

BCREA Newsletter



October, 2018

Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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Number 271

9 BCREA Scholarships Awarded - 5 to HS, 4 to College Students



At the May meeting, a total of nine BCREA scholarships were awarded - 5 to graduating high school seniors and 4 to college students who had previously won one as a senior. The high school students receiving them were (L-R) **Jacquelyn Burgess**, Deerfield Beach HS; **Brianna Hanks**, Taravella; **Amanda Aguilera**, West Broward HS;



their mother **Gail Stan-daugh** from Scholarship Chair **Diane Jarchow**. FREF

Trustee **Anne French** presented FREF Scholarships to 3rd-year recipient **Alejandra Gonzalez** and 1st-year recipient **Kadesha Reynolds**, Boyd Anderson grad who will attend FSU. 2nd-year recipients **Aleena Jackson** and **Alison Costello** were both unable to attend.



Tornya Chance, Dillard HS; and **Korrin Sheaham**, Western HS. Winning a 2nd year award was **Casey Skumatz**; 3rd-year recipients were **Rebecca Skumatz** and **Cara Steinberg** who were not present. Casey and Rebecca's awards were received by

Record Number of Literacy Awards Given

Kerah Richards from Sheridan Park Elementary was the winner of the Margaret Poppell Literacy For Life writing competition this year. There were 5 Honorable Mentions - (L-R): **Hannah Thovtrup**, Eagle Point; **Riley McClanahan**, Harbordale; **Lauren Leonce**, Sheridan Park; **Kaila Gray**, Harbordale; and **Ava Frias**, Harbordale. Kerah is pictured with Literacy Chair **Sandy Lefkowitz**.



October 4 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

Program: Alan Katz, R.Ph.CP (Retired)
Drug Interactions



Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share
Your Volunteer hours
Used eyeglasses & Cell Phones
Aluminum pull-tabs
Labels for Education
Coupons for our troops
New or gently used kids' books
Gift cards and/or NEW items
for FREF gift baskets
A New Member

President's Corner

Although it doesn't seem possible, Fall is upon us already and I'm looking forward to seeing you at our October meeting.

I think you are aware that BCREA, a local unit of the Florida Retired Educators'

Association (FREA) supports FREA in achieving their goals. By focusing on these goals we will have a better organization and will help meet the needs of our members. Thus, I want to share with you the goals of FREA :

- To promote the economic, social, and professional status of retired teachers,
- To exchange information among members,
- To safeguard and improve retirement benefits, and

•To promote the involvement of retired teachers in community service and in the decision-making process in state and local governments. Your BCREA Officers and Committee Chairpersons endorse these meaningful goals and use them as guideposts when they plan activities and projects that will enhance your life. Please join your Executive Board in supporting these goals which we believe we will make us a stronger

organization. See you October 4 at Deicke.

Carol



President-Elect's Corner

I am indeed grateful for the opportunity to serve again as your president-elect as we usher in our 2018-2019 year of service and love. Thanks again for your confidence in me and acceptance of the programs presented in our past year. As the song goes.... "It's another day's journey and I'm glad about it."

As for me, it's another year's journey with less trepidation and I'm glad about it.

The work for this journey started before our last year ended. You will have the opportunity again to enjoy a variety of presentations each month. It is my hope that each presentation provides each of you something useful to add to your own life journey.

Alan Katz, R.Ph.CP will present to us at our October meeting on Drug Interactions. He retired in 2015 from a stellar career in pharmacy that ranged from independent pharmacy owner to corporate retail pharmacy management; from geriatric pharmacy instructor at Nova Southeastern University to pharmacy consultant in skilled nursing facilities. He served 25 years as the Executive Director of the Broward County Pharmacy Association.



