

# BCREA Newsletter



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## BCPA, SEAS Take Center Stage in October

**Jan Goodheart**, VP of External Affairs for the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, and **Sharon Brooks**, Director of SEAS, both pictured at right with Program Chairman **Echo Heyer**, were the speakers at the October meeting. Jan told about the many renovations that have been taking place at the facility. They raised \$58 million to add a new club level, a lounge with food and drink, a restaurant where patrons can



dine before performances and for weekend brunch. There is a new 2-story Huizinga Pavillion where weddings, bar mitzvahs,

etc. can be held. In 1991, the "Student Enrichment in the Arts (SEAS) program was founded by the School Board of Broward County in a unique partnership with the

Broward Center for the Performing Arts. In the past 24 years, it has become one of the top "Arts-In-Education" programs in the nation. During

that time, more than 2.4 million students have attended performances that are free to students K-12.

Through the SEAS programs students learn about the shows they will see at the Broward Center.

More than 250 performances and workshops are provided each year for students and educators.

BCREA members who are volunteers at BCPA include **Gloria Marshall**, **Doris Cotnoir** and **Jean Anderson**.



### Darcy Explains Community Service

District 10 is the largest FREA district in the state with a total of 983 members in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach clubs. Volunteers contributed a total of 40,732 hours which translates to \$918,506.60 in value. Of the 40,732 hours, Broward reported 10,965 hours with only 35% of members reporting hours. Community Services Chairman **Darcy Drago** thinks the club can do better if everyone under-

stands what things can be reported. Thus, she designed posters to explain. She also passed out reporting forms at the meeting and asked everyone to report any hours they had contributed during the summer months! She was right! By passing out forms (which appear in every *Newsletter*) at the meeting and collecting them, BCREA has a good start at amassing many more hours this year! 3000 hours were reported!



### November 6th Meeting

**Time:** 11:45 AM

**Place:** Deicke Auditorium  
5701 Cypress Road  
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

**Program:** Diane Guidry -  
The Nature Scape Program



### Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share  
Items for the  
Clothing & Food Drive  
Kids' books for Literacy  
Books for Book Exchange  
Box tops & labels for education  
Aluminum pull-tabs  
Cell Phones  
Eyeglasses  
Blankies & Pillows



## President's Corner

Wow! What a busy first meeting we had on October 2. I hope you have learned how important it is to our group to keep track of our volunteer hours and what qualifies as volunteering. TOGETHER, we will continue to turn in our forms each month. Welcome to our new members. This year, one of our main goals is to educate you on the benefits of BCREA membership. We have a program to encourage you to invite your friends to join this organization. Everyone who brings 3 new members by December, will receive a \$25 Macy's gift card. So invite a friend or two to our November meeting. Hopefully this year I will be able to help you discover the advantages of supporting the BCREA. But let's not forget how much we enjoy meeting old and new friends each month. I will probably never know every member's name, but am going to try to meet as many of you as I can. Then we can work TOGETHER easily. Don't forget the great food! See you soon. Diane



## President-Elect's Corner

We had a wonderful first meeting on October 2nd. We had two great speakers from the Theater of Performing Arts. Jan Goodheart, Vice-President of External Affairs, told us about all of the new aspects of the theater. There has been so much building and remodeling going on for several years now. There is a beautiful new restaurant and in another area there is a wine and tapas bar. Sharon Brooks joined Jan to present on the new Educational Building. Sharon was part of the Student Enrichment in the Arts (SEAS) Program, for the Broward County Public Schools. After she retired she joined the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Education Programs. The education building houses the new teaching component of the theater. It will be used for students of all ages bringing the arts to the community. Next month we will have Diane Guidry from the Nature Scape Program. This group also has an educational component with the Broward School System. The Nature Scape Program is based on gardening with nature in the subtropics of South Florida.



