

AARLCC: Cultural Center, Research Library +

Elaina Norlin Executive



Director of the Broward County African American Research Library and Cultural

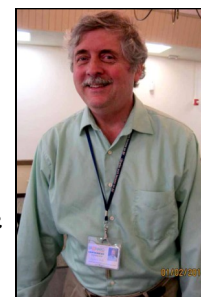
Center first went to a library when she was 2 years old. And a love of libraries was ingrained from then on. After working in various positions with libraries, she joined the AARLCC in 2009. The library is one of 3 in the country which offers a cultural center, a research library and an art gallery. It also offers a 300-seat audi-

torium, meeting rooms and a youth services section. They offer violin lessons, computer classes and have programs by local authors. It began with the dream and vision of one man. **Samuel F. Morrison**, the former director of Broward County Library, who wanted to build a library by and about African-Americans for the Broward community and the world at large. Finally, on October 26, 2002, after almost six years of planning and dreaming, the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center celebrated its dedication and grand opening. To get the full story, go to <https://www.broward.org/>

[LIBRARY/ARLCCSPECIAL COLLECTIONS/Pages/AARLccStory.aspx](https://www.broward.org/LIBRARY/ARLCCSPECIALCOLLECTIONS/Pages/AARLccStory.aspx)

Elaina is very enthusiastic about the upcoming 'Save Our African American Treasures' program in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. They will co-host a two-day program to help South Florida residents identify and preserve items of historical

and cultural significance tucked away in their attics, closets and garages. The event, free and open to the public, will take place Saturday and Sunday, January 11 & 12 at the library. As Elaina spoke, her assistant **Steve Vinik** showed slides to enhance the presentation.



Board Members Party at December Meeting



Pictured above are the BCREA Board members and friends who gathered at **Carol Roland's** home on December 12 for their annual holiday meeting. They enjoyed lunch and had a Chinese-auction style gift exchange! Front: **Sandy Leftkowitz, Echo Heyer**; Seated: **Will Hoppe, Nancy Adams, Pat Schroder, Charles Pipes, Martha Pipes, Arline Ziller, & Marelise LeClerc**; Standing: **Susan Lochrie, Margarite Falconer, Diane Texter, Anne French, Josephine Walker, Carol Roland & Bev Hoppe**.

February 6 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

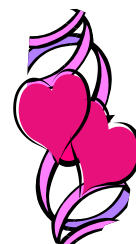
Speaker: Patsy West:

Bloomers, Bikinis and Berkinis

On the Agenda:

Memorial Service

Nominating Committee Report



Bring to meeting:

Door Prize for Luncheon

Blankies 'n Pillows

Campbells labels

Aluminum pull-tabs

General Mills labels

Coupons for our troops

Old cell phones

President's Corner

I really enjoy attending our annual Scholarship Luncheon! I see old friends, eat delicious food, enjoy the program, and check out the raffle items.

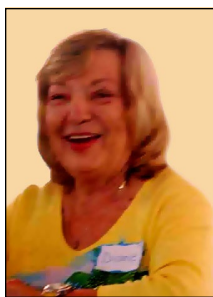
I have been cleaning my closets to find items to donate and have found some items I forgot I had. Some I will donate and some are "treasures" I can't part with. I plan to clean out the garage next. Remember, as we clean our closets and shelves, we are making space for the items we hope to win at the luncheon. Please donate only items that are things that you would be happy to receive - give the rest to Goodwill! I have a shelf to fill myself.

Last year we gave away five one-thousand-dollar scholarships to high school seniors who plan to become teachers. Our scholarship luncheon is a wonderful way to contribute to this fund.

Be sure to get your luncheon tickets for yourself and

friends and family from **Echo Heyer**. Use the coupon in the newsletter. Call me if you have questions about items for the raffle. See you on February 6th at Tropical Acres!!

Diane



President' Elect's Corner

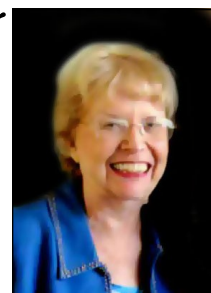
We had a great presentation on the Broward County African American Research Library and Cultural Center by **Elaina Norlin** with special help from **Steve Vinik** at the January meeting.

