-733-3385 frances-smoot@hotmail.com



"FREF is coming in January. Again this year, the big Extravaganza with very nice prizes. Tickets will remain at \$10.00 each. Remember, this is scholarship money".

Thanks, *Frances*



Passages



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

Elizabeth Freeman 12/1
Lillian Rahming 12/3
Sara Pettis 12/16
Alzora Simmons 12/18
Dorsey Maynard 12/19
Dorothy Barringer 12/22
Elizabeth Johnson 12/26



Thinking of You

Joseph Eddings



Congratulations
Margarite Falconer
On the birth of grandson
Colin Brock Falconer

What a wonderful group of new members we've gotten in the past 2 months! If you look at the photo on page 6, you'll also notice that none of them looks old enough to be retired! What an attractive group! The one problem - the lack of men! There is one new man on Susan's list and I did see a gentleman at the meeting who said he plans to join. Thank goodness we have Bruce Arnold, Charles Pipes and John Curran! Also saw Faye's husband Tom Mullarkey at this month's meeting! There were 58 people in attendance at the meeting. Winners of the 50/50 were:

Ben's Bytes...



\$20 - Betty Ouelette

\$20 - Darcy Drago

\$10 - Rosa Parra

It pays to come to meetings and support the scholarship raffle! Who brought those delicious sweet potatoes? They got rave reviews and requests for the recipe at the Board meeting. We missed faithful attendees Madeline Martin, Rosetta Watkins, and Lorene Broxton - Madeline actually came early and set up the luncheon before

heading to the airport to fly up north for a surprise birthday party for her sister! Now that's loyalty! One person who has been missing for a while returned - our roving Cultural Affairs Chairman Michele Edwards was there with our cultural schedule for the year. If you know of any member who is ill, be sure to notify our Friendship Chairman Shirley Paoli and she'll send them a card. Many thanks to all of you who've asked about my husband Will - he's due to get his cast off on Friday! And that's the last byte for this month! *Ben*



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Chairman: Arline Ziller



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Arline

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Fifth Grade Essay Contest

We have received permission from the Superintendent's Screening Committee to conduct the Fifth Grade Essay contest in the schools. Now we need at least three or four principals to agree.

Book Donation

This year we will again collect slightly used books to give to an after-school program for children in kindergarten thru fifth grade. Our book collection last year netted a complete set of encyclopedias, 164 books, 4 jigsaw puzzles and a few children games. We will accept book donations thru May 2010.

Literacy Hours

Our Unit (BCREA) received a patch for Literacy at the Assembly and Convention of FREA last May in St. Petersburg, thanks to all of you for reporting your literacy hours. Keep up the good work and report those Literacy hours. Remember to report all of your hours since our last meeting in May.

Rosetta

Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno
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At the December Meeting we will continue collecting money for our blood drive. Remember you don't give blood in this drive. Two dollars entitle you to three pints of blood, if you so need it, in any hospital in the nation.

The holiday shopping season is upon us. This is also a happy time for unscrupulous characters so be on your guard at all times. Be careful of your purse and packages when shopping. Don't leave any valuables in sight in your car. Always lock your car when you leave it. Always park in well lit places and don't park in isolated places. Thieves love to

prey on senior citizens. Protect your vital information so that you don't become a victim of identity theft.

We are also in the midst of the flu season. Be sure to get your necessary flu shots. Consult your health-care provider for information about what shots you need. If you are traveling to a different climate, dress appropriately so that you will be protected against the elements.

Keep safe, keep healthy and enjoy your holidays. See you in the new year.