Echo

## Information Services

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Here we are coming upon the winter holidays filled with planning, festivities and entertainment. We will all be planning for activities with family and friends. Trying to get just the right gift for the relatives, planning the right dinner menu, keeping all the dates on our social calendar in order can become quite frustrating. Some studies have shown that during this time of the year people can easily go into a state of depression if we are not careful. Here are some tips I came across to help us deal with the overwhelming situations. According to mental health care professionals, social support from our friends and acquaintances play a great part in helping us cope with stress. Positive thinking is a big help. Negative thoughts lead to less happiness and can extend bad situations. Exercise is a good antidote for stress. It produces hormones that make you feel good about yourself. And don't forget humor. It can make you forget lots of worries and give you a big uplift. Happy, happy shopping and entertaining. Kathlyn

## Community Service /Directory

Chairman: Darcia Drago  
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### Community Service

At our November meeting we will collect nonperishable food and "gently used" men's casual clothing for LifeNet4Families, an organization that has served Broward's hungry and homeless residents for the past 28 years. If you are unable to attend our regular meetings please call in your volunteer service hours or send them via "snail mail" or e-mail them to me at dardra@att.net.

If you are looking for local community service opportunities check out [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org). The Humane Society is also looking for volunteers. If interested, please contact me & I will forward the information to you. In the words of Ronald Reagan: "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

### Directory

The 2014 -15 Directory

# Passages



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

**Runette Williams 11/09**  
**Catherine Johnson 11/12**  
**Mary Perfect 11/13**  
**Mary Dunavent 11/20**



*Thinking of You*  
**John Drag**  
**Nancy Ruiz**

*In Memoriam*



**Carolyn Johnson 7/10/14**

## BCREA Officers....

### President

**Diane Texter**  
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### President-Elect

**Echo Heyer**  
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### Secretary

**Josephine Walker**  
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will go to the printer immediately after our November meeting and will be distributed in December. **Darcy**



## Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Judy Edwards

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**Ringling Museum, Friday, November 14 - Day Trip**  
8 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$85.00\*

We plan to rent vans and depart Broward at 8:00 a.m., drive to Sarasota and explore the art museum and return about 10 p.m.

\*Estimated cost of admission and transportation plus meals.

*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*

Wednesday, February 11- 2 p.m.

Cost: \$38.00

Broward Stage Door Theatre - 8036 W. Sample Rd., Coral Springs

This celebration of the mating game takes on the truths and myths behind the contemporary conundrum known as 'the relationship.' Act I explores the journey from dating and waiting to love and marriage, while Act II reveals the agonies and triumphs of in-laws and newborns, trips in the family car and pick-up techniques of the geriatric set. This hilarious musical pays tribute to those who have loved and lost, to those who have fallen on their face at the portal of romance, and to those who have dared to ask, "Say, what are you doing Saturday night?"

## MOTOWN

Saturday, March 7, 2015 - 2 p.m. matinee - Cost: \$56.50\*\*

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

201 S.W. 5th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale

"MORE THAN A BROADWAY SHOW. A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC THAT TRANSFORMED AMERICA!" -- CBS Sunday Morning

It began as one man's story, became everyone's music, and is now Broadway's musical. **MOTOWN THE MUSICAL** is the true American dream story of Motown founder Berry Gordy's journey from featherweight boxer to the heavyweight music mogul who launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson and many more. Motown shattered barriers, shaped our lives and made us all move to the same beat. Featuring classic songs such as "My Girl" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," experience the story behind the music in the record-breaking smash hit **MOTOWN THE MUSICAL!**

## Rent

Thursday, April 23- 8 p.m. - Cost: \$40.00

West Boca Performing Arts Theatre, 12811 West Glades Rd, Boca Raton

Set in the East Village of New York City, **Rent** is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, it's based loosely on Puccini's *La Boheme*, Jonathan Larson's musical follows a year in the life of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS.

\*\* Ticket requests are due to Judy Edwards by December 5th

## Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie  
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### MEMBERSHIP-DUES REMINDER

BRING IN THREE NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR and WIN A \$25 Gift Card!

Written reminders have been sent to all of you who have not paid dues for this year. In order to be listed in the Membership Directory and to continue receiving the Newsletter dues must be received

**by November 1, 2014.**

Please mail \$50. for state and local dues. Make your check payable to BCREA and Mail to

BCREA Membership

P.O. Box 30533

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303

A membership Form can be downloaded from the BCREA

Website: <http://browardrea.org>

If you are not sure if your dues are current, please call or email me.

*Susan*

### Welcome New Members



Martha Archer  
Theresa Campbell  
Jay Hassan  
Maria Moore  
Juanita Pringle  
Brenda Roberts

Claudia Bostwick  
Jeri Cross  
Linda Lopez  
Joanne Nitti  
Linda Roberts  
Roma Roberts, Sr.



