

# BCREA Newsletter



March, 2013

Broward County Retired Educators' Association

Number 228

## Wilson Pays Tribute to Broward Teachers

### Record 19 are Remembered in Necrology Service



A record number of BCREA members passed on during the past year. They were **Johnne Bentley, Bettye W. Brown, Virginia Dewar, Sara Essig, Don Frye, Harriette J. Hadley, Thelma Hendricks, R. Bruce Herndon, John Holt, Jr; Dorothy M. Johnson, Daisy Kennedy, Linnie Kidd, Margaret Lerro, Mildred Lewis, William V. Meredith, Jr.; Sara Pettis, Dorothy J. Puckett, Donald Roberts, and Brenda Shannon.** In a short "Necrology Service" at the February Luncheon, they were honored. A vase, white roses and tealight candles were featured as **Frances Smoot** read each name and **Darcy Drago** placed a white rose for each member into the vase. Frances then asked for a moment of silence to remember them.

**Parkway MS** Assistant Principal **Corey Wilson** almost didn't make it to speak at the February luncheon! It was early-release day and he was needed at school! Program Chairman **Diane Texer** who has known him for years, kept in touch with him by cell phone and reassured everyone that he was on his way! He arrived in the nick of time, cell phone still attached to his ear, taking care of business at school! "Do unto your students as you would have them do to your child" is his creed! He had barely begun to speak when he began to recognize members he knew - "Hi **Dr. Centrone!**" "Ms.



**MS, and Deerfield Beach HS** - he knows a lot of BCREA members! In elementary school, he was the kid who couldn't sit school and needed special attention. His reputation preceded him to middle school - **Park Ridge** had warned **Crystal River** he was coming!! It was in **MS** that he made the decision not to be influenced by friends who were content with "C's." By the time he arrived at **DBHS**, he was one of the first students in the **IB pro-**

**Morning-star!!**" "Ms. **Graham!**" As a product of Broward County Schools - **Park Ridge Elementary, Crystal Lake**

gram. He'd gone from basic classes to advanced! And he credits his success to all the teachers who wouldn't give up on him. "You all took time to put pressure onto this lump of coal 'til it turned into a diamond! I'm



a champion because of you! I'm carrying on your legacy - and I do it proudly!" he stated emphatically. "I've been waiting for years to come here and say, Thanks!" Everyone agreed - he was worth the wait!

### March 7 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: **Deicke Auditorium**

Address: **5701 Cypress Road  
Plantation**

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: **Cindy Elias  
Kids in Distress**

Business: **Election of Officers**



### Bring to meeting:

A dish to share  
Lip Balm  
Service Hours Reports  
New /Used books for 5th graders + Literacy Hours  
Blankies & Pillows  
Campbells labels  
Aluminum pull-tabs  
General Mills labels  
Coupons for our troops  
Old eyeglasses & Cell phones

## President's Corner

Hello everyone,

What a wonderful luncheon! We raised \$714.00 just from raffle ticket sales alone. That doesn't count the many of you who sent in donations to the Scholarship Fund.

**Bright Star** once again helped us out with money, decorations and prizes. Thank you Bright Star!

**Bev Hoppe** is the artist who designs and produces our name tags and programs. She spends many long hours working for us. We do enjoy her creative designs. Thank you, Bev.

And prizes!! Some of you said we had the greatest year yet with the wonderful gifts. You are all so generous with your time, money and loyalty.

Our speaker was a young man named **Corey Wilson**. He is an assistant principal at Parkway Middle School. He is a product of our system and is a credit to all of you.

We have spawned a new generation of home grown teachers and administrators who will take what values we gave them and drive the students of today into the future. Once again thanks for all you do. See you in March,

Love ya, *Margarete*



## President-Elects' Corner

When I taught first grade, my favorite kindergarten teacher was **Mrs. Cindy Elias**. Each day she would tell me stories about her "kindy" garden students. Sometimes I could not wait to meet these children and other times I worried that one of the impossible ones would end up in my first grade class. Her stories kept me laughing and of course the naughtier the child the more we both loved him. Teaching those children was her life. When Cindy retired, she found a new love. **"Kids in Distress"** is my life now! she exclaims. She has been a volunteer there for more than 20 years. She goes to the shelter to rock the babies and play with the toddlers twice a week. "You'll never do anything more fulfilling, more satisfying, or more gratifying than working with the children at Kids in Distress. And afterwards, you'll remember that you gave that child a few hours of something they would never have had," she says..

