

11 BCREA Scholarships Awarded - 6 to HS, 5 to College Students

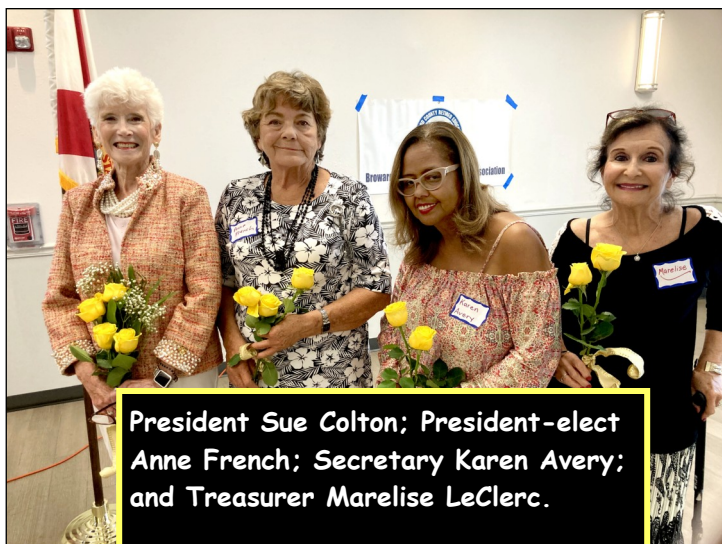
At the May meeting, a total of 11 BCREA Scholarships were awarded. Pictured l-r: **Keyaira Henderson**: FSU in her third year and planning to teach high school choral. **Priscilla Davila**: Broward College, in her third year and plans to teach elementary. **Emily Brennan**: Cypress Bay High School plans to teach high school social studies. **Adriana Alas**: Piper High School, plans to teach elementary. **Sulianne Mera**: FIU, in her second year and plans to teach high school mathematics. **Andrea Bruno** is from Cypress Bay High School and plans to be an ESOL teacher. Not pictured:

Jordan Bouwens: FSU senior and plans to teach high school English. **Hailey Carpenter**: Florida Southern junior plans to teach elementary. **Hailey Cutherell**: Monarch HS and plans to teach elementary. **Samantha Forsyth**: Millennium College Academy and plans to teach elementary. **Melissa Joseph**: Atlantic Technical College and HS and plans to teach English. **Korrin Sheahan** (r)



just graduated Magna Cum Laude from FSU and will begin her MS studies in speech pathology this semester. She sent a thank-you note along with this photo to BCREA. BCREA currently has 3 FREF recipients - besides freshman **Gabriella Boykin**, there are seniors **Marvin Jean** (FAMU) and **Kadeem Hayes** (Broward College).

2022-2023 Officers Installed at May Meeting



President Sue Colton; President-elect Anne French; Secretary Karen Avery; and Treasurer Marelise LeClerc.

October 6 Meeting

Time: 12:30

Place: Jim Ward Community Center
301 NW 46 Avenue, Plantation

Program: Maria Paul

The League of Women Voters



Bring to meeting:

Your own lunch
Your Volunteer hours
Used eyeglasses & Cell Phones
Aluminum pull-tabs
New or gently used kids' books
A New Member

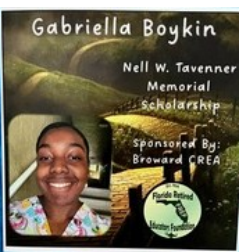
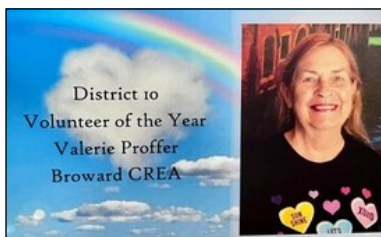
President's Corner

Welcome back to a New BCREA Year 2022-2023! **Anne French** and I represented you as your delegates to the Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA) Annual Convention, May 24-26, in Orlando. BCREA members **Cynthia Johnson, Marsy Smith, and Josephine Walker** joined us and represented you well in the "Wizard of Oz Costume Contest" at the banquet. The theme was about joining hands and working together in fellowship as we navigate the



"yellow brick road" of retirement!

