



# BCREA Newsletter



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## Historian West Shares Swimsuit Stories

Although **Patsy West's** topic was "Bloomers, Bikinis and Berkinis" at the Annual



Scholarship Luncheon held on February 6, this is not the subject matter for which she is best known. For 40 years, Patsy, a self-described ethno-historian, has collaborated with the Seminole and Miccosukee tribes for publications and projects encompassing some 250 years of tribal history, culture, and art. She is a 4th generation Floridian and was born in Ft. Lauderdale. If you "Google" her, you'll discover several books on Ama-

zon.com that she has written. Numerous articles dated from 1989 to the present discuss her many speaking engagements. She even taught grades K-12 at one time! She is, as **President-Elect Echo Heyer** described her, a true "Renaissance Woman."

Her interest in swimsuits and their history began with a swimsuit made for her father by her grandmother. He was a swimmer for **Fort Lauderdale HS** as a member of the Class of 1933! She once bought 90 wool swimsuits - which weighed a total of 50 pounds! She traced the metamorphosis of the swimsuit from the early

20th century "bathing costume" which was basically a



full body-covering outfit to the "itsy-bitsy-teeny-weeny bikini of today. She also showed a photo of the "berkini" - a combination of the Muslim burka with a swimsuit.



### March 6 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road  
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: John Knox Villagers  
Choral Presentation

Business: Election of Officers



### Bring to meeting:

A dish to share  
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  
Books & Magazines



### Drago, Smoot Present Memorial Service

Each year at the February Luncheon, BCREA takes time to remember the members who have passed away in the previous year. **Frances Smoot** first read a poem entitled "The Gentle Gardener" by Edgar A. Guest.

And then as she read each name, **Darcy Drago** added a white rose to a bouquet. This year the nine who were honored were

**Rita Burns, Lily Diekman, Evelyn Flemming, Margie James, Helen Lyons, Kathy Pierce-Gaus, Agnes Schnierer, Brenda Shannon and Catherine "Kay" Vetro.**





## President's Corner

Going out to lunch is fun, but going out with 133 retired educators and friends is an event!! The tables were set, the name tags were printed, the programs were in place, the bathing suits were on display, and the raffle gifts were on the tables. Our Annual Scholarship Luncheon at Tropical Acres was all set to begin! Once the guests arrived, the fun began. What fun it was to see so many friends greeting each other with hugs and smiles. The food at Tropical Acres is always delicious with



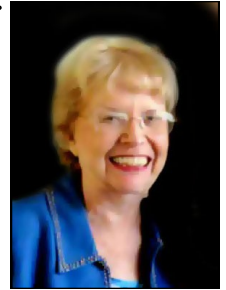
excellent service. On top of all this, we had Black Forest Cake for dessert, won great door prizes (including cuddly Teddy bears ) and got to see some BCREA officers in their bikinis and Francis Smoot in her beautiful purple hat. You know that this took the efforts of many people. Thanks to everyone who did their part.

Special pats on the back to Echo Heyer, Bev Hoppe, and the Bright Star Credit Union. The real winners of the day will be the students who receive scholarships from our organization.

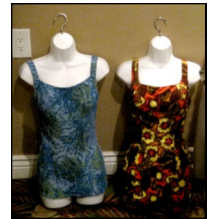
*Diane*

## President-Elects' Corner

Our Scholarship Luncheon was very well attended. The speaker **Patsy West** is a most interesting person. I think of her as a "woman for all seasons". She is a South Florida pioneer and is director of the Seminole/Miccosukee Photographic Archives in Ft. Lauderdale. She has written many books about the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes. Patsy spoke on the change of the bathing suit to the swim suit and how it mirrors the changes that happened to women from the early 1900s to the 1960s.



Patsy brought some of her large collection of bathing /swim suits. On display was a very heavy, large wool suit on one end and on the other, a bikini. She is in the process of writing a book on the evolution of the bathing suit to swim suit. Patsy West is a very good presenter and very knowledgeable about South Florida. Next month we will have the **Villagers Men's Chorus**. They are led by **Ron Davis**, a fellow educator. They have a wonderful program to present for us.



*Echo*

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## BCREA Officers....

