



BCREA Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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Mabe Expounds, Entertains and Explains!

Aqua Invites Members to LLI



Ed Aqua, Director of Nova Southeastern University's **Lifelong Learning Institute**, visited the October meeting to invite members to participate in LLI and to distribute a brochure about

their programs. Its programs feature faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences and other NSU colleges, as well as prominent visiting experts in the humanities, sciences, health care, government, and other fields. They offer continuing education activities, field trips, and special opportunities for South Florida's older adult community. The LLI is also an affiliate of **Elderhostel**, the world's largest educational travel organization for adults 55 and over.

According to Sun-Sentinel Book Editor **Chauncey Mabe** (rhymes with "babe"), "My entire academic career after 4th grade was a waste of time! They just kept teaching me the same things over and over!" As early as first grade, however, he discovered books and developed an intense love of learning. Before he was much older, his career path was set: he decided he wanted to be a writer so he could share knowledge with others. Had he ever written a dream-job-description, he says, it wouldn't have been as good as reading books, interviewing authors, and writing about those books - which is precisely his current job! Out of the 100 - 300 books which are sent to him every week, he can choose only 5 to be reviewed by himself and his staff. His hope is that there will be at least one book each



week that readers will want to experience for themselves. He picks books he thinks he'll like and is very disappointed if he doesn't. As a reader who immerses himself in each book, he looks at the 10 - 15 hours he spends on it as an investment he doesn't want to be wasted. On at least one occasion, he admits, he rejected a book which became a best seller: *Cold Mountain*, by Charles Frasier, which was on the *NY Times* best seller list for a year.

November 1st Meeting

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Holiday Park Social Center

Address: 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive
Ft. Lauderdale

(behind War Memorial Auditorium)

Program: All About John Knox Village

Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share
Items for the Food Drive
Men's Clothing
Campbells labels
Aluminum pull-tabs
General Mills labels
Coupons for our troops
Blankies & Pillows



Farewell, Reva!

Reva Moore, who served as BCREA's Scholarship Chairman for 11 years before stepping down in May, 2005 died on September 10. She would have been 94 on November 16. She was to have been named a Broward County Pioneer on November 3 representing BCREA!

President's Corner

We got off to a good start in October with an outstanding program by **Chauncey Mabe** and a quick visit from Nova-Southeastern Lifelong Living Institute's **Ed Aqua**. Attendance was good with 48 members and 4 guests. Thanks to the Membership Committee's work and your support, our membership is holding up well in spite of the passing of 16 members in the past 10 months.

We have received some donations which will make it possible to increase the number of scholarships we award.

Hope to see you at the November meeting.

Have a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving.

Tom



Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie



Do you have a new e-mail address that wasn't in the 2006 - 2007 directory? If you'd like it to be included, fill this out and give / mail it to Darcy Drago.

Name _____

E-mail _____

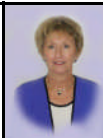
Health & I + PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno



Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago



November Food Drive

We will collect **nonperishable food items** for the Co-operative Feeding Program at our Nov. 1 meeting. They also are in need of "gently used" **men's clothing**. Please give generously as this organization feeds needy families as well as the homeless on a daily basis.

Planning ahead:

At our Dec. 6 meeting we

will collect laundry baskets, grooming products, sleepwear, toys and baby items for Women in Distress. Do you serve on any civic committees or on your condo board? Do you sing in the church choir? If so you are a volunteer! Please report your service hours including any travel and rehearsal time

Darcy

We're back!! It is time again for our Blood Bank Drive. We start this month. The cost is \$2.00. This entitles you to two pints of blood in any hospital in the nation in the event that you should need it. (We hope you won't but it is better to be protected than not). You may sign up other members of your family also. Not only that, you will be helping some worthy high school student earn a scholarship;

so be sure to take advantage of this great opportunity. We are reminded to put "ICE" (In Case Of Emergency) numbers in our cell phones. Label your contacts as ICE1, ICE2, etc. if there is more than one person. This could save your life if you cannot speak for your self. Have you gotten your Flu Shot? Don't forget it. Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving.

Kathlyn

Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards



MARVIN HAMLISCH Wednesday, November 14 8 pm at Parker Playhouse. Tickets are \$36.25 apiece. THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE is our meeting on November 1. Checks made payable to BCREA

LORD OF THE DANCE Friday, March 7 3 pm at the Broward Center. (Yes, a matinee!) Tickets are \$60.50 and we need 20 to get group rates.

QUILTS OF GEES BEND Thursday, December 6 at the Museum of Art after the Dec. 6th meeting. \$10/adult, \$7/children & seniors 65+. Or, you may go FREE on Thursdays after 4 pm courtesy of Bank Atlantic.

Literacy...

Chairman: Rosetta Watkins



Fifth Grade Essay Contest

We are getting ready for our Fifth Grade Essay contest and we need volunteers to help with getting information to schools (principals and teachers), collecting essays

and judging. Please contact me via telephone (954-584-8719) or E-mail (mamarowat@aol.com), if you would like to help.