## FREA Travel...

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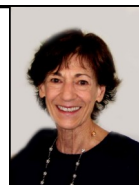


The 14-Night Transatlantic cruise for next year  
**Departs April 27, 2015**  
arriving in Barcelona May 11 sails from Port Everglades to  
Ponta Delgada, Azores; Lisbon, Portugal; Seville, Spain;  
Malaga, Spain; Alicantel, Spain; Barcelona, Spain on the  
**Celebrity Equinox.**

The all inclusive balcony price includes the return air  
from Barcelona. Reserve your stateroom ASAP. *Arline*

## Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz  
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Something new! Something exciting! This year BCREA has chosen to undertake a new project. We have partnered with Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF) and embarked on a new literacy endeavor. HUF empowers immigrants and other members of the community to become self-sufficient and to lead productive lives. The organization provides 19 programs, serving toddlers to seniors, and offers services in three languages - English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. Hispanic Unity of Florida has an extensive children's library and BCREA donated several books to the library last year. Every book that

parents check out of the HUF library is accompanied with a guide that offers specific suggestions for the book. BCREA has agreed to write the cards using a simple template that includes a discussion question, a vocabulary focus, and an extension activity. It only takes 5-7 minutes to complete the activity card template. Following the November meeting and our delicious lunch (thanks to all you culinary experts), please volunteer to stay for a short meeting and kick off this year's new literacy project. Please call me if you have any questions 954-557-5817.

### Bea's Bytes... Our 50/50 Winners this



month were **Janet Vandivort**, \$20; \$10 each to **Mary Taylor**, **Nancy Adams** and **Rosetta Watkins**. Apologies to **Mary Lou Deering**



(right) who was the winner of \$100 in the FREF Scholarship drawing at the State Assembly. I put in the wrong picture last month!



Hospitality Chairman **Martha Pipes** reported 94 in attendance at the October meeting with lots of new members and guests! Martha would welcome more members to help man the "welcome table."

Member **Ruth Edwards** who now lives in GA celebrated her 99th birthday on August 7! Congratulations, Ruth! Happy 100th year! **Kathlyn Barno** hopes to be back in action soon following her recent knee replacement!

*Bea*

## 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**  
4346 Carambola Circle North  
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

### 211 Touchline Program

#### From Legislative Chairman Nancy Adams

Senior Touchline is a free service that offers a daily telephone call for people over 60 years of age who live alone. Each day, within a pre-determined time period, a 2-1-1 counselor calls registered seniors to make sure they are safe and well.

If the 2-1-1 counselor is unsuccessful in reaching the senior after one hour of repeated attempts, the designated emergency contacts will be called and asked to check on the senior's well-being.

If you are interested in enrolling in this program, go to <http://211-broward.org/senior-touchline/> for further information and to get an application. Or call **Rafael Vazquez** at 954-640-5827.

## Social Committee

Chairman: **Sallie Sherwood**  
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Thank you to everyone for making the first 2014-2015 BCREA luncheon so very nice. Some of our favorite recipes made their return to the table and a few new tasty recipes made their inaugural debut. Once again we were treated to a splendid variety of buffet items and enough morsels to be enjoyed by everyone.

We were very short handed at this initial meeting and a very BIG thank you to the the two volunteers who assisted so we could have the table dressed and ready for your food items. During the meeting I asked for "helping hands" to join the Social Committee and I am happy to announce that we have three new volunteers and two who wanted to remain unnamed substitutes.

As you leave the meeting, please pick up your container from the back table and Take your leftovers home or by place your disposable container in the trashcan. Re-

member we will

provide utensils to serve your food items. Welcome to all the new members of BCREA and thank you for your participation in this event. Hopefully you were able to meet old friends and make some new ones. To those members of the Social Committee who were not able to attend due to illness or travel, we wish you a speedy recovery and safe journey. Once again, thank you to everyone who participated in making this one of the best luncheons in Plantation. Hope to see everyone in November...gobble, gobble!

*Sallie*



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## Scenes from the October Meeting



**New members stand but no one came for a group photo!!**



**Mary Taylor was garbed in Halloween attire head to foot!**



**President Diane and President-Elect Echo with an illustration of this year's theme!**



**Mary Sefferly and Henry Graham**

