

Razia Pullen: World Is Her Classroom!

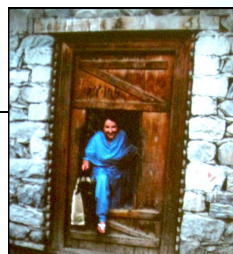
Born in Kenya, raised in Tanzania **Razia Pullen** is the definition of a world traveler. In an autobiographical poem, she says, "With focus on early childhood, The world became my neighborhood." Besides Africa and the USA, she has been to Australia, Canada, France and Madagascar as well as the remote villages in the Himalayas where she introduced parents to new ways of caring for babies and pre-school-aged children in particular. She focused on the



remote area of **Gilgit** in Northern Pakistan where the lessons had to be translated into Urdu, the national language of Pakistan. She reported feeling



unsafe there and she was instructed not to speak on the outside. Regardless, she liked the area so much that she might have chosen to live there had it been a safer place - it's a very clean area with rivers so clear you could see the fish. The children there had no toys or playtime except for soccer. Babies spent the first 3 months of life tied into a rudimentary crib where they got lots of verbal stimulation but



had no physical activity; consequently, they could not even sit on their own at 8 months of age. Her group taught parents and grandparents new methods and brought in toys and taught them to play. The children are very smart but not very creative because they had only experienced book learning. Raz provided books in English to encourage them to learn to the language so they would be able to compete in the world.

Interestingly enough, she was very concerned about visiting the Congo and it turned out to be very safe there - although its people are very poor.

In June she'll travel to Dubai for a world conference on early childhood. She says, "I may be retired but I'm not finished yet!"

May 1 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Road, Plantation
(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Scholarship & Literacy Awards
Installation of New Officers



Bring to meeting:

Dish to share
FREF Silent Auction Items
Service Hours Reports
Campbells labels
Aluminum pull-tabs
General Mills labels
Old eyeglasses & Cellphones
Blankies & Pillows



Cookbook Completed!

The BCREA Potluck Recipes Cookbook is finally finished and will be for sale at the May meeting for a nominal price. Thanks to all those who contributed their recipes.



District 10 Meeting to be October 15

Plan ahead to attend the District 10 Annual Meeting on October 15. It will be held at John Knox Village and BCREA will be the host club. BCREA Past President **Margarite Falconer** is the 2013 - 2015 District 10 Director. Volunteers will be needed to help with various things.

President's Corner

In May, 2013, I was installed as the President of BCREA. My first "official" job was to attend an awards ceremony at Monarch High School to present a \$1,000 scholarship to **Hannah Prock** who intends to become a teacher.



What a great way to begin a very eventful year! No one can be a leader alone. I am so grateful for the guidance from the members of the Board and committees. I am sure most of the regular members have no idea how much work goes into one meeting. Setting up for lunch, having name tags, selling raffle tickets, collecting books, tabs, coupons, keeping track of volunteer hours, balancing the budget, recording minutes, arranging for programs and entertainment, setting up cultural events and field trips, publishing an annual directory, printing monthly newsletters, taking photos, working on a scrapbook, keeping track of birthdays and those who are ill, collecting recipes for a cookbook, keeping us up to date with membership, staying connected by phone and email, AND sharing wonderful "Thoughts for the Day!" Gee, being president of this group is easy thanks to all these "helping hands."

As I am once again installed as your president in May, 2014, I am looking forward to new and exciting experiences.



I am sure it won't be boring. *Diane*

President-Elect's Corner

I am now planning our programs for next year. If you have heard a speaker who was most engaging to you and you think that this person would be of interest to our group, please let me know about it.



Our speaker in April, **Razia Pullen**, had a wonderful career as an instructional assistant technology specialist and impacted the lives of many students. Her life since retirement has been one of great adventure. She told us about writing curriculum to help children from birth to three years of age to get needed instruction. Her program is called "**Right From the Start**" and through this program she helps parents and grandparents learn how to educate their little ones.

