



Rich Rocks the Room! Dancing Ensues!

Guitarist Rich Lobel started his show with some typical country-western numbers - *Walkin' in Memphis*, *She's in Love With the Boy*, *Lookin for an Angel*, a song by Sugarland, and a Jimmy Buf-



fet song, *Runnin' from the IRS*. BCREA members for the most part were obviously unfamiliar with any of them - or at least not fans. It wasn't until he played *Bad, Bad Leroy Brown* that the group

came to life! There was even dancing around the tables and lots of clapping to the beat! Next came Elvis Presley's *Blue Suede*

Shoes and Johnny Cash's *Folsom Prison Blues*, and the party was on! Never has a Scholarship Luncheon been called a "party." Until now!

New Record! 75 Prizes at the Scholarship Luncheon

by Anne French

At the Scholarship Luncheon, we had 75 prizes - the most ever! There was an amazing selection of gift cards, Christmas decorations, kitchen appliances, beauty items and even new bed pillows. All the prizes were awarded and the winners got some treasures!

BCREA added \$1,283 to the scholarship fund from ticket sales for the baskets. This is the most we have ever raised with the Dollars for Scholars gift baskets. On the Saturday before the luncheon, there was Controlled Chaos at Anne French's house. Twelve BCREA members sorted and arranged donated items into attractive themed baskets. It was wild but everyone worked hard, had fun and got this mammoth job done in about 2 ½ hours. The Controlled Chaos Crewmembers were **Alyce Aspler, Suzanne**

Atkin, Missy Belsito, LuAnn Comes, Anne French, Diane Jarchow, Barbara Lewis, Betty Ouellette, Carol Roland, Lenora Smoot, Shirley Swartz, and Diane Tex-

ter. Cynthia Johnson was the lucky winner of the Pot of Gold. She was smart. She



did not count the coins herself; she went to Bright Star Credit Union and had their machine do the work. The result? Cynthia is \$207.83 richer. This is the largest Pot of Gold we have ever had.

March 5 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

Program: Membership Milestones

Business: Nominating Committee Report

March 17 -

St. Patrick's
Day

March is Women's
History Month



Bring to meeting: Service Hours Reports!!

A dish to share
Supplies for the
Humane Society
New /Gently Used Books
for children
Labels for Education
Aluminum pull-tabs
Old eyeglasses
Old Cell phones

President's Corner

SPRING is an action word! It conjures up many reasons to activate the mind and body with fresh and new ideas, activities, and meaning for life. Because the earth awakens from the winter with the aromatic fragrance of new flora, and the lively movement of familiar fauna, we too allow ourselves rejuvenation with the wholesomeness of the springtime mode. For most of us, Spring is actually the time of year that we decide on being serious about our New Year resolutions and abide by them. Some may desire to keep the mind active and read more for personal growth, or to children for their reading literacy. Some may determine to focus on a healthy lifestyle and embrace a nutritional regimen for themselves, sharing with other adults or young people and children. Still others may want to focus on more physical activity, compatible with what their bodies will endure, and participate along with friends of like persuasion. Spring, as you will notice here, is Sharing; and as the saying goes, Spring has Sprung.

There is nothing about Spring not to like and much to keep us preparing ourselves to tackle goals that we set for the rest of the year. Setting those goals now, gives us most of the rest of the year to work toward them, with them, and for them. After all, each of us needs to have some idea where we are going in order to make plans on how to get there.

As retired educators, I believe our goals should always include others, and especially the youth among us. Providing that inclusive clause is fulfilling and fruitful. It is a measure of our faith in the future. It is why we as educators, occupy such a desirable place in the world. "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth."

MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH AT BCREA. Come join us and celebrate US!

Lillian



Legislative/Nominating

Chairman: Carol Roland
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Legislative

The Florida Legislature is now in session. At the March meeting, we will distribute brief summaries of proposed bills affecting education and health and retirement issues.

Good references for you to keep up with proposed bills are Florida Senate Tracker website

<https://flsenate.gov>

and the House of Representatives website:

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov>

Both websites allow you to search for information by Senator/Representative, District, or by Bill numbers, and committee activity. The websites allow you to log in to a Tracker program that alerts you to activities on specific bill as well as Senate or House member publications and activities. Take a few minutes and explore what our Legislators are doing.

Nominating Committee

BCREA NEEDS YOU!!!

It's that time of year that we nominate members for BCREA offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Currently the position of Vice President (President-Elect for the following year) is an unfilled position. Please contact me if you are interested in running for one of these positions. The slate of officers will be presented at the March meeting.

Carol

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

BCREA Officers....

President

Lillian Small

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President-Elect

Vacant

Secretary

Karen Avery

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Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc

954-962-7343



It's still February and still Black History Month. With all the excitement about the luncheon, it's been forgotten! So, here's a reminder! I had a great story to include, but it's too long to fit! Another time!

