

Six Scholarships Presented at May Meeting



Pictured L-R are the 2015 BCREA Scholarship recipients **Alyissa Celestin**, Tennessee State University; **William Roller**, South Broward HS; **Rowan J Martinez**, Taravella HS; **Jennifer Gaver**, Taravella HS; **Arianna Hernandez**, Coral Glades HS; and **Samantha Gourzong**, mother of recipient **Sachaye Walker**, McFatter Technical HS who could not attend. **Alyissa Celestin** is the first second-year recipient of a BCREA Scholarship, having completed her first year at Tennessee State University.

October 1 Meeting

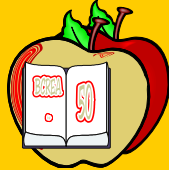
Time: 11:45

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: **Steve Thacker** - Guardian ad Litem Prog.
Anne French - A Golden Moment



Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share
Your Volunteer hours
Used eyeglasses & Cell Phones
Aluminum pull-tabs
Box tops for Education
Coupons for our troops
Blankies & Pillows
New or gently used kids' books
Book for Book Exchange



District Director Margarite Falconer Installs Echo Heyer as President for 2015 - 2016



2014-2015 BCREA Officers:
L-R Treasurer Marelise LeClerc, Secretary Josephine Walker;
President-Elect Carol Roland; President Echo Heyer and
District 10 Director Margarite Falconer who was

President's Corner

Do you remember when you returned to school you were asked to write a paper on "What I Did On My Summer Vacation"? Well, I did only one thing. I went to the Florida Retired Educators State Meeting. I learned a lot but more important, I had fun! One activity that we did was to get in groups of people we did not know and decorate a Lawn Flamingo. You will see Floozie Flamingo that I brought back and **Carol Roland's** Winner Flamingo in October.



Anne French and her committee for the celebration of 50 Years in existence for Broward County Retired



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Educators are planning lots of fun activities. It will make for very enjoyable meetings. What I have found in getting to know our members is how interesting they are. Our plan is for those attending our meetings to learn what a unique and very bright group that we are. Dieke Auditorium looks beautiful. They have new lighting and we will have a new arrangement for the tables. **Carol Roland** has planned wonderful programs for the 2015 -16 year. Our Board members have outlined our projects for the year. They do so much to make us one of the best units in Florida.

Diane Texter, as our past president, had as her main theme TOGETHER and she did so much to bring us together. I would like to build on that and say: **"TOGETHER WE HAVE FUN, SUPPORT EDUCATION, AND DO COMMUNITY SERVICE."**

Echo

Happy Halloween

President-Elect's Corner

I am honored to serve as your president-elect I have been diligently working this summer in preparing interesting programs for this year's meetings. I have scheduled programs that focus on four of the foundations supported by FREA:



keeping members engaged, informed, healthy and providing service to their community. Hopefully these presentations will not only be instructive but also provide activities for members to become actively involved both during and after the meeting. Rather than having all "talking heads" programs, this year we are striving to have parts of the meeting interactive. So when we request member participation, please become enthusiastically involved.

For October's meeting the 50th Anniversary Committee will be hosting a **Golden Moment**, a fun and informative activity on changes of BCREA over the past 50 years. Additionally, **Steve Thacker** will present information about a powerful volunteer opportunity with the Guardian Ad Litem program.

Carol

Save the date: Wednesday, October 7th: District 10 Workshop

District 10, Dade, Palm Beach and Broward Counties, will have a workshop on October 7. The workshop will be from 10:00 to 3:00 at the Palace Suites of Kendall. Cost is \$10.00.

If you would like to come please call **Margarite Falconer** (954-524-2938) and she will get registration and directions to you. Deadline is October 1st. We only have 5 spaces left so this will be on a first come first serve basis.

These workshops are always a day of fun and learning about our Retired Educator's Association.

We are asking for gift baskets/ gift cards or nice prizes for the scholarship fund raiser that is held at the end of the workshop. If you have a donation please contact **Anne French** or Margarite.

Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood
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Membership

Chairman: Susan Lochrie
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Welcome to another great year with BCREA guest speakers, friendship, and tempting food from the buffet table.