We heard about her many experiences from the Republic of Congo to the Himalayan Mountains. An important point that she made was that no matter how remote the village or how poor the people, they had access to cell phones and because of this our world is getting smaller and smaller.



Her presentation was so enlightening in showing how people want information and to be able to help their children.

Echo

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).

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Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie

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PAY DUES FOR 2014-2015

\$50 is the amount for local and state dues. BCREA sends your state dues of \$35. to FREA. BCREA is the Broward County Unit of the Florida Retired Educators Association. A membership card from FREA will be sent to you. Your name will be on the Broward County Retired Educators mailing list and listed in the Membership Directory. We are now collecting dues for the current membership year of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

FREA plans to send out reminder letters early this year. If you send your check for dues to BCREA and you receive a reminder letter from FREA, don't send another check to FREA. Please call or email me if you have questions.

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 _____

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



*Welcome New Member
Jean Gray*



Thinking of You

Shirley Ernst

Nancy Ruiz



Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club*

(members over 85!)

*Those with a * are turning
85 this year*

May

Al Giles 5/02

Lizzie Johnson 5/21

William Kaelin 5/24

Dorothy Foster 5/27

Polly Lenzen 5/27

Ethel Pappy 5/27

June

Glenn Sanderson 6/03

Kathlyn Barno 6/14

Lillian Wilson 6/17

July

**Milton Brantferger 7/1*

**Erlaine Hester 7/1*

Gloria Marshall 7/9

**Erma Bell 7/12*

Maude Storr 7/16

Pat Schroder 7/21

Felicia Tronconi 7/21

Shirley Paoli 7/22

Jean Childers 7/24

**Lucille Folsom-Mason 7/24*

August

Helen Mitchell 8/05

Ruth Edwards 8/07

Betty McNaull 8/07

Ruth Travers 8/08

**Sylvia Milks 8/17*

Ruth Van der Walt 8/20

Cora Ashley 8/23

Jane Leone 8/27

September

William Gilmartin 9/11

Evelyn Lewis 9/19

Mary Weber 9/24

Tom Drilling 9/27

Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno

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I can't believe that this is our last meeting for this term. Seems as though we were just welcoming new members and planning activities for the new term. Now here we are going on vacation.

Some of us will be going on vacation and others of us will be here enjoying our life in our tropical paradise. Here are some tips to keep you safe from identity theft. You can never have too many tips to help keep you safe from this crime.

Be sure to shred your financial statements. Don't just throw them away.

Never give out personal information online just because someone asks for it.

Do not give out your credit card number or Social Security number over the telephone number unless you

initiated the call.

Reconcile your bank account monthly and notify your bank of discrepancies right away.

Review your credit report at least once a year.

If you think you have become a victim contact the three credit bureaus to flag your credit report - Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion and file a report with the local police. If you are a victim of tax refund fraud call IRS Identify Protection Specialized Unit, 1-800-908-4490.

Here are some other websites to go to for additional tips: www.secureflorida.org; www.irs.gov/identify-theft; www.ftc.gov/idtheft.

Here's to a happy, safe, healthy vacation.

Kathlyn

Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood

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It has been a whirlwind of a year and hard to realize that we are coming to the end of another season together. The Social Committee sends to all participants a very HUGE thank you for all of your delicious contributions throughout the year. Many thanks to those who were not on the committee, but who shared their helping hands when we needed assistance. Thanks to all who re-

moved their containers as they left the building. At the May meeting, we will have a Congratulatory Scholarship Sheet Cake. And please remember that we anticipate a larger gathering than usual. If you could bring just a little extra, it would be appreciated. Have a wonderful, healthy summer. Stay safe and see you in October.