Elaina told us about the many aspects of this very special library. They have had great speakers and contributors. The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture has chosen this Broward County museum to present the "Save Our African American Treasures." The Smithsonian will send consultants and experts to review hometown treasures much like what is done on Antiques Roadshow. This presentation is on January 11th and 12th.. So many of their activities are just as exciting as this one is. The library is located at 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard.

Coming in February is our Scholarship Luncheon. Our speaker is **Patsy West**. She is a historian of Ft. Lauderdale and an expert on the Seminole Tribe. Her family has lived in South Florida since the 1850s. She will be speaking on "Bloomers, Bikinis, and Berkinis." This popular, fully illustrated discussion, featuring 135 images, relates the history of women's

rights as told through fashion. These are the fashions that saw woman advance from public bathing to swimming. We hope you will be with us for the wonderful luncheon at Tropical Acres and to hear our fascinating speaker..

Echo



Membership...

Chairman: **Susan Lochrie**

954-525-8503 or slochrie@bellsouth.net



Remember to bring your retired educators friends to meetings and urge them to join BCREA!

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding your membership or if you want membership information sent to a friend. Annual dues are \$50. \$35.00 goes to the Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA) for state dues and \$15.00 to the local Broward unit.

You may pay your dues for 2014-2015 beginning in March, 2014. There will be a membership renewal form in the March Newsletter.

Welcome to our two new members:

Steven Jay Thor and **Bari Laakmann**

Susan

BCREA Officers...

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954-972-8032

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Josephine Walker

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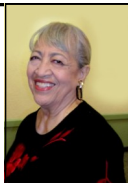
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Marelise LeClerc

954-962-7343

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Chairman: Kathlyn Barno
954-581-4731 BB9214@aol.com



Here I am back in the usual place. At this point since my surgery, things are going quite well. Hope the situation continues to improve. Missed being with you. I know we are well into that weight loss program that we started in the new year. This is the month of our annual luncheon so now we can give ourselves a reward for a job well done. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. You know we always have a good time and the food is delicious.

here with us just waiting to spoil our good times with a nasty old bug. Here are some things you can do that just might help you avoid the terrible fate. of a bad illness. First of all wash your hands often, Surely by now you have gotten a flu shot. Get lots of rest. Drink more water. Hot herbal tea is an alternative to water on a cold day. The National Institutes of Health say taking vitamin C can prevent and relieve cold and flu symptoms.

Even though we are looking forward to spring and its many lovely activities, that ugly old flu season is still

Keep healthy. Keep happy.
See you next time.

Kathlyn

Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood
954-629-3712 matildatwo@aol.com



Hello everyone and welcome to 2014! What a wonderful January luncheon table. We are always amazed at how there is just enough food and always just the right mix and variety of tasty treats. Everyone can find something to enjoy. It has been a wonderful start to 2014 because there were no dishes left behind on the table and only a handful of leftover items which needed to be removed. Your Social Committee greatly appreciates all of those participants who faithfully remem-

ber to remove their containers as they exit the building. We wish everyone at BCREA a healthy and happy New Year and to those committee members who are feeling a little under the weather, we wish you a speedy recovery. Reminder, you will not need to prepare any refreshments for the February meeting, but for March we will be celebrating Daylight Savings Time, the beginning of Spring and for some of us..."the wearing of the green."

Sallie

Welcome New Members



Bari Laakmann



and
Steven Jay Thor



Volunteer Services/ Directories

Chairman: Darcia Drago
954-977-7247 dardra@att.net



Thanks for starting off 2014 by donating the school supplies (pictured above) to the Broward Education Foundation. The Foundation was most grateful since their supplies for Title I teachers run low at this time of year. Please turn in any unreported volunteer service hours at our February schol-

arship luncheon. Our annual report to FREA is due in early March. Remember that travel time may be counted in your hours.

Directories

2013-14 Directories will again be distributed at our February luncheon.

