



Villagers Launch Holiday Season in Song!



For the second time in a year, BCREA members were treated to the sounds of The Villagers, John Knox Village's men's chorus, at the December meeting. Accompanied by **Anita Ferguson** and Directed by



BCREA member **Ron Davis**, the 39 men opened with "We Are The Men," a snappy crowd-pleaser. And they really ARE the MEN - ranging in age from 68 - 96. (The eldest of the group died recently at age 99!) They followed this with "Aura Lee," and "Climb

Up The Mountain." Next came "Amazing Grace," showcasing the talents of soloist **Ryan Carswell**, the only member of the group who is an employee of John Knox



rather than a resident. The remainder of the program was devoted to seasonal favorites: "The Christmas Song," "White Christmas," and "Holly, Jolly Christmas" with several inclusions of Happy Chanukah thrown in since the meeting fell on the first day of the Jewish holiday!

Scholarship Luncheon To Be Held On February 3

The annual BCREA Scholarship Luncheon will be held
Thursday, February 3, 2010
 11:30 am - Social Hour
 12 noon - Lunch served
Tropical Acres Restaurant
 2500 Griffin Road
 (954) 761-1744

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25.00 and will be sold at the January meeting. Or you may order them by mail with the coupon on page 4. Deadline for ordering tickets is January 27.

Please make checks out to **BCREA** and include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope with your order.

Door prizes are needed!

If you have something to donate, please bring them to the January meeting or let **Margarite Falconer** know.

January 6 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: Deicke Auditorium

**Address: 5701 Cypress Road
 Plantation**

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Kirk Brown from HANDY

Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share
 Items for Women in Distress
 Door Prize for Luncheon
 Blankies & Pillows
 Magazines for Vets
 Campbells labels
 Aluminum pull-tabs
 General Mills labels



President's Corner

Happy New Year Everyone,

I never made New Year's resolutions because I knew I couldn't keep 'em - so why be even more disappointed with myself? I've learned that it takes three weeks to change a behavior. We must rewire our bodies and brains and three weeks is the going time frame to do that. Then I said maybe I don't have three weeks so why bother? Well bother I will this year. My mom will be celebrating her 93rd birthday and so I have a chance (slim) of living a while longer. So, with heredity on my side I'm going to make some resolutions. Eat less, Eat healthier, Exercise and laugh more. Get involved with others and play some games with the vive of a child. I taught Kindergarten for a few years and when I think about those times I always smile. It was so innocent and full of hope. Those little ones know how to live. The big event of the morning is snack time and the highlight of afternoon is nap time. Does that sound familiar? We always made something to bring home so someone there could be proud of us. Don't we still want someone to compliment us and be happy with us? When we relate and interact with others we extend our life times. We get out of ourselves and forget our pain and troubles for a little while. That's so much healthier than wallowing in the "Poor Me" attitude. So, get out there and put on a happy face (even with everything creaking). Love and good wishes for a Great New Year,

Margaret



From the Vice-President.

Membership Chairman **Susan Lochrie** highly recommends the program that will be presented this month. Last spring Susan approached me and she was so excited about **HANDY** (Helping Abused Neglected Disadvantaged Youth). She said, "Our members need to know about this program!" **HANDY** is an award winning non-profit organization founded in 1985 to meet the fundamental needs of Broward County's foster care children and those who have been placed in the care of non-relative and relative caregivers under protective supervision. **Mr. Kirk Brown**, the Director of Programs will be the guest speaker. His presentation will highlight how this program provides direct services to children ages birth to 23 years who have been removed from their homes due to domestic violence, substance abuse, physical and/or sexual abuse, and abandonment. **HANDY's** programs provide children with safety and well being, education, social and recreational activities, and advocates to give these children a voice. All the services are provided free of charge to children/youth thanks to the support of philanthropists, corporations, foundations and grantors. This is a presentation you may not want to miss!

Barbara



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Social Committee

Co-Chairman:

Madeline Martin & Lorene Broxton
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Please remember to take home your own leftovers after our luncheons. This will be a great help in our clean-up!
Many Thanks to all of you!

We can always use new committee members. Call us if you'd like to help - either setting up and/or especially cleaning up!