Membership

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie



2020-2021 BCREA and FREA MEMBERSHIP DUES

When you pay the dues of \$50 directly to BCREA you have only one mailing. State Dues are \$35 and Broward Unit Dues are \$15. Your State Dues are mailed to FREA by our Treasurer. The Florida Retired Educators 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. We give scholarships every year at the May meeting. Please pay your dues for 2020-21 at a monthly meeting or mail in your dues using the form below. Ask your friends to come to BCREA meetings and urge them to join. Call or email me with questions!

Susan

BROWARD COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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

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Passages

Happy Birthday

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

Dorothea Moran 03/10
Mary Jane Kirkley 03/19
Nancy Adams 03/20
Warren Cox 03/20
Ethel Gerakas 03/20
Wayne McWhinney 03/24
Carol Merz 03/31



Thinking of You....

Julia Penley
Sallie Sherwood
Thelma Lewis
Arline Ziller



In Memoriam

Laurence Byrne 1/1/2020
Evelyn Morris 1/22/2020



Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood

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Welcome to March and great happenings. We will be having our March meeting on the 5th which just happens to be National Cheese Doodle Day! We once again experience Daylight Savings time at 2:00 AM on March 8th. March also welcomes the beginning of Spring on the 19th which is the Equinox. Welcome all the flowering daffodils, know as the flowers of March, which express feelings of joy, friendship, love and sunshine. Which is exactly what we experience at our luncheons! Please remember to help recycle by placing the EMPTY bottles and can in

the recycle bags near the exit door. Don't forget to give the pop tops to Darcy. Also, at this meeting, it has been requested that you bring your own serving utensil with your potluck dish.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone who sent cards and emails expressing prayers, positive thoughts and wishes for a speedy recovery after my encounter and injury with a Roomba vacuum and frightened puppy dog. I was very appreciative of your kindness and concern.

Hope to see everyone with a wee bit of "wearing of the Green" at our next meeting.

Sallie

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 in Pompano Beach. Their wish list of needed items includes:

*Clumping cat litter

*Canned cat food (not in gravy)

*Canned Pedigree dog or puppy food

*Paper towels

*13 gallon garbage bags

*Laundry detergent

*Clorox liquid bleach

*Latex gloves

*Fabuloso cleaner

*Copy paper

Our annual community service report is due to FREA in March so please turn in any unreported hours that you accrued from April 2019 until now. Remember

to include travel & prep time.

Darcy



Friendship

Chairman: Marsy Smith

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Time is flying! We had a wonderful luncheon and our March meeting is just around the corner.

If you have birthday, get well, thinking of you or sympathy cards that you can donate to BCREA, I will add them to our supply. Please donate Christmas cards, valentines or other holiday cards to other organizations who may use them for projects.

See you at the March meeting!

Marsy



Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Josephine Walker

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BCREA Members,
Cultural Affairs is planning a museum tour to WMODA (A glass museum) in Dania Beach for either March or April. Stay tuned for more information. *Josephine*

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From the Treasurer

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Once again, our Annual Scholarship Luncheon, held on February 6th was a huge success! The Scholarship Auction took in a record \$1,284; enough for more than 1 scholarship. Thanks to **Anne French** and her committee, the auction had such marvelous gifts that members got a great deal for their donations. And another record was set - we had 119 tickets sold. **Diane Texter** and her committee did such a wonderful job making the Luncheon a fun, splendid experience. And what would a fantastic

event be without programs, name tags, pictures - and "a bootful" more. Kudos to **Bev Hoppe**. So many people gave so much of their talents, time, and money to make this THE amazing event of our year. Several members included extra money for scholarships when they purchased their luncheon tickets. The "extra" money added up to \$570. In addition to members listed previously, the following BCREA members contributed additional money for scholarships:

Marel-

Scholarship Donations

Donor

Roseanne ("Missy") Belsito
Anne French
Gloria Jackson
Eva Thomas
Linda Wright

In Memory Of

Mary Beth Schmid
Evelyn Morris
Ulysses Jackson
Ulysses Jackson
John Lyzott & Don Roberts

Undesignated

Pauline & Robert Green
Echo Heyer
Doris Cotnoir
Carol Roland
Marjorie Gregg
Cindy O'Linn
Elizabeth Ouellette
Jannes Strauch

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
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Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Bev's Bytes.... There were cow-

boys! There were lots of cow-girls...and there was one Indian



squaw! There was even one horse (mine!), lots of bandannas; and lots and lots of hats! Never before did I realize how hard it



is to recognize people in cowboy hats! And there was one bandit! One cowgirl wore shiny black pants with chaps! Thanks once again to **Diane Texter** for chairing this year's luncheon and to **Anne**



French for chairing the fundraiser. My personal thanks to **Myken Brady** and **Jean Gray** who handed out nametags and arranged programs on the tables. Diane Texter provided the cute sunflower and bandana centerpieces. "Best party ever," was heard from many! And that's the last byte for March. *Bev*



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