



# BCREA Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

Number 187



## Planning Ahead: Necessary But Not Fun

**H**appily, it has arrived,  
 a brand new year!  
**A** perfect opportunity to  
 let the  
**P**ast be gone and make  
**P**lans for the days ahead.  
 It's  
**Y**ours and yours alone to  
 decide upon.  
**N**ew year, new day, anytime  
 is good to  
**E**xercise your  
 freedom of choice.  
**W**ho, what, or where do  
 you want to be?  
**Y**ou are free to choose your  
**E**very thought and  
**A**ction as you  
**R**eflect on the past, but  
 decide to live for today  
 and the future ahead.  
 (From the internet)

"I'm going to talk about unpleasant, but important topics today," announced **Alice Reiter Feld**, a board-certified elder law attorney who was also a teacher for her first year out of college. She then proceeded to cover as much information as possible in her allotted time. She stressed the importance of having an up-to-date power of attorney and a health surrogate. HIPAA regulations prevent hospitals from disclosing info to people without these items. You also need to have a good estate plan, properly drafted



and updated. For those without long term care insurance, there are 2 basic programs: Medicaid and Veterans' Benefits. She recommended pre-planning for this eventuality when you're a young re-

tiree. She has a "to-don't" list which includes: DON'T do a deed to your property incorrectly; DON'T include the sale of your house and distribution of the proceeds in your will—that leaves the money open to creditors; DON'T wait too late to do the documents—you must be of sound mind; and DON'T fail to do pre-arrangements for your funeral! And, you might even get it for half-price!! To find out more info about Alice and many important issues for senior citizens, go to [www.florida-elderlaw.com](http://www.florida-elderlaw.com).

### Board Enjoys Holiday Fun!

On December 14 the BCREA Board members gathered for their annual holiday meeting where they feast and enjoy a Chinese-auction style gift exchange! This event alone is reason enough to join the Board!



**February 7 Meeting**

**Time:** 11:30 am  
**Place:** Tropical Acres Restaurant  
 Address: 2500 Griffin Road  
 (1/2 mile west of I-95)  
 954-761-1744

**Program:**  
**Annual Scholarship Luncheon**  
 (Ticket Order Form on page 4)  
 With remarks by  
**School Board / BCREA Member**  
**Maureen Dinnan**

**Bring to meeting:**  
 Volunteer Reporting Form  
 Door Prize for Luncheon  
 Blankies 'n Pillows  
 Aluminum pull-tabs  
 Campbells labels  
 General Mills labels  
 Coupons for our troops



## President's Corner

At the January meeting we collected two large boxes of items for soldiers at the Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Many thanks to those who helped with this worthwhile project.



At the meeting we were pleased to have Carolyn Bosworth, one of our scholarship recipients from 2000. She has completed her masters degree and is now teaching. She and others who have received scholarships from the BCREA are proof that we are accomplishing one of our main goals. Again thanks to all of you who help raise the funds for these scholarships through your donations.

Hope I will see you at our February luncheon. If you have not yet ordered your tickets, please contact Doris Emmett or send in the Order Form on page 4 of this Newsletter.



We could still use more prizes for the luncheon. Please contact me if you wish to donate items or cash. Thanks to those who have donated.

See you at the luncheon.

Tom

## FREF

Chairman: Frances Smoot



**FREF Fundraiser**  
**"Future Teachers' Fund"**  
The FREF Trustees are continuing our FREF fundraiser, "Future Teachers' Fund for 2008. Each \$2.00 donation provides the donor an opportunity to win one of five one hundred dollar (\$100) bills. This activity provides the opportunity for all FREA and local unit members to participate in activities promoting our scholarships. Tickets will be avail-

able at our February - April meetings. Tickets may be offered to friends, relatives, and neighbors. Winners will be selected May 30, 2008 at the FREA Assembly and Convention in Miami. Ticket sales for 2006-2007 were \$4,371.00, our goal for 2007-2008 is \$5,000.00. Remember, these fund help with scholarships and educators in crisis.

Frances

## Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie



Darcy Drago distributed the 2007-08 Directories at the December meeting and will distribute them at all meetings including the February luncheon.

I will have membership applications and packets available at the February Luncheon for anyone who brings a guest or would like to send

them to friends who have retired. Membership dues for 2008-2009 will be collected beginning in March 2008. Welcome new members **Dorothy Tucker** and **Evelyn Johnston**. Evelyn joined using the application on the website!

Susan



## Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago



Thanks for your generous donations to our wounded service men and women at Brooke Army Medical Center. We are partnering with

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 157 on this project and they will cover the cost of shipping our items to Fort Sam Houston.