Congratulations to our own **Valerie Proffer**, the District 10 Volunteer of the Year, and our Broward student,



Gabriella Boykin, one of eleven state FREF scholarship recipients. We celebrated FREA's 10,000th member from Palm Beach CREA, and a "check" facsimile representing over \$5.5 million of volunteered hours

was presented to the State of Florida on behalf of our members statewide. A more solemn Memorial and Candle Lighting Service honored FREA members who passed away during the past year.

On Wednesday, October 19 BCREA will host the annual District 10 meeting at John Knox Village. If you would like to attend, please let me know by October 7. See you at our meeting! **Sue**

President-Elect's Corner

Welcome to a new year of BCREA meetings. We plan to have an energizing/ momentous/great year with interesting and varied speakers and programs.

At our October meeting, **Maria Paul, from The League of Women Voters** will be our speaker. Ms. Paul's presentation *Decision 2022* stresses the importance of voting. For more than a century, The League's main goal has been to inform voters. It is a nonpartisan organization which never endorses or opposes a candidate or a party and presents objective and factual election information.

There have been many changes to voting in Florida since the 2022 Legislative session - new precincts, new eligibility requirements, and new voting locations. There are 3 ways to vote:

Vote by Mail - What is the deadline for requesting a mail in ballot?

Early Voting - What are the dates?

In-Person Voting on Tuesday, November 8

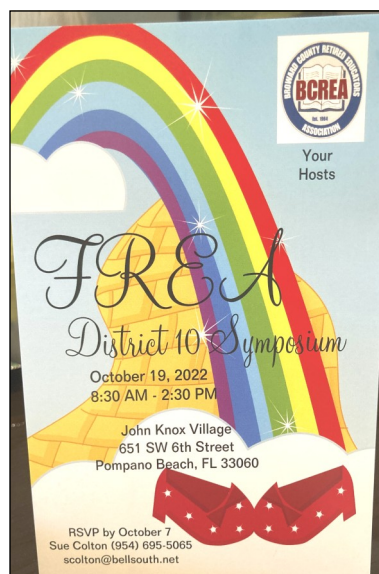
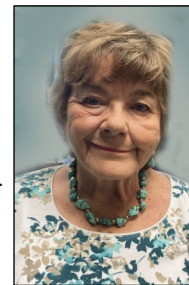
- Where do I cast my vote?

You will also be able to check your registration status courtesy of **Judy Mager** and her laptop.

Judy is the FREF District 10 Trustee, and she will also update us on FREF scholarships and programs.

Plan to attend and learn what will be on the ballot in November. Remember -

Your Vote Your Voice. **Anne**



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Last year our BCREA reading challenge was a huge success. Thanks to you, new books were donated to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital. This year we want to continue purchasing new books and sending them to the children in the hospital. Here's how easy it can be. Remember your favorite children's book? How many times have you read it? Shared it in a classroom? Read it to your own child? Or with your grandchild cuddled up on your lap? Please count the number of times you have read that favorite book and multiply it by \$1, \$2 or \$3. That could be your donation to our BCREA book fund. For example, my two girls loved *The Pokey Little Puppy*. Can't remember how often

I read that book but I shared it over and over again. My guess- at least 12 times. I would 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. And don't forget the 5th grade essay contest! Start sharing the information with schools and fifth grade teachers. Let's bring BCREA a state winner this year.

Sandy

Membership

Chair: Susan Lochrie

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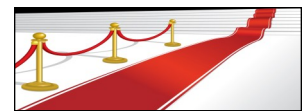


Build Our Membership!