### President

**Diane Texter**  
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### President-Elect

**Echo Heyer**  
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### Secretary

**Josephine Walker**  
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### Treasurer

**Marelise LeClerc**  
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## 2014 - 2015 Slate Announced

Nominating Committee representative **Judy Joseph** announced the slate for the upcoming Club year.

### President

**Diane Texter**

### Secretary

**Josephine Walker**

### President-Elect

**Echo Heyer**

### Treasurer

**Marelise LeClerc**

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

## From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc  
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Thanks to the generosity of the luncheon attendees, we raised a net of \$586 (we purchased \$100 in gift certificates for the event) at our February Scholarship 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. Thank you to everyone who contributed by purchasing raffle tickets. Appreciation is also extended to those who donated to the Scholarship Program even though they could not attend - and also to those of you who gave extra when you bought your luncheon ticket. 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 Directory), we are able to channel more of our money for scholarships. We are so appreciative to Bright Star and to our liaison, Marjuree Larin, for the 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! Remember, also, to bring in three new members to get a \$25 gift certificate!

Marelise

Bev's  
Bytes.....



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A record 135 bought tickets for the 2014 Scholarship Luncheon held at Tropical Acres on February 6. There were a few who had planned to come but couldn't: **Anne French** didn't make it because she got pinkeye! Thanks to **Pat Roberts** and **Joann Corder** for selling the FREF Extravaganza tickets in her absence! **Rosa Parra's** sister-in-law died suddenly and she flew to be with the family. **Rita Sanderson** was under the weather so husband **Glenn** took her meal to her! **Nancy Ruiz** is still in the hospital but is trying her best to keep up with her job as Sunshine Chairman! Condolences to **Sylvia Milks** whose husband passed recently. On a happier note, **Warren Cox** and his wife **Ella** have recently relocated to **Covenant Village**. He says, "CV is beautiful. We are in independent living and know we will be happy here. It took me about 30 years to make up my mind that we should move here!"

## Passages

# Happy Birthday

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

Grace Vaughn 3/2  
Mary Jane Kirkley 3/19  
Warren Cox 3/20  
Ethel Gerakas 03/20  
Ken Hendricks 03/25  
Frankie Foeman 3/27



Thinking of You....

Sylvia Milks  
Rosa Parra  
Nancy Ruiz  
Arline Ziller



In Memoriam  
Helen Lyons 1/16



Welcome  
New Members  
Judy Dennis Edwards  
Winona Golden

## Scholarship Donations

Donor	In Memory of
Carol Roland	Don Roberts

## Undesignated Donations

Cheryl Baker-Hill	Mattie Brown
Ethel Gerakas	Dorothy Howard
Gloria Marshall	Amanda Miles
Nancy Ruiz	Sally Sherwood



Sorry I don't have room for more photos this time - just so much info to include! See them on **Shutterfly!** And that's the last byte for this month! *Bev*

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





## FREA Travel

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FREA Travel Specialist

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Ship: **ms Nieuw Amsterdam** Embark: Fort Lauderdale, April 6, 2014 Disembark: Barcelona, Spain, April 20, 2014  
Ports of Call: **Fort Lauderdale, Florida, US; Horta, Azores; Gibraltar; Motril, Granada, Spain; Alicante, Spain; Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain; Barcelona**

ENJOY HOLLAND AMERICA'S MANY AMENITIES ON THIS NEWLY REFURBISHED SHIP

Your home at sea on this beautiful ship will spoil you with great comforts and fantastic food as well as great entertainment. Explore world history, cultures, wildlife and geography with the travel guide; learn new dances, join book discussions coordinated by book club leaders; Digital Workshop; movies; live entertainment; giant LED screen on deck for open-air movies—luxury galore. This transatlantic cruise is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to see a lot of Spain. Call me for the very reasonable price which includes all taxes and airfare for a balcony on this newly refurbished ship. Your hostess will be me - Arline Ziller - but I do need someone to go with me. Go online to [HOLLANDAMERICA/NIEUWAMSTERDAM](http://HOLLANDAMERICA/NIEUWAMSTERDAM) transatlantic for more information about this cruise.