Rosetta

Passages



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

Agnes Schnierer 11/09
Ruby Hutson-Hutchison
11/12

Frances Goodstein 11/20
Linnie Kidd 11/21
Ginny Dewar 11/25



Thinking of You....
Jean Childers
Harriet Drilling



In Memoriam
Laura Robinson 1/09/07
Janie Bounds - 2/6/07
Elisabeth Blazier- 4/07
Murrell Rickman 7/07
Dorothy Ferrell 8/23/07
Reva Moore 9/10/07
Gian Berchielli 9/11/07

Donations for the Scholarship Fund included with dues:

Benson, Mattie
Bentley, Johnne
Black, Emma
Cannata, Elizabeth
David, Bobbie Lou
Folsom-Mason, Lucille
Graves, Frances Ann
Henderson, Berthilda
Hiers, Mary
Heyer, Echo
Johnson, Dorothy M.
Johnson, Elizabeth
Kidd, Linnie
Langford, Wilise

Marshall, Gloria
McCabe, Joan
McWhinney, Arline & Wayne
Merrill, Beverley
Merz, Carol
Miller, Ogden
Peterson, Mildred
Reddick, Joe
Schroeder, Patricia
Scott, Allie
Shiskin, Jean
Simmons, Alzora
Smith, Betty
Wright, Linda



Seven Attend District 10 Workshop

A total of 7 BCREA members attended the District 10 Leadership Workshop at the JAY Center in Riviera Beach on September 24. Two general meetings and 3 small-group sessions were presented by state officers and chairmen. District 10 FREF trustee **Frances Smoot** collected a grand total of \$170 from the silent auction plus her inventive "Pass the Hat" ploy to get contributions from those who hadn't bought anything! Continental breakfast and a buffet lunch were served. Those attending are pictured above. And **Martha Pipes** was the lucky winner door prize.

(Left)L to R: Front - Rosetta Watkins, Frances Smoot & Martha Pipes; Rear: Bev Hoppe, Madeline Martin, Charlie Pipes & Linda Horton.



Above: Bonnie & Phil Douglas of American Pioneer present Martha Pipes with the door prize!



Visiting state FREA officers:
Front L to R: Virginia West, Marie Grein, Ed Ethridge; Rear: Horton Barnes & Barbara Williams



District Director Flora Jackson addresses the group!

Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:

Darcia Drago
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 200_____

LITERACY VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Teaching Sunday School, reading to children/adults; tutoring; helping with testing programs, etc; Includes any activities to promote a more literate America. TOTAL _____

WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH:

School, tutoring, mentoring, coaching etc. (Persons 25 years of age or younger. TOTAL: _____

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:

Church, civic, hospital / hospice, personal help to others (non-relatives), school, drug, ecology / environment. TOTAL: _____

Overlapping categories should be reported in both places.

GRAND TOTAL: _____

Bev's Bytes...

Pauline McShane, a member who now lives in Vero Beach wrote a nice thank-you note to Sunshine Chairman **Shirley Paoli** - to thank her for the birthday card from BCREA on her 98th birthday! Many Happy Returns, Pauline! **Tom Drilling** came to the October meeting without wife **Harriet** who suffered a broken wrist in a fall which required surgery! Quick healing, Harriet! Our sympathy to **Jean Childers** whose nephew died recently of a heart attack. Warning!!! Two of our members, **Myken Brady** and **Frances Smoot** have been victims of identity theft. Frances' purse was stolen from her car and her information obtained from it but Myken has no idea how someone was able to open a credit card in her name! You just cannot be too careful! New member **Carol Call** accepted the job of selling tickets for the 50/50 held previously by **John Lyzott** who died last month. John must have been looking out for her as she won \$20 in the drawing! Other winners were **Lorene Broxton** and **Josephine Walker**! **Lillian Lampkins'** daughter **Linda Combs** who recently became an associate member of BCREA will once again make up the difference between donations and the \$1000 for the **Lillian Lampkins Memorial Scholarship**. And **John Lyzott's** good friend **Bruce Arnold** has donated the



Scholarship Donations

Donor

William Gilmartin
Bev Hoppe
Bev Hoppe
Bev Hoppe
Bev Hoppe
Lillian Wilson
Dorothy Goodwin
Bruce Arnold
Tom & Harriett Drilling
Darcia Drago
Patricia Roberts

In Memory of:

John Lyzott
Bernard Barno
John Lyzott
Reva Moore
Lillian Lampkins
Allene Rollins
Allene Rollins
John Lyzott
John Lyzott
John Lyzott
John Lyzott

Donations with no designation

Bettye Bradshaw
Harriette Hadley
Allegra Murphy
Annie Ruth Rawls
Dorothy Cox
Mildred Lewis
Dorothy Orr
Barbara Rhone
Norma VanBuskirk

full amount to launch the **John Lyzott Memorial Scholarship**. And that's the last byte for this month.

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