Did you know that many retirees have never heard of BCREA! How did you hear about BCREA? It is challenging to find ways to invite retired people from Broward County Schools to join with us. A personal connection is the best way. Direct mail is another option. We received a list of all of those who have retired this year from the Broward School District. We are sending letters to those recent retirees asking them to join BCREA. I joined when I received one of those letters many years ago. Many letters never reach the retirees, because of outdated addresses.

If you know anyone who has retired recently, or several years ago, please contact them about joining BCREA. You can ask them to come to a meeting with you. You can send me their contact information and I will send a membership packet. We need to find ways to connect with people who are interested in our goals:

1. Supporting retirement benefits,
2. Developing friendships.
3. Giving scholarships for future teachers, and
4. Making a difference through volunteer activities. *Susan*



Welcome New Members

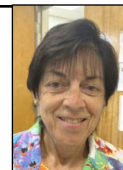
**Sara Burns
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Marlene Sanders
Mae Young**



Social Committee

Chair: Marianne Scott

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Welcome back to another year of camaraderie and informative guest speakers at BCREA. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer whether you were able to travel or just had a staycation. The board has decided that for the present time, we will continue with BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). As always, the Social Committee will provide

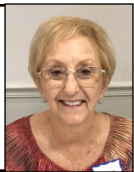
coffee, soda and water. We will also continue to recycle water bottles and soda cans. To get the 2022-2023 year off to a sweet start, the Board will be providing dessert for the membership at our October meeting. Don't pack yourself a big lunch so you'll have room for a treat or two or three! In addition to Halloween, I'm sure

many of you will celebrate International Coffee Day on October 1. Keep the sweets coming on October 21 and celebrate National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day. The most important day of all this month falls on October 5 - World Teacher's Day. Make sure to celebrate the profession we all love.

Marianne

Community Service /Handbook

Chair: Darcia Drago
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Welcome back everyone!
Hope you all had a good summer.

At our October meeting please turn in any unreported service hours that you accrued since January of 2021. Be sure to include planning, traveling and telephoning time. If you provided assistance to any organization or non-family members this counts as community service. If you are unable to attend the October meeting you may e-mail (dardra@att.net) or "snail-mail" me (2505 Dahoon Ave., Coconut Creek 33063) your information.

As usual we will collect aluminum pull tabs for a local clinic, used eyeglasses for the Lion's Club and cell-phones for Women In Distress at all our meetings. We will also do three group projects (TBA) throughout the year. During these tough economic times volunteerism is more important than ever. Let's look

for opportunities to help in our community this year.

Handbook/Directory

Our 2021-22 Handbook/directory will be available for pickup at our October meeting. The 2022-23 edition will go to the printer in November. If you have any changes in your listing please let Susan Lochrie & me know.

Val Proffer Named District 10 VOY

Val Proffer is FREA's District 10 Volunteer of the Year. In spite of the pandemic Val reported over 1300 hours of community service in 2021. She is extremely active in her church and facilitates learning at a local elementary school. Since she was unable to attend the FREA State Convention she will be presented with her certificate of appreciation and MasterCard gift card at our first meeting. Congratulations, Val!

Darcy

Cultural Affairs

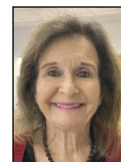
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This year's Cultural Affairs Committee goals are to continue encouraging members to experience various social activities and to safely socialize with other members. We are planning the following experiences: a fall BRIGHTLINE day trip to West Palm Beach for lunch and shopping, Live theater (Feb to March), another Fun n Frolic Day con't on page 5 Cultural Affairs

From the Treasurer

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Welcome back! This summer we received many donations. Thanks to all who have donated, we are able to give 11 worthy students scholarships amounting to a total of \$16,500 this fall!