Lillian

Welcome, to all the OLD and NEW members. ("Old members" referring of course to those who have previously attended our BCREA meetings.) Hopefully everyone had a wonderful summer, accomplished some tasks that had been neglected and started on a few new projects. We look forward to seeing everyone at our October meeting. For those who have not had the chance to see our POT-

LUCK table, it is awesome!! Such a variety of palate pleasing foods, from casseroles, to pinwheels, to deviled eggs, to chicken, to meatloaf, to soups to salads, seasonal favorites and everything in between! And don't forget the never ending array of desserts galore. No need to bring

any serving utensils for your food items, they will be provided by the Social Committee. We do encourage the attendees to help take home the remaining food and we do provide a limited number of gently used containers for that purpose. As you leave the meeting, please remember

to remove your items from the back table. We do have keep a supply of food tags at the end of the coffee table if you would like to identify your food item as containing nuts, or vegetarian, or spicy, etc. Your Social Committee is always looking for "helping hands" to join our team. If you would like to volunteer, please us know. Looking forward to seeing everyone in October. *Sallie*

Social Committee

Chairman: **Sallie Sherwood**
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Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz
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Get ready for a super year. Last year will be hard to beat. We had so many wonderful, well-written entries for the Margaret Poppell Fifth Grade Literacy Contest that we had one first place winner and five honorable mention awards. Spread the word that our 5th grade essay contest is in full swing. Materials to announce the contest and share with schools will be distributed at the first meeting. If you are anxious to get started and to encourage fifth graders to write an essay about their grandparents or a grandparent figure, please contact me. In 2017-18 we donated more almost 400 books to

The Pantry of Broward and Kids in Distress. That was amazing. Be proud. We placed books in the hands of children and these books went home with them to be added to their bookshelves. Children never have too many books! Let's launch our book drive in October by bringing one new or gently used children's book to the meeting. Want to join a fantastic committee? Come on board! The Literacy Committee is waiting for you. Just contact me. We'd love to have you join us.

Sandy

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc
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Thank you to all our members who have contributed to our Scholarship Fund over the last several months. The list below denotes contributions from late spring through the beginning of September. Because of your generosity, we were able to support nine \$1000. scholarships for this fall term. Yesterday, I sent the seventh check to a university. No district in Florida awards more scholarships than Broward! This is all due to your charitable kindness. Kudos to the following donors:

| Donor | In Memory of |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Linda Combs | Lillian Lampkins |
| Lillian Hearn | Mabel G. Smith |
| Madeline Martin | John Lyzott & Nancy Ruiz |

Membership

Chairman: Susan Lochrie
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Thank you to all of you who have sent in your membership renewal.

We are recruiting new BCREA members by sending information in the mail to

sent to you if you have not renewed for 2018-2019, Please send in your payment by October 31 to be listed in this year's Membership Handbook.



A membership form can be downloaded from the website browardrea.org. It should be mailed with a \$50. check payable to BCREA and

recent retirees. Thanks to these 5 members: **Frances Smoot, Josephine Walker, Doris Cotnoir, Lynne Ogden, and Ilene Miller** who met at my house to help with the mailing. Remember to invite your friends who are retired educators to a meeting. Another reminder has been

mailed to BCREA Membership
PO Box 30533
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
Welcome New Members

**Linda Justine
Vinette Kerr
Elizabeth Mann
Clara Neeck
Joni Schachere
Susan**

Undesignated Donations

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|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Joseph Anselme | Susan Barber | Gwen Batie |
| Julie Biancordi | Myken Brady | N.J. Buskirk |
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| | Frances Welch | Susan Whiting |
| | Katie Williams | Lillian Wilson |

Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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I want to welcome you all back for another year of BCREA. A special welcome to our new members. Hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for some fun & worthwhile activities this year.

At our first meeting please turn in the service hours that you accrued over the summer. Throughout the year we will continue to collect cell phones for Women in Distress, manufacturer's coupons for our troop overseas, eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, aluminum pull tabs for a local clinic & "Labels for Education" for a local elementary school.

In November we will collect individual packets of drink

mix for our troops overseas. These will be donated to the American Legion Auxiliary who will ship our donations overseas. In January we will restock the Broward Education Foundation's teacher resource center with school supplies for the start of second semester.

Membership Handbook

The 2018-19 handbook/directory will go to press soon so if you have any address changes, etc. please get them in now. Let me know if you would be interested in serving on the Community Service committee this year.

Friendship

Chairman: Marsy Smith
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Summer seemed to go by quickly. I hope it was an enjoyable time for everyone and that you are looking forward to the first BCREA meeting of

the year. As your Friendship Chair it will be great

to see all of you.

Throughout the year, remember to let me know about get well or sympathy cards that should be sent on behalf of BCREA.

