



BCREA Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

<http://browardrea.org>

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Need Help? Who Ya' Gonna' Call? AAABC!

At the April meeting Barbara Epes and Vivian Pierschi shared a wealth of information about the Area Agency on Aging, Inc. of Broward County (AAABC).



According to its website, (AAABC) is a nonprofit organization serving Broward County's senior residents, age 60 or older. The AAABC is part of a State Network which contains a total of 11 Area Agencies on Aging in the State of Florida each of which has its own planning and service areas (PSAs). The Area Agency on Aging of Broward County is designated as PSA 10 and is the only PSA comprised of only one county. The AAABC also

administers the **Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)** which serves adults over 60 as well as individuals 18 years of age or older who have been diagnosed with dementia or live with a disability. The ADRC is part of a single, coordinated system for information and access to services for all Floridians seeking long-term care resources. The ADRC provides information and assistance about state and federal benefits, as well as available local programs and services. They used a slideshow and multiple handouts, one of which was a magnetic envelope which holds a person's health in-

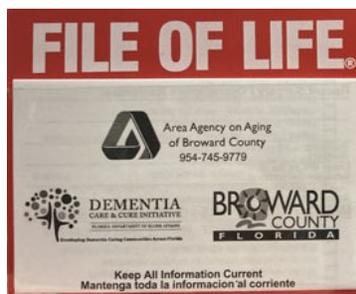
formation for first responders in an emergency. They introduced the group to



ElliQ, a proactive, voice operated smart device that can offer companionship, connection, health and wellness support, entertainment, and more. It's the latest AI device to help people living alone. To learn all about her go to <https://www.adrcbroward.org/elliq>

Need assistance? Call the ADRC Helpline: 954.745.9779

And to learn all about the many resources the Agency provides, go to <https://www.adrcbroward.org/> programs



May 4 Meeting

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Jim Ward Community Center
301 NW 46 Avenue, Plantation

Program: Diane Jarchow & Sandy Lefkowitz
Scholarship and Literacy Awards
Installation of New Officers

Mother's Day
May 14

Zoom Bingo April 20
1-3 PM



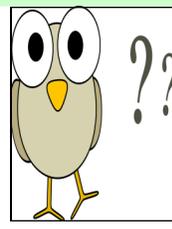
Bring to meeting:
BYOL

****Extra Picnic Potluck****

Volunteer Hours
Aluminum pull-tabs
Old eyeglasses & Cellphones
A new member

2023-2024 Officers Elected

L to R: President, Anne French; President-Elect, Vacant Secretary, Karen Avery; and Treasurer Marelise LeClerc. They will be installed at the May meeting.



President's Corner

With mixed emotions, I write my last Newsletter article as your president. For the past two years, it has been an honor and privilege to serve in this role, and I am incredibly grateful for the trust you placed in me.

First and foremost, I would like to thank our BCREA

Board members for their unwavering leadership and assistance throughout my tenure. Your guidance and expertise are vital to achieving the remarkable milestones we accomplish. I also extend my deepest gratitude to all our members for your dedication and commitment to attracting and retaining teachers in Broward County Public Schools. Your generosity and support of scholarships have made a significant difference in the lives of many students pursuing careers in education.

Thank you to **BrightStar Credit Union** for continuing your \$2000 donation for our association's newsletter and membership handbook. We are excited to celebrate the addition of your new BrightStar Scholarship Award of \$4500 over the next four years for a lucky future educator! WOW! Also, thank you to **AMBA** (Association Members Benefits Advisors) as partners in increasing FREA membership and your enthusiastic contributions and involvement in our local BCREA unit.

I will forever cherish the fun, food, and fellowship experiences we've shared, and I'm proud to continue participating in this awesome organization. As I pass the gavel to our new president, **Anne French**, I am confident we will continue to grow and flourish under her leadership! Someone out there will step up and join her as a new president-elect; I know it!

Sue



President-Elect's Corner

At our April meeting we learned about the many services that are available to seniors in Broward County through the **Area Agency on Aging**. Thank you, **Barbara** and **Vivian**, for your informative presentation.

