



# BCREA Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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## Dr. Kevorkian to Speak at NSU

Dr. Jack Kevorkian will speak at Nova Southeastern University on

**Thursday, February 5,  
7 - 8:30 pm.**

The topic - "Assisted Suicide and the Right to Die." Admission is free but tickets are required. Call 954-262-8236 for information.

## Board Enjoys Holiday Fun!

Pictured below holding their "prizes" are the 11 BCREA Board members who gathered at Michele Edwards' home on December 11 for their annual holiday meeting. They feasted and enjoyed a Chinese-auction style gift exchange! At right, Phone Committee Chairman **Toni Merton** opens her gift.

This event alone is reason enough to join the Board!



## Aqua Introduces the Lifelong Learning Institute

The Lifelong Learning Institute of Nova Southeastern University is a many-faceted program for older adults. According to its website - [www.undergrad.nova.edu/lli](http://www.undergrad.nova.edu/lli), "Through its unique, welcoming environment, the LLI fosters intellectual challenges, entertainment, and companionship. While structured classroom learning and field trips are the core of LLI programming, innovative projects and experiences also challenge members. These include activities with community organizations and diverse volunteer opportuni-



ties." There are 30 locations in FL and they are in every state except AR, HI & SD. **Ed Aqua**, now the director of the LLI branch at Nova, came to FL from Boston where he created the LLI program at Tufts. At the January meeting, he discussed the 4 divisions of the Senior Volunteer Ser-

vices:

- 1 - **Foster Grandparents** - under the auspices of the School Board of Broward
- 2 - **Senior Companions** - helping other older adults
- 3 - **RSVP** - the Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- 4 - **Executive Service Corps of Broward** - retired people who have had successful careers in business help others start businesses.

The LLI is having "Welcome Week" January 12 -14 - to introduce their program which operates M - Th from January - May. Call 954-262-8471 for more information.



## February 5 Meeting

**Time: 11:30 am - Advance Tickets only**

**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 Superintendent  
James Notter**

## Bring to meeting:

**Volunteer Reporting Form**

**Door Prize for Luncheon**

**Book Donations**

**Campbells labels**

**Aluminum pull-tabs**

**General Mills labels**

**Coupons for our troops**

## President's Corner

Here we are - February! Can you believe it? Our scholarship luncheon is February 5th, 2009 at Tropical Acres. Hope to see you there! Good cause, good food, good friends, and of course door prizes! And by the way Happy Valentine's Day greetings to you.

On a more serious note, the beginning of December, after our meeting; I received notes from the state on the status of our Florida Retirement System Trust Fund. It was stated that "the Fund is experiencing problems similar to those of all large investment operations around the country. Our stocks market value is down 25% from a year ago. We also have significant investment in fixed income assets [bank bonds, and rental properties etc.] that are in trouble. However, if conditions improve in the future, the losses will not be real losses! If the banks and rental properties fail, the Fund will suffer a significant loss.

The good news is SBA managers have met their goal in bringing in around \$500M cash to the Fund each month without selling assets that are down in price. The \$500M provides for meeting the \$300M monthly retiree benefit payroll and building up a cash 'buffer' for safety. **FRS REMAINS THE MOST FINANCIALLY SOUND LARGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN THE USA, AND WE HOPE THINGS WILL IMPROVE NEXT YEAR."**

I will keep you posted as additional information becomes available. See you at the luncheon!

*Linda*



## Membership...

954-525-8503 Chairman: Susan Lochrie



Darcy Drago distributed the 2008-09 Directories at the December and January meetings 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 2009-2010 will be collected beginning in March. We currently have 313 paid members and a total of 22 new members for the year. Welcome to our 2 newest members **Patty Viney** and **Janet Gomez!**

*Susan*

## Literacy

954-584-8719 Chairman: Rosetta Watkins



### Book Donations Needed

I am asking for donations of new books, appropriate for a fifth grader, to give to all participants of the essay contest. Each participant will receive a certificate and a book.

The Literacy Committee will be collecting books at the February and March meetings.

