



Dinnen Shares Good News and Not So Good

Necrology Service Honors Ten

A vase, white roses and tealight candles adorned the table as **Frances Smoot** and **Darcy Drago**, presented a short Necrology Service to remember those members who died during the past year. They were **Elizabeth Cannata, Jimmie Lee Dixon, Ed Elder, William Gaffney, Jean Grayson, Dorothea Holden, Florence Jones, Dorsey Maynard, Jeanne Stanley** and **Arthur Wolfe**. As Frances read each name, Darcy placed a white rose into a vase. Frances then asked for a moment of silent reflection to remember them.



Speaker of the Day at the Annual Scholarship Luncheon on February 3 was School Board Member **Maureen Dinnen**, a 35-year classroom veteran who is also a member of BCREA. She taught math and history in middle school, high school and at BCC. Although she didn't tell us about it, in December, Maureen was named School Board Member of the Year for school districts with an enrollment of over 50,000 by the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations! Ever the cheerleader for Broward County Schools, Maureen reiterated the positives about the district: the recently named Florida Principal of the Year is from Broward; the district is 6th in the nation in size with 240,000 students and 1200



school buses; and Broward was a runner-up for the Broad Award for intercity schools in 2008 and 2009. Other good news she shared is that current retirees don't have to be concerned with their pensions being reduced; Florida has one of the four fiscally solvent pension plans in the country. So don't believe anything you hear about it being in trouble. The bad news is that the

State can alter the COLA. Right now, teachers are demoralized due to the possibility that pay will be linked to student performance and because of the 3 - 5% cuts in state funding. The state was already 50th per capita in funding in 2007 - before the economy tanked. "Already," she states, "the County is being forced to use school buses 15 years, 3 years beyond their 12-year life expectancy. With the added cuts, that could increase to 19 years." Maureen would like to have a list of people she can contact. "If things are being done that hurt our school system, people need to know about it." If you'd like to be on her list, contact her at 754-321-2003 or at mdinnen@browardschools.com.



March 3 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: **Deicke Auditorium**
 Address: **5701 Cypress Road**
Plantation
 (1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: **Anita Ziegler - Volunteers For Improving Our Parks**

Business: **Election of Officers**



Bring to meeting:

- A dish to share
- Service Hours Reports
- New /Used books for 5th graders + Literacy Hours
- Blankies & Pillows
- Campbells labels
- Aluminum pull-tabs
- General Mills labels
- Coupons for our troops
- Old eyeglasses & Cell phones
- Books & Magazines



President's Corner

What a turnout! 107 of us enjoyed food, fellowship and raising a lot of money for our scholarship fund.

Our speaker **Maureen Dinnen** was very positive about Broward County Schools and cautious about cuts that will have to be made for lack of funds. I got to call out raffle numbers for some great prizes. We had blenders, slow cookers, stationary, perfume, jewelry and music boxes, you name it we had it! Thanks to our "runners" who helped with the raffle: **Barbara Morningstar, Linda Horton and Marelise LeClerc**. Many thanks to **Bright Star** who provided (and set up) the table decorations and donated four \$25.00 gift certificates. Thank you **Marjuree Larin** and **Bright Star!** Members really outdid themselves with their generous donations. A big thank you to **Doris Emmett** who once again handled the reservations with her usual excellence and to **Bev Hoppe** who created the programs and nametags.



Judy Joseph is a born saleswoman! She really sold lots of tickets. She's taking on the job for good, I think. Treasurer **Marelise** didn't get ruffled at all having to handle all the money. She's had lots of practice as a principal.

We are looking for members to get involved with planning a District 10 workshop that will be held in September. If you would like to be on the committee, let **Anne French** know. Love to all of you,

Marguerite



Community Service

Chairman: **Darcia Drago**
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PLEASE TURN IN ALL YOUR UNREPORTED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR MARCH 2010 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2011 NOW. You may snail mail them, e-mail them, call me, or bring them to our Mar. meeting. Our annual report is due to FREA and our unit will be compared to others in the district and state. Remember to include travel time. Our final major service project for the year will be to help our furry friends at the Florida Humane Society. Details will be announced at our next meeting. *Darcy*

Vice-President's Corner

Spring is just around the corner and what more perfect time is there to find out why Broward County Parks and Recreation Division have always considered their volunteers exceptionally important people. At the March meeting, Ms. Anita Ziegler will be introducing the "Volunteers Improving Parks" (VIP) Program. The mission of the VIP Program is to increase community involvement with Broward County Parks. By attending the March meeting, you will be among the first citizens in Broward to find out about this new and interesting program.