Our May meeting will be all about celebration! Eight students who are all planning to become teachers, will be awarded their continuing scholarships from BCREA. These scholarships are made possible by the many member donations and BCREA fundraising efforts - baskets at the February luncheon, on-line Bingo, and monthly fundraisers.

We will also be featuring three fifth grade students who authored outstanding essays about their experiences with a 'grandparent'. These winning students will receive Target gift cards. The top Broward essay will be entered into the state competition.

The first **Jim and Evelyn Morris Scholarships** for current educators will be presented. Through the generosity of the Morris', these scholarships are available to any current employee of Broward County Public School who wants to further their education. It is great that current employees get a little help furthering their careers. Thank You Evelyn for remembering BCREA in your will.

May will be our last meeting for the year. Best wishes for a healthy and fun summer. I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, October 5.

Mark your calendars!

Anne



Thank you to all members for their generous support for the FREF Extravaganza 2023 sale. This year our BCREA members and their friends purchased 75 tickets. The drawing takes place in May

FREF

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at the state convention. Good Luck to all. And the FREF scholarship committee members will be participating in a ZOOM in an effort to summon ideas for generating an interest in the FREF scholarship applications. There was

not one applicant for the state scholarship from a Broward County senior this year. Please let me know if you are interested in joining this ZOOM. It will be in May and a date will be chosen that hopefully meets everyone's schedule. Aiming for May 9 or 10 or 11. **Shirley**

Membership

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Chair: Susan Lochrie



2023-2024 FREA & BCREA Membership Dues

Dues for this membership year started in March, 2023. It's a good idea to pay early, if possible before June 30, 2023. If you send your dues now and use the membership application in the *Newsletter*, you save BCREA the cost of mailing a reminder to you. By paying \$50 to BCREA you have only one check and one mailing. Your State FREA Dues of \$35 will be sent to FREA by our Treasurer. The remaining \$15 is for the BCREA Unit expenses. If you receive a reminder from FREA to pay dues, remember to add the local dues of \$15 to the payment in the appropriate space.

Please give me a call or email with your questions about local and state dues.

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 to our
Birthday Club
(members over 85!)*

May

*Mary Hiers 5/07
Lizzie Johnson 5/21
Darlene Utry 5/26
Norma Cosby 5/28*

June

Frances Smoot 6/24

July

*Milton Brantferger 7/1
Marilyn Holmes 7/04
Arline McWhinney 7/04
Echo Heyer 7/10
Erma Bell 7/12*

Jacqueline Jackson 7/12

Maude Storr 7/16

Pat Schroder 7/21

Marjorie Gregg 7/28

August

Alice Mack 8/14

Turning 85 ...

Susan Lochrie 8/28

September

Nancy Howell 9/01

Allegra Murphy 9/06

Eleanor Gaston 9/15

Annie Rawls 9/22

Mary Morris 9/25

Bobbie David 9/28



**Marelise LeClerc
Arline Ziller**



Information Services

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Before we break for the summer, here are a few ways in which we can continue with our community service until we meet in the fall. On June 8th, we celebrate **National Upsey Daisy Day**. This day is set aside to encourage facing the day positively and gratefully. Even though life is full of challenges, we should strive to remember that every day is a gift. If we move through the day with a smile we might be surprised to see that we feel better, then in turn we may be able to pass that cheer on to others and brighten their day. On July 11th, we celebrate **National Cheer Up The Lonely Day**. Today is the day we reach out to those who are lonely or may need a little cheering up and encourage those who are dealing with emotional or physical ailments, sometimes just listening to someone will help those who are overwhelmed. Your act of kindness by giving a little extra attention to someone at just the right moment, might make a world of difference. August 19th signifies **National Humanitarian Day**

who put their lives at risk to better the lives of others, often assisting people who have been affected by a crisis. You don't have to be a **Mother Teresa, Princess Diana, Martin Luther King or Oprah Winfrey**. All you have to do is to have a desire to lend a hand to those less fortunate.

