

## New Year, New Venue, New Normal !

### BCREA Gives Eight 2021 Scholarships



Scholarship Chairman **Diane Jarchow** attended McArthur High School's Class Night to present the only high school scholarship awarded in 2021 to **Sulianne Mera**, who will attend FIU.



by Marianne Scott

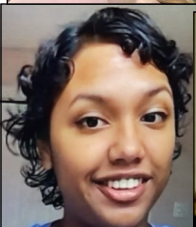
Welcome back to in-person BCREA meetings. Due to Deicke Auditorium being used as the Plantation Library while the library is renovated, our meetings will now take place at the **Jim Ward Community Center at 301 SW 46th Ave in Plantation**. The Jim Ward Center is only a short distance from the Deicke Auditorium. As we all try to navigate this new "normal" that we are in, so too is the Social Committee. For our October meeting, there will be no Pot Luck buffet. We will be doing **BYOL - Bring Your Own Lunch**. As always the Social Committee will be providing the drinks. Due to other activities already scheduled at Jim Ward on Thursdays, we need to push back our arrival time. We ask that members arrive 12:15 - 12:30 with the general meeting beginning at 12:30. In addition to Columbus Day and Halloween being celebrated this month, October also finds us celebrating **World Teachers' Day** as well as two I wish we could enjoy at our meeting - **National Homemade Cookie Day** and **National Dessert Day!**



**Hailey Carpenter**,  
Sophomore FL Southern



**Keyaira Henderson**,  
Sophomore FSU



**Esther Natal**, senior,  
Nova Southeastern



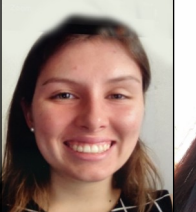
**Jacquelyn Burgess**  
Senior, UF



**Brianna Hanks**,  
Senior, Stetson,



**Amanda Aguilera**,  
Senior FAU,



**Korrin Sheahan**,  
Senior, FSU



**Sulianne Mera**  
Freshman, FIU

### October 7 Meeting

**Time:** 12:30 pm

**Place:** Jim Ward Community Center

**Address:** 301 NW 46th Ave, Plantation

**Program::** Museum of Discovery & Science

Meredith Ray Feder,

Deputy Director Strategic Initiatives



**Bring to meeting:**

**Volunteer Hours**

**Old eyeglasses**

**Cellphones**

**Pull tabs**

**A bag lunch**

**A New Member**



## President's Corner

I am honored and humbled to be your President of Broward County Retired Educators Association for the 2021-2022 year. Looking back through the history of our organization and its 28 past presidents, I have big shoes to fill! (And I love shoes ) The beauty of BCREA is that as an officer, a committee chair, or a member, you are never alone. We have the most incredible amount of colleagues and

to help at the drop of a hat. I hope you can join us this year as we resume meeting in person at a new location, the Jim Ward

Community Center at 301 NW 46th Ave, Plantation, FL 33317. We have a beautiful two-room venue there called the Sanibel and Captiva rooms to meet COVID safely, masked, and socially dis-



tanced.

Our first meeting is Thursday, October 7, and will begin promptly at 12:30 pm. Sign-in and networking will take place from 12:00-

12:30 pm. We are calling this "Brown Bag and Beverage," and to be on the safe side, we ask you to bring your own brown-bag lunch, and BCREA will provide the beverages. Our speaker will be **Meredith**

**Ray Feder**, Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives, **Museum of Discovery and Science**. You will also hear news about FREA's May "Happy Days" Conference in Orlando, our awards and recognitions, and the latest on our FRS Retirement and Legislative agenda for the upcoming session. Our Executive Board Members are ready to meet and greet you as we catch up on our professional and social friendships.

Together we serve

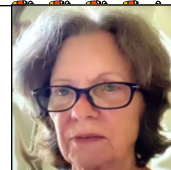
*Sue*

## Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Carol Roland

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### BCREA Cultural Affairs Survey 2021-22

The BCREA Cultural Affairs Committee would like your assistance in developing a Cultural Affairs Calendar for 20-21. Please check any items below in which you might participate. Feel free to add any comments that may help us in our decision-making.

Please may e-mail to [carolrbeads@aol.com](mailto:carolrbeads@aol.com) or return it to Carol Roland at the October meeting.