Kudos to the following recent contributors:

Donor :	In Memory Of
Myken Brady	Evelyn Morris
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Friendship

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We are all looking forward to BCREA's new year, but it is important to remember some of our members may be unable to attend our meetings, and others may be in need of a little cheer. In addition to sending birthday cards to mem-

bers who are 85+ throughout the year, I also send get well, thinking of you and sympathy cards, on behalf of BCREA, to members. Please remember to let me know, via email, if a card would be appreciated. Hope to see you in October!
Marsy

Passages



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

Phyllis Kublin 10/08
Theodora Williams 10/09
Donald Conkel 10/10
Carolyn Stern 10/12
Dolores Thomas 10/16
Areatha Reddick 10/22
Irene LaBelle 10/24
Jean Shiskin 10/28
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Ann Graves 10/12



Thinking of you....
Diane Jarchow
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In Memoriam
Cox, Warren 6/13/22
Welch, Frances 2/2/22
Williams, Katie Ivory 4/22

Information Services

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Welcome to the 2022-2023 BCREA year. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable summer and ready to begin a new and productive time together. Welcoming wishes to our past members and "hello" to our new members. Hopefully, this will be a highly successful year, as we attempt to return to our normal meeting procedures that have been shared in the past.

The purpose of the Information Service and PSA article is to impart items of significance to our organization. If you have any news or ideas relevant to our group and would like to share, please contact **Lillian Small, Josephine Walker** or myself.

If you are looking for some senior laughs, puzzles, trivia, helpful hints, travel tips, gadgets and more, please visit <https://www.suddenlysenior.com>.

Phyllis Diller once said, "I am at the point when my back goes out more than I do!" Begin your day with a laugh and a positive attitude.

If you have not done so already, a reminder to have your hurricane plans and material ready and easily accessible. <https://www.stateofflorida.com/articles/hurricane-preparedness-guide/>

Michelle Crouch, an author for the AARP newsletter, reminds us that the FDA has given the green light for over the counter, less

expensive hearing aids for mild to moderate hearing loss without any medical exam.

When next we meet, it will be National Noodle Day! Get your ramen, noodles or spaghetti pans out and get cooking. No matter what you do on this day, please plan on joining us and perhaps join one of our many committees. It will be nice to meet new and old friends this day. Stay fit, stay sharp and send positive thoughts to others. **Sallie**

Fund Raising

Chair: Barbara Lewis
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Looking forward to our major fundraiser in February.

Zoom Bingo is in the works. More info to follow.

Barbara



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in March, Top Golf in the spring, and our monthly (Nov-May) Book Club. All activities are open to members and their guest and are great ways to renew old friendships and make new ones. For more information be sure to read future newsletters and attend meeting.

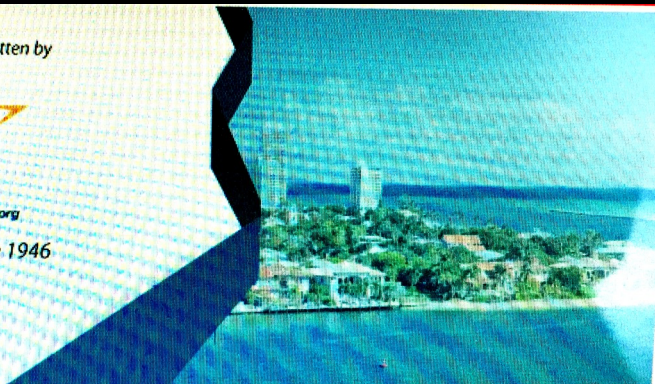
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Bev's Bytes.....

Past-president **Linda Horton** and her cat **Garvey** are moving to CA - Napa Valley - to be near her daughter. Linda has lived in her house since 1968! What



a job getting it cleaned out to move! She will remain a member and her phone number will be the same! According to **LuAnn Comes**, at the May 5, 2022 meeting there were 44 members and 12 guests for a total of 56. We had a fun trip on Brightline to WPB in May. (Photo to the right.) Another one is planned! Winners of the Scholarship drawing at the May meet-



BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 201__

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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were won by **Marelise LeClerc**, **James-Etta Warner**
and **Carol Roland**! Sue Colton's book was won by
Ellen Emery and **Robin Newman**. And that's the last
byte for October. *Bev*