Darcy

## Health & Blood Bank

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno



Here are a few tips from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department to keep you from becoming a victim of a thief.

Don't leave any valuables in your car such as purses, computers, wallets jewelry and cellular phones.

Don't leave packages, bags, in plain view. Secure your automatic garage door opener.

Park your car in a well lit area with high pedestrian activity.

Do not be seen using your interior trunk release button. Place valuables in your

trunk prior to reaching your destination.

Always lock your doors and keep your windows up while pumping gas.

Do not leave a running car unattended.

We will not be collecting for the blood bank drive this month during the luncheon but you will have an opportunity to sign up next month.

This is healthy heart month. Take care of your heart with diet and exercise and have a Happy Valentine's Day.  
Kathlyn



## FREA Tours

**Arline Ziller,**  
FREA Travel Coordinator



Have you thought about a small ship and cruising the famed rivers of Europe. You can walk right off your ship into the heart of your destination and experience cosmopolitan cities and quaint villages you can't reach on a tour bus or ocean cruise. St. Petersburg and Moscow have great mystery and beauty. Along the Elbe River from Berlin to Prague--usually 11 to 12 days--provides inspiring views of towering cliffs, rococo palaces and can include a two-day post cruise or pre-cruise stay in Prague. I will be firming the dates, so be sure to contact me with your preferences. ....New York City tour with Southern Touch Tours is available, but requires about forty people and pick up points would be arranged for this bus tour. Greece, Alaska and Hawaii have also been requested. When you have a definite plan be sure to let me know. If you have not heard from me lately, please contact me again at [freatravel@cs.com](mailto:freatravel@cs.com) or 954-781-4445, Be sure to include your name, address & telephone number as well as dates of travel and number of people traveling together when requesting information or when sending me an e-mail.

Arline

**Free Investment Seminar**  
Wealth Transfer  
(Wills, Trusts, Probate)  
"How to Effectively Transfer Wealth to the Ones Who Matter Most"  
Special Guest: Gregory A. Ebenfeld, P.A.  
Thursday, February 21, 2008 5:30 PM  
Sunrise Operations Center  
5901 Del Lago Circle  
Sunrise, FL 33313  
RSVP to Luis Munoz 954-497-4182

## BrightStar News

Nancy Harvey



**One Day Car Sale**  
with Enterprise Car Sales  
February 23, 2008, 9 - 2 pm  
BrightStar CU Davie Branch  
2400 Davie Road  
Davie, FL 33317  
For more info, check the website at [BSCU.org](http://BSCU.org) or call  
**Nancy Harvey**  
954-809-5193.

## Bev's Bytes.....



**Doris Cotnoir** received a Thank-You note from **Kids in Distress** for the Blankies 'n Pillows she and several other members made! There's still a need, so keep sewing! There were 43 members in attendance at the January meeting—including one new face—**Luther Henderson**—who's been a member since 2004 but hasn't attended regularly. It was a family affair too for **Jean Grason** who brought her daughter **Liz Bosworth** and grand-



daughter **Carolyn Bosworth** who was our BCREA Scholarship winner in 2000. She now has her MS degree and is teaching 3rd grade in Gainesville. Winners of the 50/50 were: **Jim Morris** (\$20), **Faye Mullarkey** (\$15), and **Doris Cotnoir** (\$10). And that's the last byte for February!

Bev

## Passages



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

**Annie Williams, 2/04**  
**Laura Robinson, 2/11**  
**Ruby Huff, 2/16**



Thinking of You...  
**Arline Ziller**



In Memoriam  
**Jesse Holshouser 12/10**  
**John Wienants 11/12**

## BCREA Officers....

### President

Tom Drilling  
954-537-9288

### Vice-President

Madeline Martin  
954-973-6509

### Secretary

Judy Joseph  
954-974-8224

### Treasurer

Doris Emmett  
954-772-8681

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Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:  
**Darcia Drago**  
**4346 Carambola Circle North**  
**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  
 Extra donation for Scholarships ? \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée choices: **Sliced Sirloin of Beef**  
**Stuffed Breast of Chicken**  
**Broiled Salmon Filet**

Name	Entrée Choice
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Send a check made out to BCREA (by January 23)**  
**(Include a Self-addressed, Stamped Envelope) to**  
**Doris Emmett**  
**6000 NE 22 Way, Apt. 3-B**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308**

**Scholarship Donations**

Donor	In Honor Of
Darcia Drago	Gloria Evert
<b>Undesignated Donations</b>	
Charles McCoy	Antoinette Merton
Marilyn D. Payne	Dorothy Tucker

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