She is so dedicated, that for her birthday, she asked her husband to buy a glider swing for the infants. Many of our members have been making Blankies and Pillows to donate to Kids in Distress. Bring your finished products to our meeting, show them off, and meet Cindy Elias who has met the children who receive them. Maybe she will tell some stories that she used to tell me.

*Diane*



## Volunteer Services

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



In March we are going to "Help a Hero!" Got unopened lip balm? If so, bring it to the meeting.

It comes in handy for soldiers working in cold regions such as Afghanistan.

(Our Florida Humane Society supply drive, that was listed in the Directory for March, is going to be post-

poned until our April meeting. Details will be announced on March 7.)

Our community service report is due to FREA by mid-March, so be sure to turn in any unreported hours for the past year (March, 2012 - February, 2013) at our March meeting.

*Darcy*



## Cultural Affairs

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



To all Theater Goers:

Don't Forget!



**Capital Steps**  
**Saturday, March 2**  
**2:00 PM**

**Coral Springs Center for the Arts**



## Volunteer & Paid Opportunities

From: Tricia Williams Cepeda, Educational Coordinator at the FLITE Center, 3521 West Broward Blvd

Suite 105

We offer support services for youth aging out of foster care system; such as Housing, Employment and Education. We assist our youth who are preparing to take the GED exam. I'm looking for retired math, reading, and English teachers to do volunteer tutoring. Our hours of operation are 9:30am-1:30pm (morning class) and 2:00pm-6:00pm (afternoon class). Our website is <http://www.flitecenter.org>

Let me know if you have questions or concerns. Call 954-530-4686 or email [Tricia@flitecenter.org](mailto:Tricia@flitecenter.org)  
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### ASPIRA Youth Force

**Program-** a Leadership and Prevention Program based at Margate Middle School is looking to hire two Florida Certified Teachers to provide Tutoring and Homework Assistance after school.

This would be from 3:45 - 4:45 pm in the subjects of Math and/or Reading for 25 students each, Monday through Thursday. Program runs through the end of the school year.

For more details, contact **Lucy DelValle**, Program Manager at 954-383-5797 or [ldelvalle@fl.aspira.org](mailto:ldelvalle@fl.aspira.org)

## Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie  
954-525-8503 slochrie@bellsouth.net



The more people who join FREA and BCREA the more power we have in making our concerns heard by the Florida State Legislators. Urge your friends who are not members to join BCREA, even if they are not able to attend meetings.

In March we will begin collecting dues for the 2013-2014 year. Dues are \$50. This includes \$35 for the FREA dues and \$15 for the local BCREA dues. *Susan*



## From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc  
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Wow! Thanks to the generosity of the luncheon attendees, we raised \$714 at our raffle. That will go a long way toward our scholarship fund for this year. This is the largest single event to raise money for scholarships. It was a huge success!

The Bright Star Credit Union gave a check of \$2000 at the luncheon. By using this money for some of our operating expenses (to underwrite the Newsletter

and the Directory), we are able to channel more of our money for scholarships. We are so appreciative to **Bright Star** and to our liaison, **Marguree Larin**, for their continued support.

As we start to collect dues for the upcoming year, please consider adding an extra \$5, \$10, \$25 or more to your check for our scholarship fund. Remember that donation is tax deductible. It all adds up!

*Marelise*

## Scholarship Donations

<b>Donor</b>	<b>In Memory of</b>
Darcy Drago	Don Roberts
Madeline Martin	John Lyzott

### Undesignated Donations

Kathleen Alexander	Sandra Behrens
Mattie Brown	Robin Reinhold
Carol Roland	Mary Taylor

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## Passages

# Happy Birthday

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

Grace Vaughn 3/2  
Kathryn Pierce Gaus 3/18  
Mary Jane Kirkley 3/19  
Warren Cox 3/20  
Ethel Gerakas 03/20  
Ken Hendricks 03/25  
And turning 85:  
Frankie Foeman 3/27



*Thinking of You...*

Kathlyn Barno  
Allegra Murphy  
Pat Roberts



*In Memoriam*

Sara Essig 11/23/12  
Daisy Kennedy 11/23/12  
Don Roberts 1/21/13

*Welcome  
New Member*



Calvin Lamar

## BCREA Officers....

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## WELCOME TO THE 2013-2014 FREA TRAVEL NEWSLETTER

We will have a transatlantic cruise in 2014 and I hope you will all start planning now. Perhaps changing the cruise line to Holland America might interest you or a different itinerary on RCCL or Celebrity?? Keep in touch!!