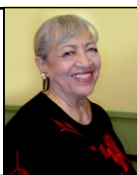
Always, *Arline Z*

## Information Services

Chairman: **Kathlyn Barno**

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It is tax time again, Time to pay the piper or get your reward from him (a refund). If you have not done so get your information together and fill out those forms. Don't be late. You don't want to pay a penalty. Be sure that you have all of your 1099, 10099R forms and other information that you need to justify any deductions that you take, Things will go well if you are prepared

Still following that New Year's diet? If you are, you are right in line with the latest initiative of the Florida Department of Health. Earlier this year the department of health launched the Healthiest Weight Florida program. The aim is to make

Florida the healthiest state in the union. Florida is already seeing progress. The state ranks as the 12th healthiest state in the nation, up from a rank of 19. For an 1800 calorie diet here are recommended amounts for each food group:

Vegetables - 2 to 3 cups per day; Fruits - 1.5 cups per day; Grains - 6 ounces per day; Protein - 5 ounces per day; Dairy - 3 cups per day. If you can't eat dairy, eat other sources of calcium. To find out more go to [ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov) We are told to eat right, be active, enjoy life.

*Kathlyn*

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

## Literacy

Chairman: **Sandy Lefkowitz**

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The deadline for the Fifth Grade Literacy Contest has passed and we are getting close to selecting a winner. Thanks to all the Literacy Committee members who have been reading the entries and making difficult decisions as they choose the first place essay.

NEEDED NEW and GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS. It's not too late to bring books to the next meeting. All books will be donated in May, so you can bring a book to the March, April and May meetings. Better yet: bring a book to each meeting. We currently have 85 books and it would be great to donate 100 books or more. Donating a book is rewarding; you know that you are helping children develop a love for reading.

*Sandy*

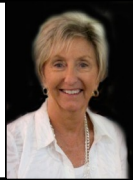
## 2 Cats Need Home

Two sister-cats are in need of a home. They are almost two years old and both are very playful. "OneZee" is shiny black with white near her eyes and on her belly and "Princess" is a silver grey with gorgeous green eyes. The sisters would be just great companions for anyone but should not be with other cats. They are indoor cats and have never been out. My son, Gary, raised them from birth; however, he is ill and feels he can no longer care for them. Call me if you're interested.

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## Volunteer Services

Chairman: Darcia Drago  
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At our March meeting we will collect supplies for the **Florida Humane Society**, a no-kill shelter located in Pompano Beach. The following items are on their "wish list": canned dog or puppy Pedigree, canned cat food (not in gravy), clumping cat litter, fish oil capsules, paper towels, 13 gallon garbage bags, laundry detergent, liquid Clorox bleach, latex gloves, Fabuloso

cleaner and copy paper. This rescue organization spays/ neuters and adopts out approximately 3000 animals each year.

**Last call** for community service hours to be reported in our yearly report to FREA! Anything that is submitted after the March meeting will count towards next year's totals.

*Darcy*

## 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](mailto:dardra@att.net)  
or mail it to me at:

**Darcia Drago**  
4346 Carambola Circle North  
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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***Membership***

Chairman: Susan Lochrie

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**TIME TO PAY DUES FOR 2014-2015 FREA and BCREA**

\$50.00 is the amount for 2014-2015. **We urge you to pay by April 1.**

We send your state dues of \$35. to FREA for you. BCREA is the Broward County Unit of the Florida Retired Educators Association. A membership card will be sent from FREA. You will be on the Broward County Retired Educators Newsletter list and in the Membership Directory. BCREA local dues support our meetings, our newsletters and Directory printing. Our scholarships are awarded to high school graduates who are pursuing a career in Education. Please invite your retired friends to come to meetings or send me their names and I will send them membership information.

Anyone who brings in three NEW members this year will WIN a \$25. Gift Certificate

*Susan*

**BROWARD COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Do you wish to receive your Newsletter by e-mail only? Yes No**

Date Retired\_\_\_\_\_ Retired From\_\_\_\_\_ Position\_\_\_\_\_

**Dues: .....\$50.00; Donation for Scholarships: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make check payable to BCREA and mail to Susan Lochrie,**

**BCREA Membership, P.O. Box 30533, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303**