Barbara

Health & I+PS

Chairman: **Kathlyn Barno**
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What a winter this has been. Not only in the United States but all around the globe. Some have advanced the theory that this has been caused by global warming. If this condition is not checked the climate will only get worse. "I can't do anything about it," you say. Oh yes you can! There are many things that we can do and every little bit helps. Here are ten simple things recommended by the Environmental Defense Fund:

5. Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
6. Plug air leaks in windows and doors to increase energy efficiency.
7. Replace old appliances with energy efficient models.
8. Walk, bike, or car-pool or use public transportation whenever possible.
9. Adjust your thermostat - lower in winter, higher in summer.
10. Share these steps with friends and family to increase awareness.

1. Recycle and buy minimally packed goods as much as possible.
2. Wash clothes in cold or warm water, not hot.
3. Install low-flow shower heads to use less water.
4. Run the dishwasher only when full and don't use heat to dry dishes.

Let's remember these little steps and any others that you already practice. Add to this list. After all, it is up to us to save the planet.

Kathlyn



Membership...

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie



Time to Pay your Dues for 2011 - 2012!

Beginning at the March meeting, dues for the 2011 - 2012 club year may be paid at meetings or mailed using the form below to note any changes to your contact information.

The total annual state and local dues are \$45.00. **BCREA will forward the state dues of \$30.00 to FREA.** You will receive a membership card from the FREA and your name will be on the Broward County Retired Educators Association mailing list and listed in the BCREA Directory. The membership year extends from July 2011 through June 30, 2012.

If you have friends who have retired, invite them to one of our meetings or send me their names and addresses and I will send a membership information packet.

Life members do not pay the FREA dues of \$30.00, but DO pay the \$15.00 annual dues to the local unit - BCREA.

Reminder: Members who have Pioneer Insurance Medi-Gap Supplemental Insurance must pay their dues by June 1, 2011.

Remember to check the BCREA website at <http://browardrea.org> and the FREA website at <http://frea.org>.

Broward County Retired Educators Association 2011 - 2012 Membership Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SS # : XXX - XX- _____ (last 4 digits only) Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Date Retired: _____ Retired From: _____

Position: _____

Dues: \$45.00 Donation for Scholarships: \$ _____ Total enclosed: _____

Please make check payable to **BCREA** and mail to: Mrs. Susan Lochrie
PO Box 30533
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303

Passages



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

Lily Diekman 3/02

Don Fry 3/03

Janet Knapp 3/06

Warren Cox 3/20

And turning 85:

Grace Vaughn 3/2

Kathryn Pierce Gaus 3/18

Mary Jane Kirkley 3/19



Thinking of You...

Bruce Arnold



*In Memoriam
Arthur Wolfe 1/12/11*



**Did you know...
March is Women's
History Month?**

BCREA Officers...

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



FREA Tours for 2010

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Cultural Affairs

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CELEBRITY CRUISE LINE CONSTELLATION 15-NIGHT TRANSATLANTIC CRUISE Departing Port Everglades, Ft. Lauderdale, May 7, 2011; ports of call include: Ponta Delgada, Azores; Lisbon Portugal; Cherbourg, France; Paris (Le Havre), France; Dover, England; Amsterdam, Netherlands. We travel to Amsterdam on the ship and return home by air.

HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE EURODAM 12-NIGHT BALTIC ADVENTURE R/T DOVER, ENGLAND June 15 - June 27, 2011. Ports of call include; Copenhagen, Denmark; Warnemude (Berlin) A great itinerary on a elegant ship.

We need at least 8 more people to have a group, as defined by the cruise lines for both of our cruises **NATIONAL PARKS**, 12 days, October 1 - 9, 2011 - Tour begins in Scottsdale, AZ; Sedona; Lake Powell; Grand Canyon; Bryce Canyon, Utah; Zion National Park, Salt Lake City; Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Grand Tetons; Yellowstone National Park; Cody; Sheridan; Keystone, South Dakota. An unforgettable trip.

