



# BCREA Newsletter



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## Hollywood Hills' Jazz Band Rocks the Room!



Jeffrey Lawson, Director of Bands at Hollywood Hills High School, and his 15-piece jazz orchestra were the featured entertainment at the BCREA Annual Scholarship Luncheon held at Tropical Acres Restaurant on February 2. Except for the warm-up which was incredibly loud in such a contained area, their music was delightful. One comment overheard was, "Wow! They're going to give Dillard some competition!"



### March 2 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road

Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Group Activity

Business: Nominating Committee Report



### Memorial Service Honors 13



### Bring to meeting:

**Service Hours Reports!!**

A dish to share

New /Gently Used Books  
for children & adults

Labels for Education  
Aluminum pull-tabs  
Coupons for our troops  
Old eyeglasses  
Old Cell phones



March 17 -

St. Patrick's Day



# WOMEN

March is Women's  
History Month

Each year at the February Luncheon, BCREA takes time to remember the members who have passed away in the previous year.

This year thirteen members were honored. They were Eulalee Burke, Edith Colden, Betty Deacon, Barbara Doherty, William Kaelin, Evelyn Lewis, Gloria Marshall, Catherine

Norfleet, Shirley Paoli, Joan Paul, Nancy Ruiz, Rita Weiss and Beverly Williams. Frances Smoot first read an original piece she calls "In Memoriam." And then as Darcy Drago read each name and told a bit about them, Frances added a white rose to a vase for each one. A moment of silence was held to complete the ceremony.



## President's Corner

Our Scholarship Luncheon was wonderful. I asked my sister-in-law to go along with me and she had such a nice time. She was saying how happy the group was and I thought, "She's right."

So many put so much effort into making everything go right.

**Carol Roland** planned and executed all the details and **Anne French** handled all of the fundraiser prizes and procedures.

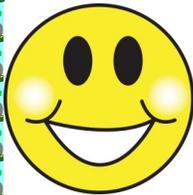
There were so many others helping to make the luncheon a success. I would like to say "Thank You" to them all.

We had a good time and what is more important we raised over \$900.00 toward our scholarships. That money will go to help someone become a teacher and that is what it is all about.

Maybe that is why we are such a happy group!



*Echo*



## President-Elect's Corner

Instead of a guest speaker, March's meeting will feature a group activity. Working as a team, you will be asked as a team to solve a very EASY math problem.

The group that has the correct answer first will be awarded prizes. So come ready to think and have a good time!



## Cultural Affairs

This is a reminder that the **Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens** Trip will be on **Thursday, February 16th.**

We will get on the Entrance steps at 10:00 AM. Price is \$15.00 at the door. Contact me if you are interested and did not receive an e-mail about the trip.

*Carol*

## Social Committee

**Chairman: Sallie Sherwood**  
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January is behind us, cool and pleasant February is upon us and March will soon be blowing our way. Our next meeting will be March 2nd, which just happens to be the birthday of Dr.

Seuss. During March we also celebrate such memorable events as National Peanut Butter Day (1st), Daylight Savings (12th), First Day of Spring (20), National Puppy Day (23), and Tater Day(31).

Thank you to everyone who was willing to take home some of the leftover food items from the January table. It was a wonderful

way to begin the New Year. Hope to see everyone in March with a little of "The Wearing of the Green."

*Sallie*

Have you read a good book lately? Want to pass it on? Please bring those new and gently used adult books to the March meeting. We are collecting books for

the Stirling Assisted Living Center. They are establishing a library for their residents and have asked for help. Rumor has it that everyone in BCREA has a few books to donate, paperback or hardback. I'll have the boxes to cart them away. You bring the books. And don't forget our ongoing collection of children's books. Thanks for encouraging and developing life-long readers.

*Sandy*

Thanks to **Kate Alexander** and **Echo Heyer** for their work on this - a paper booklet will be available soon,

## Legislative

**Chairman: Nancy Adams**  
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Thanks to **Phyllis Compton**, president of the United Teachers of Dade (UTD) for sharing their list of state and national legislators - which is now available on our website <http://browardrea.org>. Go to "List of Legislators" on the left. Some critical issues will be confronting the State Legislature which opens on March 6 including the "open carry" bill. Contact your representatives to make your opinion known by writing letters, making phone calls and/or emailing them.

# Membership

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie



## EARLY COLLECTION OF DUES IN 2017-2018

We are asked to pay our membership dues by April 30 for 2017-18 by The Florida Retired Educators Association. FREA has emailed reminders to members for 2017-2018 dues.

If you pay the dues of \$50. directly to BCREA you have only one mailing. State Dues are \$35. and

Broward Unit Dues are \$15. The FREA Dues are mailed to FREA by our Treasurer.

The Florida Retired Education Association represents our interests as retirees to the state legislature and works to preserve our benefits.

The Broward County unit sends Newsletters and plans the monthly meetings and luncheons. It gives scholarships every year at the May meeting. Please pay Your Dues for 2017-18 using the form below or at the monthly meeting.