September 28th brings us **Good Neighbor Day**. Being a good neighbor isn't all that difficult. Starting with kindness as the first step. Share a cup of coffee, pet sit for an hour, pick up mail, etc., any action may develop a new lifelong friendship. (Decreed a National Day by **Jimmy Carter** in 1978 who tirelessly worked with **Habitat for Humanity**.)

Thank you so much for your participation, service, scholarship support and camaraderie throughout the year. You are responsible for making this such a successful organization! Today is declared **National Thank You BCREA Membership Day!** Whatever you do until we meet again, stay sharp, stay fit and send positive thoughts to others. Be safe and have a great summer.

Lillian, Josephine and Sallie



From the Treasurer

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Thank you to **Bright Star Credit Union** for their generosity once again! Bright Star has donated \$4,500. for a 4 year educational scholarship. It will be named in their honor. We will be awarding a high school senior with the first installment of the scholarship at our May meeting. Of course the fortunate recipient must reaply yearly and fulfill the requirements. **THANK YOU BRIGHT STAR!** Again, our members have been so generous. The names below signify donations totalling \$1,575! Educators are the most unselfish, giving people! Gratitude to



		<i>Marelise</i>
Donor	In Honor Of:	
Milton Brantferger	Warren Cox	
Philip Van Pelt	Stu Brown, John Lyzott, Don Roberts	
Susan Whiting	Juliet Cordillo	
Undesignatd Donations		
Suzanne Atkin	Roseanne Belsito	Barbara Bohuny
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Nancy Howell	Sharyn Iba	Helen King
Sandy Lefkowitz	Mozella Lennon	Sally Macak
Madeline Martin	Carol Merz	George Pinder
Juanita Pringle-Vaughns	Barbara & Brian Roland-	
Marianne Scott	Joyce Stokes	Paula Talese
Amada Walker	Jill Wilson	



Social Committee

Chair: Marianne Scott
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Our last meeting of the year is right around the corner. How quickly the year has gone by. At our May meeting, we will be welcoming our essay and scholarship winners as well as their families. Whatever picnic style fare you choose to bring, we ask that you prepare a little extra as we will be hosting these quests for lunch. National Chocolate Chip Day is

celebrated in the month of May in case any of you would like to incorporate them into your creation for the buffet table. If you brought a take home container to the meeting last month, thank you! The members who brought food home were most appreciative. See you on May 4th as we celebrate our winners and our incoming officers.

Marianne

If you missed out on Fun 'n Frolic day last month you missed a great time. We had an extra guest who stayed nearly the whole



Bev's Bytes.....

most of the games and prizes and to Carol Roland for organizing things! Next up - Zoom Bingo on April 20.

LuAnn Comes reported a total of 42 in attendance plus 2 speakers. Winners in the scholarship fundraiser were Sue Colton, \$20; Sallie Sherwood, \$10 and Val Proffer, \$10. Winning the flowers were I-r, Linda Gibson, Nancy Howell and Marianne Barr. Sue Redfern and her

granddaughter took a cruise to Antarctica last month - saw lots of penguins! Darcy Drago missed the meeting because she was on a Viking cruise on the Danube! And that's the last byte for May and until the October Newsletter! *Bev*



time. Unfortunately it was so windy we couldn't play badminton! Thanks to James Etta Warner for supplying



Literacy

Chair: Sandy Lefkowitz
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Thank you for your book donations! Over 120 books were delivered to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital. You are all amazing.



Sandy

Community Service

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A Our annual report has been sent in to FREA. In 2022 our unit reported 17,415 volunteer service hours. Thank you for supporting our group projects throughout the year and for

turning in your individual service hours. Hope you all have a healthy and enjoyable summer. See you next Fall.

Darcy



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Fund Raising

Chair: Barbara Lewis
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Our Hope your Passover and Easter holidays were happy, healthy and great being with family and friends.

We will be playing 5 games of Bingo. Of course we will have prizes. Hope to see all the Bingo players on Zoom.

BINGO				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

Barbara

Our next big event is **ZOOM BINGO** on April 20th at 1:00.

Seen at the 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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