Kathlyn

Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards
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Our Cultural Season was announced at the Nov. 5 meeting!!!! Members indicated which of the shows they plan to attend; the result was "terrific!" All BCREA members may invite their family and friends to attend with them. So, total up your ticket order and get that check made payable to BCREA, with a memo indicating for which show(s) you are paying and how many tickets per show, in the mail to Michele Edwards, 1933 NW 107 Drive, Coral Springs, FL, 33071 ASAP!!!!!! The contracts include **only 20 tickets per show!!!!** I will try to add to our orders if we fill our seats. Checks received for unavailable tickets will be returned to sender. For a **super-saving**, read down to the bottom of the article...Our three selections are:

- 1) **MUSIC:** "Oh, What a Night of Doo-wop & Rock-n-Roll" at Parker Playhouse on Friday, January 8, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. for \$35/ticket all fees included. Payment is due no later than the December 3, 2009 meeting.
- 2) **DANCE:** Florida Folies "Celebrate" at Parker Playhouse Sunday, March 14 @1:45 p.m. \$30/ticket/No Group Rate. Money due by February 4 meeting.
- 3) **THEATRE:** A comedy, "Love, Sex and the IRS" at Broward Stage Door Theatre in Coral Springs on Saturday, April 17, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m. for \$35/ticket all fees included. Payment is due no later than the April 1, 2010 meeting (This is not an "April Fool...").
- 4) **ART:** for information regarding current installations and exhibits, contact the Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Art at http://moaflnsu.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=116&Itemid=3

One current exhibit is: **With You I Want to**

Live: Gordon Locksley + George T. Shea Collection April 18, 2009 - March 22, 2010

Gordon Locksley has amassed extraordinary holdings of contemporary art since 1960. He and business partner George Shea began their careers as art dealers, opening in 1964 the Locksley Shea Gallery in Minneapolis, representing artists who are now considered modern masters: Andy Warhol, Donald Judd, and Brice Marden. After leaving Minneapolis and living in Rome and Cannes, Gordon Locksley settled in Fort Lauderdale. He continues to actively collect and commission new work, some of monumental scale that will be on view for the first time in this installation.

Super Saver Note: separate tickets will cost you a total of \$100 for 3 shows; **However, if you pay for all three shows by December 3, 2009 the total cost to you will be \$92 as there is an "early-payment" break that I'll pass along.**

Michele

Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:
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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: _____

Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$25.00 each

Entrée choices: Prime rib of beef
Chicken cordon bleu
Broiled salmon

Name _____ Entrée Choice _____

Send a check made out to BCREA

Include a Self-addressed, stamped envelope
to

Doris Emmett
6000 NE 22 Way, Apt. 3-B
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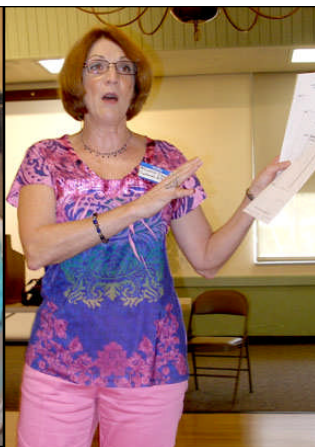
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**Scenes
at the
November
meeting!**



Remember to pick up the new 2009-2010 Directory. **Darcy Drago** will distribute them to members at the meetings rather than mailing (to save postage costs). Directories will be mailed to those who live out of the County.

We had a good turnout of fifteen of our new members at the November meeting.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

SANDI BEHRENS
CAROL IRIS FISCHER
ANGELA FIORE
DIANE JARCHOW
LEE KALVAITIS

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JANET VANDIVORT
MELICENT WENIG
JOSEPH ZELINSKI

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
POLLY LENZEN



When **Mary "Polly" Lenzen** started teaching at Davie Elementary there were 180 children, with only five classes in the entire school. In the early 1950's Davie was a small, rural town known for citrus groves, sod farms and cattle ranches. When Polly retired in 1987, there were 1200 students in a new

Davie Elementary School. The original Davie School building is now an historic site.

After finishing college in St. Louis, Missouri, Polly taught in Maui, Hawaii, then in California and then returned to Missouri. Realizing she preferred warm weather, she moved to Ft. Lauderdale "for the climate." At Davie, Polly taught first grade, and later, kindergarten. Retired for twenty-two years, she has a full schedule with bowling on two teams, two poker groups, bridge twice a week, water aerobics six days a week and golf every Saturday. An enthusiastic Scrabble player, Polly participates in Scrabble tournaments and has even taken Scrabble cruises.

She has been a member of BCREA for 10 years but came to her first meeting this month! Welcome, Polly!



What a great looking group of gals! Welcome, Ladies!



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