Activity	Estimated cost involved	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> "Off-Broadway shows	Ticket price \$19 -35. (and up)	
	Possible shows: Evita, Sister Act, Mamma Mia, Aretha, Queen of Soul, Dillard or South Plantation shows. Matinee Shows	
<input type="checkbox"/> Book Club	Nominal	Group decides type of book, meeting place, times...
<input type="checkbox"/> Game Afternoon	Nominal	Group decides game, meeting place, times...
<input type="checkbox"/> Museum/Gardens	Transportation, Admission Fee	Possibilities:
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Trips		Viscaya, Morakami, Perez, Graffiti Museum
<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight Trips	Transp., admit. Fee, hotel, food	Mystery Train, FT. Meyers; Ringling,.....
<input type="checkbox"/> Thanks, but I'm still not ready to go out in civilization yet.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Suggestions: _____		

Please e-mail completed survey to Carol Roland at [carolrbeads@aol.com](mailto:carolrbeads@aol.com) or bring to the October meeting.



## From the Treasurer

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## Membership

Chairman: Susan Lochrie  
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### Membership Dues for 2021-2022

We are grateful to all who have already sent in BCREA/FREA dues for 2021-22. If you pay your dues of \$50 directly to BCREA you have only one check and one mailing. The State Dues of \$35 are mailed to FREA by our Treasurer. \$15 is for the Broward Unit expenses including the Newsletter printing and all mailings.

You may receive a Dues reminder from FREA. IMPORTANT: If you choose to pay your dues directly to FREA, rather than to BCREA, please remember to add \$15 for the local dues. Please call or email me and I'll be delighted to answer questions about your local and state dues.

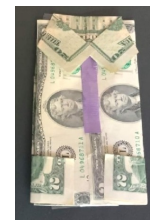
*Susan*

## Fund Raising

Chairman: Barbara Lewis  
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Hi Everyone,  
Hope you had a healthy and happy summer. Watch your Newsletter for our fun, fantastic, fabulous and exciting fundraisers.



*Barbara*

All through the summer, BCREA members have been very generous. A special thank you to **Bright Star Credit Union** for their continued support in their charitable gift of \$2,000. That money is used for operational expenses, including the printing and mailing of this Newsletter. Member contributions are used for our scholarships. This year, we have supported 8 students in the amount of \$1,000 each. Four of these students have earned scholarships all four years of college in the total amount of \$4,000. Hopefully, they will earn their teaching degree in the spring. Communication from these students indicate how grateful they are to BCREA.

Kudos and many thanks to the following members who have shown much kindness in their recent contributions.

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*Marelise*

## Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago  
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Welcome back everyone. Hope you all successfully weathered the Corona virus storm. It will be good to see everyone in person again instead of on our computer screens.

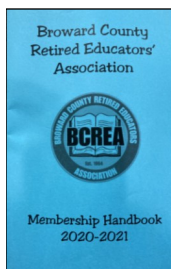
At our October meeting please turn in any unreported service hours that you have accrued since January of 2021. If you assisted any non-relative in any way during the pandemic (transporting them to doctor's appointments, delivering food or supplies to them, etc.), please report those hours. If you are unable to attend the Oct. meeting, you can e-mail your hours to me at dardra@att.net or "snail mail" them to me at 2505 Dahoon Ave., Coconut Creek 33063. (They do not have to be recorded on the usual reporting form.)

As usual, we will continue to collect aluminum pull tabs, used eyeglasses & cellphones throughout the year.

### Handbook

Our 2020-21 handbook/directory will be available for pickup at our Oct. meeting. The 2021-22 edition will go to the printer in November, so if you have any changes to your listing please let me know ASAP.

Darcy



## BCREA Cleans Up at Convention!

In June, President **Sue Colton** and **Anne French** attended the FREA Annual Convention in Orlando. The theme was **Happy Days** - can you guess who Anne dressed as? Sue (at right) was ready to visit Disney World. The BCREA fundraiser basket won "Quirkiest" and **Shirley Swartz** won \$200 in the Extravaganza! Congrats to **Jean Anderson** who was named District 10 Volunteer of the Year.



## Board Meeting Held



On Thursday, August 12, President **Sue** held the summer Board meeting at the Olive Garden on North Federal Highway! Seating was arranged to observe social distance rules - every other seat!

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## Passages<sup>Happy-</sup>



Birthday to our  
Birthday Club  
(members over 85!)