Please call or email me with your questions. *Susan*

## BROWARD COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

I would prefer to receive my *Newsletter* by email only

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**

# Passages

## Happy Birthday

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

- Grace Vaughn 3/2
- Mary Jane Kirkley 3/19
- Warren Cox 3/20
- Ethel Gerakas 03/20  
*And turning 85....*
- Dorothea Moran 03/10
- Nancy Adams 03/20



*Thinking of You....*

- Doris Cotnoir
- Shirley Ernst
- Glenn & Rita Sanderson
- Arline Ziller

*Welcome New Member*



**Maria Tracy**

**New Members???**



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

## Information Services

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno  
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Have you gotten back on your diets after that scrumptious food that we enjoyed at the luncheon? Wasn't that just a grand affair? Everything was first class. Now it is back to the regular routine, which is a good thing. Here are some tidbits about our country that I found in an article in a **READER's DIGEST**, July/August 2015 that piqued my interest. The author is **Brandon Specktor**.

The current fifty-star flag was designed by a 17 year-old as a school project un 1958. He got a B-.

The largest air force in the world is the U. S. Air Force. The second largest air force in the world is the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps combined.

Statistically the deadliest job in America is ...president.

OF all the men who have held the job, four have been assassinated in office - a rate of roughly 9 percent ( or about one in ten) killed on the job.

An estimated one in ten of us could be a blood relative to one of the original 102 pilgrims who arrived on May-flower.

And roughly one in three of us has his or her fingerprints on file with the FBI.

Finally, the real acme of the American Justice system? That would be the basketball court on the fifth floor of the Supreme Court building. It's known as the Highest Court in the Land .

So much for the American History lesson. See you next month with more gleanings from the universe.

*Kathlyn*



## Friendship

Chairman: Julia Penley  
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Wow!! This year is going so fast!! Here we are in the second month, and soon the 3rd month of 2017 will be here!! Birthday greetings go out for February's 85+ to **Evelyn Morris, Ruby Huff, Eleanor Meyer and Faye Mullarkey**. However, our thoughts and prayers go out to **Shirley Ernst**...she fell recently in a park and broke her arm and needed surgery! We hope she recovers soon. Also, our president **Echo Heyer** has not been feeling well so we hope she is feeling better and is back to her "charming self." **Diane Jarchow and Arline Ziller** have also been under the weather but we hope they too are feeling better and soon will be back to good health.

My sincere thanks go out to everyone who made a dona-

tion to the scholarship fund in my friend **Nancy Ruiz's** memory. As of now we are over \$3,000 and in May more than one deserving student will be receiving a scholarship with her name attached. I am sure she is so happy and proud that her friends have honored her in such a wonderful way. Please continue to notify me when we have a member who becomes ill or has passed away. It is so important that we let them or their family know they are in our thoughts and prayers! You can find my phone number and email at the top of my article or in the directory. Have a good St. Patrick's Day and Happy Spring everyone!

*Julia*

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# Volunteer Services

Chairman: Darcia Drago  
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Our March meeting is our last call for community service hours to be included in our annual report to FREA. Remember to include travel and prep time. Any hours reported after this meeting will be included in next year's totals.

Our Volunteer of the Year nomination for District 10 is also coming up. In addition to the number of community service hours reported, the effect of the service on an individual, group or organization is also evaluated. Volunteering for more than one organization is a plus as is some type of service to BCREA.

Our last group service project of the year will be in April when we will collect supplies for the Florida Humane Society.

*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**  
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Coconut Creek, FL 33066

# From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc  
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What a great success the Annual Luncheon was! We took in \$930. for the auction!! That is almost one scholarship. Thanks to all who bought tickets. A hearty congratulations to Carol Roland and all who

helped with the Luncheon. Thanks to Anne French for handling the auction. The money taken in is due to her excellent planning and execution of the auction.

*Marelise*

# Bev's Bytes....

Thanks to **Carol Roland** for chairing this year's luncheon and to **Anne French** for chairing the fundraiser. Great job! And the food was, as always, 5 stars! There were 104 tickets sold for the event. We missed **Doris Cotnoir, Susan Lochrie, Julia Penley, Glenn & Rita Sanderson, Arline Ziller** at the luncheon. I particularly missed **Shirley Ernst** who always helps me put the programs on the tables. She had a bad fall, and did major damage to her left arm and elbow! She's still hospitalized but hopes to be transferred to rehab soon. Luckily, **Jean Gray** was there to fill in with the programs and also to assist **Myken Brady** in giving out nametags. Susan was absent for a good reason - she was on a trip to Cancun!! We had one very special guest



- because it was "Bring Your Kid to Work Day" **BrightStar's Michael Cardonna** brought his son **Alex**.

Congratulations to **Diane Texter** who was the winner of the Pot of Gold! She reported a grand total of \$118.23. There

were many more winners and I didn't get them all! I did get **Linda Horton** - who won a \$50 gift card!



And that's the last byte for this month!!

*Bev*

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## Scholarship Donations

### Donor

Terrell McCombs  
Yolanda Rodriguez

### In Memory of

Nancy Ruiz  
Nancy Ruiz

## Undesignated Donations

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Jean Gray

Doris Cotnoir  
Echo Heyer

Susan Lochrie

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Dade, Broward or Palm Beach.  
Donations are used to fund scholarships for future Florida teachers. Buy Tickets at the January - March meetings 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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