**\*PRAGUE TO PARIS, 2013, August or September 12-Day Central European Experience.** Features Metz, Remich, Trier, Bernkastel, Cohem, Rhine Gorge, Rudesheim, Miltenberg, Wurzburg, Bamberg, & start in Paris or Prague. I have a brochure on-line & am looking forward to being with you on this great land and river tour. *Avalon River Cruise, August or September* "He who hesitates is..." **RESERVE**

**COLLETTEVACATIONS.COM**

**NEW YORK CITY** 5 days includes 2 Broadway shows, New Amsterdam private tour and extras. Go on-line with **GOOGLE** [www.collettevacations.com](http://www.collettevacations.com) for complete brochures for this and the other Collette tours.

**NATIONAL PARKS of AMERICA, many dates are available.**

**HERITAGE OF AMERICA 10 DAYS** October 2013, Nov. 1, March & April 2014. This tour begins in New York City-- Philadelphia, Lancaster, PA; Gettysburg; Shenandoah Valley, VA; Charlottesville; Colonial Williamsburg; Washington DC

**ISRAEL** two unpublished tours, a Biblical Journey & Pilgrimage to the Holy Land each 9-days; December.

I can forward brochure information on the following three trips:

**SOUTH DAKOTA**, the Black Hills and Badlands National Park, 1880 Train, Mt. Rushmore; 7 Days September 03 to 09, 2013 \$1999 incl. air;


**SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA** 13 Days February 13-25, 2014; as requested **(COSTLY)**

**ANTARCTICA** 15 Days, January 09-23, 2014; includes Buenos Aires, Argentina; Ushuaia; 9-night cruise aboard MS Fram and much more...as requested **(COSTLY)**

There are also Christmas cruises on the Danube and Classic Christmas Markets in December.

Follow through today don't wait for tomorrow. . . .!! Remember our teachers and support them while enjoying the special travel. Teacher Scholarships are more important now than ever. Contact me ASAP.

Always, *Arline Z*



Remember to send your Potluck Recipes to **Bev Hoppe** - either by e-mail, USPS mail, call me and read it aloud or hand it to me at a meeting. I'm still working on it!

Thanks, *Bev*



## FREF Extravaganza - Tickets - Only \$10.00

Buy your tickets now for a Chance to WIN:

**Grand Prize I PAD III (value \$700)**

**1st Place Kindle Fire (value \$200)**

**2nd Place Kindle Fire (Value \$200)**

**3rd Place \$200 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)

**GRAND TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Bring this to our next meeting, e-mail it to me at  
[dardra@att.net](mailto:dardra@att.net) or mail it to me at:

**Darcia Drago**

**4346 Carambola Circle North**

**Coconut Creek, FL 33066**

**Did you know...March is  
Women's History Month?**

## 2013 - 2014 Slate Announced

Nominating Committee Chairman **Linda Horton** has announced the slate for the upcoming Club year.

**President**

**President-Elect**

**Diane Texter**

**Echo Heyer**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Josephine Walker**

**Marelise LeClerc**

Voting will take place at the March meeting. If anyone else is interested in running, contact Linda.



**BrightStar representatives  
with Marelise at the luncheon:**

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Another February, another Scholarship Luncheon! A total of 120 members and friends attended the annual

We had a nice note from scholarship recipient **Alexandra Fritz** - including a copy of her grades - a 4.0!

*Bea's Bytes.....*

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affair, back at **Tropical Acres** after a year's absence due to their fire. You can see from the decorations that **Marjuree Larin** and her helper and **Joyce Gaines** did a great job - as usual. Five **BrightStar** people including President **Sam Chesser** attended the luncheon. It's always nice to see members who don't get to meetings but come to the luncheon. Once again, there were so many raffle prizes as well as all the centerpieces from the 13 tables that I couldn't count them.

Our sympathy to **Allegra Murphy** whose husband **Eddie L. Murphy, Jr.** passed on Christmas Day and also to **Pat Roberts** whose husband **Don** died suddenly of a heart attack while they were en route home from Tallahassee on January 21. They had stopped at a turnpike plaza when he was stricken. **Faye Mullarkey** is now living in Beaver Creek, Ohio near her daughter. She will be missed. You may have noticed that for the first time in the 7 years I've

been doing the *Newsletter*, there's no column by **Kathlyn Barno**. She had surgery and was excused this month. Hope she's recovering nicely. Send me your news and I'll try to include it - this is especially true for those of you who live far away! Thanks to **Rosa Parra** who also took pictures of the luncheon! Who knew we had a terrific back-up photographer! See them on **Shutterfly**! And that's the last byte for this month! *Bea*

To see all the photos from the luncheon, visit our website at <http://browardrea.org>  
Click on  
Photos on Shutterfly



Doris Cotnoir waits with her tickets lined up for more loot!

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