Sallie

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc

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THANK YOU to the members who are sending in an additional \$5, \$10, \$20 or more for scholarships along with your 2014-2015 dues. So many of you have been doing that in the past few weeks, and it is most appreciated for our scholarship fund. Also, if you earmark a scholarship donation in memory or in honor of a named person for \$20. or more, I will send a card to the family (or the honoree) in your name. If that is the case, please send the address in which to send the card. Donating in someone's name is an thoughtful action.

Thank you to all members listed below for scholarship donations recently made:

Scholarship Donations

Donor	In Memory Of
Harriett & Thomas Drilling	John Lyzott

Undesignated Donations

Emma Black	Norma Cosby	Maravalyn Davis
Lillian Fye	Edith Gooden-Thompson	
Henry Graham	Ken Hendricks	Sharyn Iba
Jacqueline Jackson	Carol Merz	Rosa Parra
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Sallie Sherwood	Maude Storr	Stanley Strauch
Rochelle Stunson	Diane Texter	
Donna Whitfield	William Wilson	



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FREA Travel Specialist

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HERITAGE OF AMERICA 10 DAYS October 3, 2014 . This tour begins with a two-night stay in New York City and progresses on through Lancaster, PA; Gettysburg; Shenandoah Valley, VA; Charlottesville, VA; Colonial Williamsburg; Washington DC

THE BEST OF EASTERN CANADA 8 DAYS September 7-14 with a two-day stay in each city—sample French Canadian "haut cuisine", experience some leisurely railway travel,

SHADES OF IRELAND 10 DAYS: 10/19-28, 2014 - Travel to the Emerald Isle ...visit Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Limerick and enjoy all the natural beauty, rich history and hospitable culture this tour offers. Phone or e-mail me for full information, or go to <http://frea.org/travel.html>

It was fascinating to learn about **Raz Pullen's** adventures throughout the world. She accompanied her story

with photos which you can see on our **Shutterfly** site - Lemurs in Madagascar, monkeys in the Congo and lots of children in Gilgit.

Congrats to **Missy Belsito** whose yard recently won the "Emerald Award" from Broward NatureScape, a county



Ben's Bytes.....



program that supports water conservation and environmental awareness.

Anne French has only 10 tickets left for the FREF Extravaganza! Don't miss out on a chance to win one of the great prizes!

New member **Jean Gray** is the sister of **Gloria Marshall**, (both right).



Shirley Ernst missed the April meeting due

to a broken collarbone she suffered in a fall. **Nancy Ruiz** is currently out of hospital and in a rehab facility.

We wish them both a speedy recovery. We also missed **Darcy Drago**, **Judy Joseph** and **Josephine Walker** at the April meeting! There were 74 who did make it to the meeting according to Hospitality

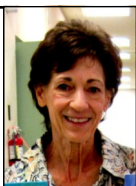


Chairman **Martha Pipes**. Winners of the Scholarship Raffle were **Arline Ziller**, \$20; **Carol Fischer**, \$10; **Pat Schroder**, \$10; **John Voss** and **Anne French** won the flower arrangements! And that's the last byte for this year!

Ben

Literacy

Chairman: **Sandy Lefkowitz**
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The winner of the Margaret Poppell Fifth Grade Literacy contest is **Angelina Orlando**, Harbordale Elementary School. She, her parents, teacher and principal will be joining us at the May meeting to accept her award. Her essay is heartwarming and a tribute to all grandparents. Thanks to everyone for all the book donations that you have made during the year!!! Awesome!!! The books will be delivered to **Hispanic Unity of Florida**, a non-profit organization that serves children from pre-school to teen years.

Finally, Thank YOU! You have embraced our literacy initiatives this year and helped make BCREA special. With continued and new literacy programs to come, next year will be even better.

Sandy

Community Service

Chairman: **Darcia Drago**
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Our unit reported just under 11,000 volunteer hours to FREA.

This represents an increase of more than 1,600 hours over last year's total.

Thanks for all that you do!

Together we can make a difference in our community.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer. See you in October.

Darcy

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April Meeting



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:

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