Madeline and Lorene

Please remember to bring toiletries and personal care products for Women in Distress to our January meeting. Thanks to **Madeline Martin**



and **Doris Cotnoir** who dis-

tributed the **2010 - 2011 BCREA Directories** at the December meeting. Directories will be available at the January meeting and the February luncheon as well. Directories will be mailed to members who live out of county and to those who are "shut-ins."



Happy New Year!

Darcy

Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno

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Happy New Year to all. Hope you are successful in keeping those resolutions that you made to live a happy and healthy life. It is winter in South Florida and, as you know, along with the snowbirds coming down, a lot of unsavory characters intent on performing all sorts of evil deeds come with them. We must be ever vigilant concerning

fraud and identity theft. Recently the Post Office mailed out flyers with hints on how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud. Be concerned about things that sound too good to be true, doesn't have the look of a real business or something that doesn't sound right. If you have any doubts about a business, verify it with the Better Business Bureau. Shred personal

papers rather than just putting them in the trash. Be careful of the web sites you visit on the Internet.

The cold and flu season is here. It is not too late to get a flu shot to keep you well. Wash your hands frequently to avoid spreading germs to other parts of your body. Eat healthily and keep your mind and body active.

See you next month.

 *Kathlyn*



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WELCOME TO THE 2011 Travel NEWSLETTER. Other dates are available. Contact me for brochures and exact information.

CELEBRITY CRUISE LINE CONSTELLATION 15-NIGHT TRANSATLANTIC

CRUISE Departing Port Everglades, Ft. Lauderdale, May 7, 2011; ports of call include: Ponta Delgada, Azores; Lisbon Portugal; Cherbourg, France; Paris (Le Havre), France; Dover, England; Amsterdam, Netherlands.

HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE EURODAM 12-NIGHT BALTIC ADVENTURE R/T DOVER, ENGLAND June 15-June 27, 2011. Ports of call include; Copenhagen, Denmark; Warnemunde (Berlin) A great itinerary on a elegant ship.

NATIONAL PARKS, 12 days, October 1 - 9, 2011 - Tour begins in Scottsdale, AZ; Sedona; Lake Powell; Grand Canyon; Bryce Canyon, Utah; Zion National Park, Salt Lake City; Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Grand Tetons; Yellowstone National Park; Cody; Sheridan; Keystone, South Dakota. An unforgettable trip.

TRAINS OF THE COLORADO ROCKIES 9 days October 1 - 9, 2011 Tour begins in Denver, CO area; Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park; Georgetown Loop Railroad; Grand Junction; Royal Gorge Railroad,; Pike's Peak Cog Railway, Garden of the Gods.

CRUISING THE GREEK ISLANDS & TURKEY 13 Days featuring a 7 Night Cruise; Athens, Istanbul, Mykonos, Rhodes, Crete & Santorini

NEW ENGLAND'S YULETIDE TREASURES 6 DAYS December 5, 2011 Great holiday trip.

If you need a roommate, please let me know. Be sure to include your name, address & phone number, E-mail address and birthdates when requesting information about any trip. JOIN US!!!

You can reach me 24/7 and the goal is to enjoy yourselves while supporting the FREA. Remember our travel is available to everyone; if you know a group or anyone that would like information let me know.



Always, *Arline Z*

Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club*

(members over 85!)

Nancy Sword 1/01

Eliza Bickers 1/11

Edith Colden 1/12

Arthur Wolfe, 1/17

Claudia Finlayson, 1/23

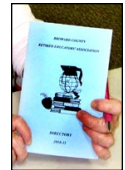
Wilise Langford 1/25



Welcome New Members!

Sandy Lefkowitz

Robert Selby



Directory Corrections:

Tronconi, Felicia -

Change Highway to Highview

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Fifth Grade Essay Contest

With the Superintendent's Screening Committee approval our Fifth Grade Essay Contest is up and running. We have one school, Morrow Elementary, participating. Hopefully we will get another school.

Book Donations

The Literacy Committee is asking for donations of new books, appropriate for a fifth grader, to be given to essay participants. Each participant will receive a certificate and a new book. We are also asking for slightly used books to give to the after school program (K - 5th grade) at the L. A. Lee YMCA.

Thanks to **Susan Lochrie** who donated 2 cartons of books, our collection is off to a good start.

Literacy Hours

Please report your Literacy Volunteer hours. A volunteer reporting form is on page 5 of this *Newsletter*.