Marsy

BCREA Officers....

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Carol Roland
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Marelise LeClerc
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FREF

Chairman: Anne French
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New FREF Trustee Needed

I will complete my final term as District 10 FREF Trustee in June. It has been a very rewarding job. Now District 10 needs a member to represent Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade retired educators' units on the Board of Trustees for the Florida Retired Educator's Foundation (FREF).

As a trustee, you would

- ♦ Award scholarships to Florida High School seniors and identify Marie Grein Practicing Educator Grant winners.
- ♦ Stage a fundraiser at the District meeting, sell Extravaganza tickets, go to one meeting of each Unit in the District
- ♦ Attend three FREF meetings per year.

Nomination forms are due December 1. The election of the new trustee will take place at the FREA convention in Daytona Beach in May.

For more details, please contact me.

Anne

FREA District 10 Meeting

Hosted by Miami-Dade County REA
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
9:00 AM to 2:00PM

St. Thomas University.
Bob Cat Hall Parking Lot #10
16401 NW 37th Avenue
Miami Gardens, FL 33054

Cost: \$15:00 includes Lunch.
(please pay Marelise LeClerc by Oct. 4)
For more information call Carol Roland

BCREA is asked to bring 5 gift baskets.
If you have any gift cards or NEW items
to donate for them, please bring
to our October meeting.



Passages



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

Beverly Yates 10/05
Theodora Williams 10/09
Dolores Thomas 10/16
Areatha Reddick 10/22
Irene LaBelle 10/24
And turning 85...
Frances Welch 10/23



*Thinking of you....
Margaret Green
Arline Ziller*



In Memoriam
Caroline Hooper 10/17
Mattie Benson 4/23/18
Ms. Eddie Fisher 3/24/18
Wilese Langford 7/7/18

Information Services

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Welcome, welcome all new people. We are so happy you are going to join us. We are so happy to have all of our regulars back again. We are ready and raring to go in order to have another outstanding year of great accomplishments. Hope your summer was filled with great adventure or just plain relaxation and warm fellowship with family and friends.

Again this committee will try each month to keep you informed of some item to help enhance your life. You may also feel free to have any item that may be of help to the group talked about in this column. Just let me know about it and I will be glad to publish it.

In keeping with that edict, I was asked to talk about dehydration. **Pat Schroder**, who lives out of state, warned about this condition. She said that it can change your life in instant. It hap-

pened to her. Even though the summer is over, we can still suffer from this malady. Fortunately we have a warm climate all year that allows us to be constantly exposed to the sun and wind. Make an effort to keep hydrated. Dehydration can interfere with concentration and alertness. The Institute of Medicine recommends that men drink at least 13 cups of water a day and women at least nine. Although

every person is different, how much you drink, depends on your age, sex and daily activity. Consult your doctor about the amount that is right for you. Drinking too much water can be dangerous for people with heart disease. I am looking forward to seeing all of you very soon. Keep well until we meet again.

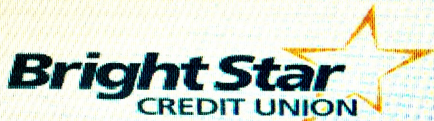
Kathlyn

2018-2019 Officers Installed at May Meeting



**Secretary Karey Avery; President-Elect Lillian Small;
Treasurer Marelise LeClerc; President Carol Roland.**

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Bev's Bytes.....



Former Cultural Arts
Chair **Michele Edwards**
and Past-President
Madeline Martin



crossed paths in Northville NY
where Michele has a summer home
and Madeline was visiting friends!!
What a nice surprise for both of
them!!



Winners of the Scholarship
drawing at the May
meeting were \$20,
Denise Jones; and
\$10 each, **Robin New-**
man, JamesEtta
Warner and **Unnamed**
Young Guest.



Flowers (courtesy of **Carol Ro-**
land) were won by **Ellie Kelleher**
and **Denise Jones**. Pictured above right were those
attending the **FREA State Assembly** in June. (l-r)
Lillian Small, Marelise LeClerc, Diane Texter,
Marsy Smith, Josephine Walker, and Carol Roland.
Anne French also attended.



And that's the last byte for October. *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
or mail it to me at:

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