Phase two of this year's Literacy project is to collect used books to give to an after school program for children in kindergarten thru fifth grade. Please bring in any books that your children, grandchildren or maybe

great grandchildren have outgrown or tired of for this worthy project. These books will be collected thru May.

### LITERACY HOURS...

Just remember that whatever you do that help improve the reading, writing and math skills of children and adult counts as literacy. Please bring all of those literacy hours you accumulated to the next meeting. You may also report your Literacy Volunteer hours to me via the telephone (954-584-8719) or E-mail

mamarowat@aol.com

*Rosetta*

## Community Service

954-977-7247 Chairman: Darcia Drago



Remember to bring your community service hours to our February meeting. Our unit

report to FREA is due in March.

*Darcy*



Seen at the January Meeting







## FREA Tours for 2009-2010

954-781-4445

Arline Ziller,  
FREA Travel Coordinator  
arlinez11@g-mail.com



**13-night Transatlantic Eastbound cruise** departing Fort Lauderdale April 12, 2009 for Ponta Delgado, Azores; Madeira, Portugal; Vigo, Spain; Southampton, England: includes such special amenities as ice skating shows, mini-golf course, pool deck and spas on this great ship. (There are now 33 people on this cruise—**roommate for one is wanted.**) I am hosting this trip. Join us!

**Exploring Britain and Ireland** 15 days March 19, 2010 departing from Ft Lauderdale and other cities. Tour begins in London and continues through Ireland, Scotland and Wales includes several Ferry trips and ends in Stratford-Upon-Avon. An exciting trip. Insurance is available and suggested for most trips.

Reasonable single rates are available. Prices include air as needed. If you need a roommate, please let me know. Be sure to include your name, address & phone number when requesting information about any of the trips even in your E-mail. NOTE the change in my E-mail address: arlinez11@gmail.com or phone me at 954-781-4445. Keep in touch and have happy, healthy, safe and laughter filled 2009.

*Arline Z*

## Cultural Arts...

954-753-1258 Chairman: Michele Edwards



The BCREA block of tickets for "Showtune" on Saturday January 17 at 2:00 pm sold-out! I will distribute the tickets near the entrance between 1:30 and 1:45 pm. To remind all of you, we are going to the Broward **Stage Door Theatre** 8036 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs, FL 33065

It is located on the South side of Sample Road behind the shopping center with an IHOP in the front lot between Riverside Drive to the west and Rock Island Road to the east.

Don't forget that the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art offers FREE ADMISSION on THIRD THURSDAYS.

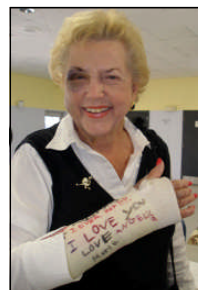
## Bev's Bytes.....



There were 43 members in attendance at the January meeting. The 50/50 winners were **Rosetta Watkins** (\$20), **Nancy Howell** (\$20) and **Jewell Ecton** (\$10).

### Jean Childers

looked like she'd been in a fight with her black eye and broken arm - but it was a throw rug in her kitchen that threw her! **Michelle Edwards** was decked out in orange and blue down to her nail



polish in support of the #1 Gators! **Myken Brady** recently began volunteering at Broward General...According to **Madeline Martin**, **Elsa Kaye** who now lives in The Villages north of Ocala was delighted to receive her Directory as it made her feel a part of things. 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

And turning 85 on 2/24  
**Faye Mullarkey**



Thinking of You...

**Jean Childers**  
**Violet Dargan**  
**Ed Elder**  
**Jim Morris**



In Memoriam  
**Jerry Oglesby** 12/31/08  
**Robert Rollins** 1/1/09



Welcome New Members  
**Janet Gomez**  
**Patty Viney**

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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: Prime Rib of Beef  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Broiled Salmon

Name Entrée Choice

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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

Ellen Shakespeare

Bev Hoppe

**Undesignated Donations**

Winnifred Graham

Toni Merton

Annie Ruth Rawls

AND....

Bruce Arnold has once again donated a  
full scholarship in memory of  
John Lyzott!

Thanks, Bruce!

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