For those past members and for those who are new, here are a few "Do's and Don'ts" for you to review. **Do** place your food items on the back table or hand to a member of the Social Committee. If something needs to be kept warm, let one of us know.

Don't bring serving utensils for your food. We will provide the serve ware so yours will not become misplaced or lost.

Do bring food that is "table ready." Sometimes we are short handed and will not be able to slice or plate food which is not "ready to serve." (Of course we understand that at times you might be running a little late and we will try to accommodate if possible.)

Don't be hesitant to ask for help if you need assistance.

Do go back for second helpings of the tasty morsels - after everyone has been served.

Don't forget to check the back table when you're leaving. Please pick up your left over food items and containers to take home. If you can't use any of the remaining food, ask one of your friends if they would like to take it with them.

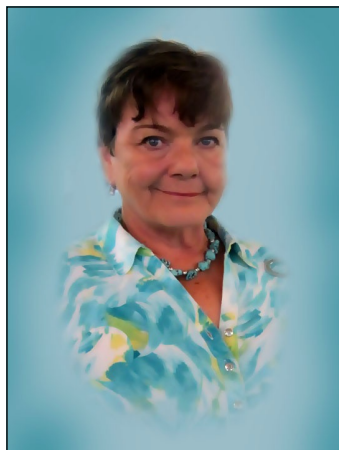
It might be helpful for your to bring an extra grocery bag so you can take home what is left behind. Finally, **Do** have a good time with friends and make plans to attend the following month.

We are always looking for "helping hands", so if you would like to volunteer for the year and be on our committee, please let one of us know.

Sallie

Anne French Named District 10 Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to BCREA Volunteer of the Year **Anne French** who was also named District 10 Volunteer of the Year at the FREA Convention.



REMEMBER TO RE-NEW for 2015-2016!

If you are not sure if you have already paid your dues, please call or email me. In order to be listed in the BCREA Membership Handbook you will need to send the dues check by October 15.

If you need to update your contact information a Membership Form can be downloaded from the web-site at

<http://browardrea.org>

Pay at the October meeting or mail a Check for \$50. payable to BCREA to: BCREA Membership P.O. Box 30533 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303

Susan

Welcome New Members



Florida Gilmartin
Eileen Kimmich
Kandice Ranger
Berta Reed

To the BCREA Membership:

Please read the following and be prepared to vote at the November meeting as per Page 34 of the Directory: Article XII -Amendments.

MISSION STATEMENT

Broward County Retired Educators are dedicated to:

- providing scholarships to future teachers
- enhancing its visibility through community service
- remaining abreast of legislative issues affecting educators
- promoting member well-being through socialization
- continuing affiliate connection with Florida Retired Educators Association

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Article V-Meetings-Section 4

The secretary will report annually at the August board planning meeting a summary of documents being housed at the historical commission.

The secretary will retain the previous two years of minutes for reference.

Article VIII-Finances-Section 4

The budget committee will conduct a financial audit annually in July. The results will be presented at the August board planning meeting & October general meeting. Results will be documented in the minutes of both meetings.

Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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Welcome back to the start of a new new year of BCREA meetings and activities. Hope you had a great summer.

At our first meeting please remember to turn in the volunteer hours that you accrued over the summer. In November we will once again collect non-perishable food and men's (used) casual clothing for LifeNet4Families.

At all of our meetings throughout the year we will collect used eye glasses for the Lions Club, cell phones for Women in Distress, aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald

House, "Labels for Education" for a local school and manufacturer's coupons for our troops in noncombat areas overseas. (The coupons should be non-store specific and be valued at 50 cents or higher. If you separate them into food & non-food piles it would be much appreciated!) New for this year: at all of our meetings we will collect used wheeled suitcases and duffel bags for homeless teens. (No new items please as these are more likely to be stolen from the teens.)