Phyllis Kublin 10/08  
Theodora Williams 10/09  
Donald Conkel 10/10  
Dolores Thomas 10/16  
Carolyn Stern 10/21  
Areathea Reddick 10/22  
Frances Welch 10/23  
Irene LaBelle 10/24  
And turning 85 ....  
Jean Shiskin 10/28

Thinking of you....



Arline Ziller

In Memoriam



Helen Munnings  
Glen Sanderson



Welcome New Members

Linda McMurtrie  
Barbara Rowland  
Linda Wells  
Cheryl Woods



Welcome to our returning members and those who will be joining us for the first time as we gather for our initial in person 2021-2022 meeting. Last year ZOOM meetings kept us unified. This year, while still shielded behind masks, we will be able to meet and greet each other with smiling eyes.

The intent of Information Service News is to impart items of significance to our group. If you have any news or ideas relevant to our group, please contact **Lillian Small, Josephine Walker** or me.

## Information Services

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I cannot imagine that anyone reading this post did not experience some difficulties during the past fifteen months. Now is the time to regroup, refresh and replenish our minds and spirits.

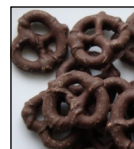
Remember the old song "Look for the Silver Lining," that will be our first message for this year.

When next we meet, it will be "National Choco-

### late Covered Pretzel Day."

Dark chocolate will boost your mood and make you happy, BUT remember the Greek motto, "Moderation in all things." October 7 also celebrates "You Matter to Me Day." It will be nice to meet with new and old friends on that occasion. Stay fit, stay sharp and send positive thoughts to others.

*Sallie*



Board, con't  
Until the food was served, everyone faithfully wore

their masks.

**Karen Avery** opted for an "invisible plastic shield" instead!



Sue passed out red folders with sparkly watermelons packed with important information. On to a new year!

Usually the school year starts off with teachers and students anxious to begin learning and meeting friends. This year is no different BUT it is different. I don't need to remind all of you about the effects CoVid has had over the last eighteen months. Our BCREA literacy approach will be different as well. We will start by launching the Fifth Grade Essay Contest. Please help get this program underway by sharing the contest information with schools. The 2021-22 information is on the web-page. You'll also find a copy you can print that is an attachment sent with this fall newsletter. If every member wears a mask and visits at least one elementary school, sharing the contest information; we will

## Literacy

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be helping students expand their horizons and maybe become a prize winner.

Have you treated yourself by reading as you stay indoors? I admit that my favorite afternoon activity is sitting on my patio in my rocker and reading (of course, a glass of wine is always a welcome treat to go along

with the book). I was amazed to see how many books I have enjoyed over the last year. If you count the number of books you have read and multiply it by \$1, \$2 or \$3, that could be your donation to our BCREA book fund. This year we hope to purchase new books and send them to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Since I read 12

books in the last four months, I could multiply 12 by \$2 and send a check for \$24 to be used to purchase children's books. Money should be sent directly to **Marelise LeClerc,**

615 N 31 Rd,

Hollywood, FL 33021,

with a note that it is for our children's book fund.\*\* This is an exciting way to continue our BCREA community work.

\*\*\*\$5.00 minimum amount for checks. Thank you.

*Sandy*

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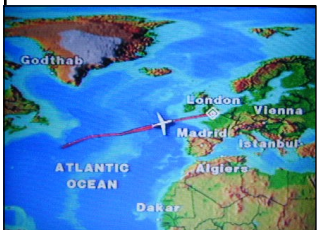
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### *Bev's Bytes.....*

This week we mark the 20-year anniversary of the events that took place on 9-11-2001. On that day, I was on a plane returning from London. We were well into our flight home when the pilot announced, "You may have noticed that I've turned the plane around and we are returning to Gatwick. All of



the airports in the US are closed - and I can't tell you why." Whaaaaat??? We were the very last plane that was able to return



to England and we didn't arrive until almost midnight. We spent the next 5 days in High Wycombe at The Chequers Inn that dated to the 1400's. We constantly watched TV to follow the events in NYC. British flags were at half-mast. Finally, airports reopened and we were able to return home. We later discovered how very fortunate we had been to be able to be back in England enjoying a mini-vacation instead of on our plane for days like many had been.

On a lighter note - If you have a telephone of any kind, you'll relate to the cartoon on the upper right!

And that's the last byte for October. *Bev*



### Does this ring a bell?



#### 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:

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