Darcia

Passages

Happy Birthday

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

Evelyn Morris 2/07
Lois Springer 2/13
Joseph Vargo 2/13
Ruby Huff 2/16
Barbara Rhone 2/17
Eleanor Meyer 2/22
Faye Mullarkey 2/24

And turning 85...
Norma Van Buskirk 1/23



Thinking of You...
Nancy Ruiz



In Memoriam

Catherine "Kay" Vetro
12/24/2013

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc
954-962-7343 Flsun1@comcast.net



Cultural Affairs / FREF

Chairman: Carol Roland
954-472-2389 CAROLRBEADS@aol.com



As we approach our Annual Scholarship Luncheon, I would like to remind everyone that the Scholarship Raffle is the single largest collection for our scholarship fund for the year. We want to continually build our capacity and scholarship program. In order to do so, we do need your help! Bring your \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills to the luncheon to buy tickets for the raffle. It will be fun - and meaningful. Many thanks to those of you who donated your luncheon cost to the scholarship fund even though you will not be able to attend the luncheon. It all helps as we look to our main goal of sponsoring students in their quest to become teachers!

Marelise

Scholarship Donations

Donor

Darcy Drago
Ethel Pappy

In Memory Of

Rita Wolfson
Lillian Lampkins

General Scholarship Fund:

Bettye Bradshaw
Ken Hendricks
Linda Marable
Carol Roland

Joann Corder
Marva Jenkins
Dorothy Orr
Susan Smiler

Barbara Wilder

Just a reminder of the following events:

Wednesday, January 22, 10:00 am
Day trip to Morikami Museum
We will meet outside the main door.

Saturday, February 15, 2:00 pm.
Crimes of the Heart Stage Door Theater

Sunday, March 23, 2:00 pm. Miami City Ballet
Don Quixote Performing Arts Center

Friday, April 11, 8:00 pm.
Over the River/Through the Woods
Stage Door Theater

Carol

Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz
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Our A BIG thank you to everyone who has brought children's books to our meetings. Keep our book box bulging and continue to bring in new and gently used children's books. Every book brings a smile

and helps develop a child's love for reading. It would be wonderful to see everyone walk into our March meeting carrying one child's book to donate. Let's make that our goal!

Sandy

FREF Extravaganza

Tickets - Only \$10.00 Buy your tickets now for a chance to WIN:

Grand Prize Visa Gift Card - \$500

1st Place HD Television (value \$400)

2nd Place iPad Mini (Value \$350)

3rd Place \$150 Cash

4th Place \$100 Cash

Donations help to provide scholarships for students planning to major in education. Buy Tickets at the next meeting or fill out the form below and send with a check to:

Anne French
1017 NE 28 Drive
Wilton Manors, Fl. 33334.

Make your check payable to FREF (Florida Retired Educators Foundation).

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 20____

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
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

Bev's Bytes... Even though it was the day after New Year's and the earliest possible date in January for a meeting, and we expected a smaller crowd than usual, we had 71 in attendance! Still among the missing were **Kathlyn Barno** who says she'll be at the February luncheon, and Sunshine Chairman **Nancy Ruiz** who still has a long recovery ahead of her. Thanks to **Rosa Parra** and **Julia Penley** who have been keeping us updated on her condition. I noticed that member **Kay Vetro**, who died on December 24, had just celebrated her 89th birthday the day before! In the Scholarship Raffle prospective member **Gayle Grossman** won \$20; **Carol Chess** won \$10; **Lora Mills** won \$10; and **Charles Pipes** won \$10. There



Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form

Deadline for reservations is January 30

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$25.00 each
Extra Donation for Scholarships? _____

Entrée choices: Beef
Chicken
Fish

| Name | Entrée Choice |
|-------|---------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

Send a check made out to BCREA
Include a Self-addressed, stamped envelope

to
Echo Heyer
1800 SW 12 Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315



were no flower arrangements this time as our resident florist **Carol Roland** was still in NC. And that's the last byte for February! Happy Valentine's Day, Everyone!

Bev

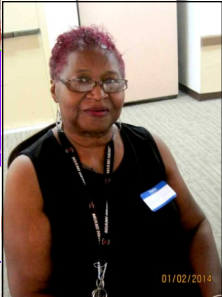
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at
the
January
Meeting