Darcy

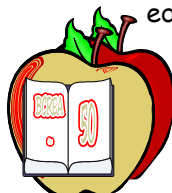
Friendship

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It's time to begin a new BCREA year and it is going to be an exciting one!! This year is our 50th anniversary and there are many fun things planned to help us celebrate this important milestone!! But, of course, we will continue to recognize our special members' birthdays with "Get-Well" cards to our members who have become ill, and sympathy cards to families of our members who have

passed away. Please continue to send me messages of anyone in our group that you know of who needs a birthday wish, a get-well wish, or a note of sympathy to families who have lost one of our members, that perhaps we have not heard about. Each member is truly special not only for their contribution to the field of education, but to our organization and their families. Happy 50th Everyone!!!



Julia

From the Treasurer

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Thank you SO much to all of you who have donated to our scholarship fund over the past several months. The list below denotes the contributions from late spring through September 1. Because of your generosity, we were again able to support six \$1000 scholarships this past year. No other district in Florida awarded as many as we did! This is all due to your charitable kindness. Kudos to the following:

Donor

Emma Black
Lillie Fye
Luther Henderson
Diane Jarchow
Amanda Miles
Diane Texter
Linda Wright
Barbara Sonther
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Nicolo & Lois Ciampo;
Vince & Marge Gorski;
Murray & Bobbie Kashtan;
Ed and Joanne Redling

In Memory of

Ethel Pappy
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Will Hoppe
John Drag
Maria McNamara
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Susan Whiting Beverly Williams
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In Honor Of

Richard Pauletta
& Artis Hall
The Travel Group

Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club*

(members over 85!)

Beverly Yates 10/05

Theodora Williams 10/09

(Ms.) Eddie Fisher 10/11

Dolores Thomas 10/16



Thinking of you....

Gloria Marshall

Nancy Ruiz



In Memoriam

Evelyn Lewis 1/28/15

William "Red" Wilson

4/23/15



Attending the FREA Convention in June and wearing matching BCREA shirts were L to R: Anne French, Carol Roland, Echo Heyer, Josephine Walker and Margarite Falconer.

Information Services

Chairman: **Kathlyn Barno**

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Hooray! We are all back together again. Welcome to all of our new members. Our future looks bright. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Now we are ready to start an exciting year to mark our fiftieth year as an organized group still working to promote the best educational interest of children and promote the improvement of the welfare of retired educators. Watch this column as the committee on Informative Services

will be bringing you information concerning all sorts of things that are pertinent to your well being.

As I write this, all eyes are on Tropical Storm Erika. Whether or not she did a lot of damage, or just provided a lot of much needed rain, don't let your guard down. This is the height of the hurricane season and we could see some more weather events come our

way. Keep all supplies on hand until the end of November. Here are some important telephone numbers

Hurricane Hotline

954-831-3940

Special Needs Shelter

954-357-6385

American Red Cross

954-763-9900

You can find other sources by contacting your city or county government. So glad that we are all back, **Kathlyn**

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Bev's Bytes.....

Winners of the Scholarship drawing at the May meeting were **Bonnie Cagle**, \$20; **Marsy**



Smith, Roxanne Macias, Judy Edwards, \$10 and **Evelyn Morris**, flowers. Past President **Madeline Martin** moved to Vermont over the summer and reports

Literacy

Chairman: **Sandy Lefkowitz**
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Let's kick off the year with a drive to collect children's books. New books. Barely used books. Pre-school books. Young adult books. Books for all ages. If every BCREA member brings one book to our monthly meeting, we could make a significant impact. In the past our book donations have gone to The boys and Girls' Club, Kids in Distress, Hispanic Unity

and the FRA book campaign. We've brought many smiles to children's faces. Let's continue making a difference and spreading literacy. If you would like to join the Literacy Committee, please let me know. We look forward to your participation. Our committee can use your ideas and your help. **Sandy**

she is having a wonderful time - already doing volunteer work and planning to check out the local REA group. Congrats to **Warren Cox** and his wife **Ella** who recently celebrated their 70th anniversary. There was a nice story about them in the September 2 *Forum*. **Nancy Ruiz** is still awaiting her final surgery to end her nearly 2-year saga of health issues. **Diane Texter's** husband has also been on the mend since his heart attack in May. Condolences to **Gloria Marshall** whose husband Frank passed in June.

And that's the last byte for this month.

Bev

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
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