Rosetta

Bev's Bytes.....

Happy New Year! How the years seem to fly by as we get older! It seems only yesterday there was that Doomsday Clock in the Post Office that was counting down the seconds to the momentous year of 2000!

Legislative Chairman **Nancy Adams** reported on the plan to eliminate COLA from Social Security. Go to <http://www.ssa.gov/cola/> to learn more about it. Phone 1-866-529-7630 to make your voice heard about this.

Darcy Drago and **Judy Joseph** missed the December meeting - they were cruising the Nile and touring Egypt! We miss **Bruce Arnold**, **Violet Dargan** and **Johnne Bentley**! Hurry Back, Y'all! It was nice to see **Joan Krueger** at the meeting back from Ohio - another snowbird migrated just in time! Three feet of snow fell in Buffalo this weekend! And my grandchildren in Raleigh were playing in snow yesterday! I love living here!

Hospitality Chairman **Martha Pipes** reported that there were 72 members in attendance at the December meeting. In the 50/50, I, **Bev Hoppe**, won \$20; **Lee Henshel** won \$20; and **Louise Costello** won \$10. And that's the last byte for this month!



Bev



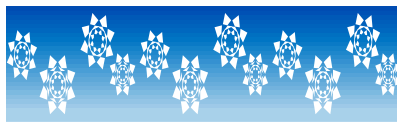
Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie
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We now have 338 members, and 40 new members this year. Our two newest members are **Sandy Lefkowitz** and **Robert Shelby**, pictured at right.

Susan



Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards
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BCREA Members, the last two shows of the BCREA Cultural Affairs season are available since I increased our ticket count to 40 tickets per show! Theatre tickets would make an excellent gift and they afford you a chance to share a pleasant experience with friends and family since others may attend with a member! Send your checks for \$35 per ticket per show made payable to BCREA to

Michele Edwards

1933 NW 107 Drive

Coral Springs, FL 33071.

Tickets can be purchased until the March 3 meeting or until they sell out like the first two shows! The two final offerings are:

COMEDY: Plaza Suite Fri,
Mar. 18, 2011 at 8 p.m.

Hilarity abounds in this Neil Simon play about three couples successively occupying a suite at the Plaza. "Wonderfully funny...the wildest and most uproarious farce

I have seen on a stage!" New York Daily News. "Set the Town Laughing"...New York Times

MUSICAL THEATRE: The Light in the Piazza Sat.
Apr. 9, 2011 at 2 pm

The Light in the Piazza takes place in Florence, Italy, in the summer of 1953. A beautiful and innocent young tourist loses her hat in a gust of wind. It lands at the feet of a handsome young Florentine. They fall in love. As their relationship develops the girl's mother must surely test that love. It's Broadway's newest love story--with a thrilling score filled with honest emotion and soaring romantic melodies. Winner of 6 Tony Awards.

Both shows are at the Broward Stage Door Theatre

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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 pro-
mote 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 ? _____

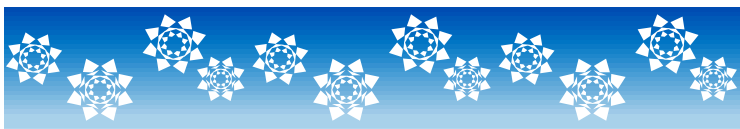
Entrée choices: Prime Rib of Beef
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Broiled Salmon

Name	Entrée Choice
_____	_____
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Send a check made out to BCREA
(Include a Self-addressed, Stamped Envelope) to
Doris Emmett
6000 NE 22 Way, Apt. 3-B
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308

→ Can't from page 4 "Cultural Affairs"
on West Sample Road near Coral Springs High
School. The theatre is easily handicap accessible, you
can see and hear from all seats, and the abundant
parking is free!

Can't wait to sell out again and again, *Michele*



Scholarship Donations

Donor	In Memory Of
Toni Merton	Thomas Mullarkey
Undesignated Donations	

Lorette David
Lucia Herring
Ethel Pappy
Robert Shelby

Gwendolyn Dudley
Susan Lochrie
Annie Rawls
Dorothy Tucker

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Anita and the men

Michele with her displays



Margarite



The Line-up



Villager "Groupies"



Ready for Christmas!



Seen at the December Meeting

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