I also value your suggestions for other trips as I will work on new trips for 2011 and 2012.

Always, *Arline Z*

FREF

Chairman: Frances Smoot
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FREF Extravaganza 2011!!!!

The FREF Extravaganza tickets are here!!! Thanks to everyone who purchased one at the luncheon. Please remember to bring an extra \$10 or \$20 with you to purchase a ticket or two at our March meeting. Remember, you have a chance to win one of four wonderful prizes: **Grand Prize** - a 17" Dell laptop computer; **First Prize** - a 22" HD TV; **Second Prize** - the Kindle electronic book reader; and **Third Prize** - a 19" LCD HDTV. The proceeds from this Extravaganza will go to the state scholarship fund. We currently have two students who are receiving funds from this scholarship account. We are very hopeful of having another winner this year. We had a winner from the Extravaganza last year. Her name is Rosemary Rawls, she won the Kindle book reader, but, unfortunately she has not come forth to claim it as of this date.

Frances

LAST CALL!

Our current goal is a 40-ticket group sale; our previous record is a 30-ticket group sale. Invite family and/or friends to join you and get your order in ASAP.

HELP BCREA GROW CULTURALLY!!!

The final date to purchase BCREA discounted show tickets is Thursday, March 3; this is our March meeting date. Bring your check made payable to BCREA for \$35 per ticket to attend "Plaza Suite" on Friday, March 18 at 8 p.m. and/or "Light in the Piazza" on Saturday, April 9

at 2 pm; both shows are at Broward Stage Door Theatre. If you will not be attending the meeting, mail your check to **Michele Edwards, 1933 NW 107 Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33071** to be received by March 3. Note the # of tickets and show name(s) in the memo of your check.

Don't forget to attend "Ella" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2011 in the Parker Playhouse!!! See you there!

Michele

Literacy

Chairman: Rosetta Watkins
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Fifth Grade Essay Contest

The essay contest is over. We had one school, Morrow Elementary, to participate. We collected eight essays. Now it is up to the judges to select the winning essay to be submitted to the district. Hopefully our winner will be the state winner.

Book Donation

The Literacy Committee is asking for donations of new books, appropriate for a fifth grader, to be given to each essay participant who will also receive a certificate. We are also collecting slightly used books to give to

the after school program (K - 5) at the L. A. Lee YMCA.

Literacy Hours

Please report your literacy hours. That includes all hours from March of 2010 up thru February 2011. For those members who do not attend meetings, please call me (954-584-8719) to report your hours.

Include: reading to children, Sunday school, Bible study and reading mail, etc. for the elderly. We need to increase our total hours to be considered for a Literacy Patch at the State Assembly. Thank you.

Rosetta

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc



Sincere appreciation is extended to **Dr. Dorothy Orr** for her generous scholarship donation of \$1000 in memory of her deceased sons. We also thank **Marion Elder** for her gift of \$500 in remembrance of her husband, **Edgar Elder**.

A hearty thank you to all who bought raffle tickets at the February Luncheon. We took in \$552, a remarkable amount! This money will be added to our scholarship

fund. We are approaching the "scholarship season" when our scholarships will be awarded. Our goal is to support as many students as possible as they begin their journey into our beloved teaching profession.

Any amount is appreciated - \$5, \$10, \$20 - it all adds up.

If you are able, please send a check made out to BCREA (Memo: Scholarships) to: **Marelise LeClerc, BCREA Treasurer**

**615 North 31 Road
Hollywood, FL 33021**

Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:

Darcia Drago
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 200__

LITERACY VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Teaching Sunday School, reading to children/adults; tutoring; helping with testing programs, etc; Includes any activities to promote a more literate America. TOTAL _____

WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH:

School, tutoring, mentoring, coaching etc. (Persons 25 years of age or younger. TOTAL: _____

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:

Church, civic, hospital / hospice, personal help to others (non-relatives), school, drug, ecology / environment.

TOTAL: _____

Overlapping categories should be reported in both places.

GRAND TOTAL: _____

Scholarship Donations

Name

In Memory of

Marion Elder
Dorothy Orr

Edgar Elder
Her sons:
Allen Eugene Orr, Jr.
and Eliot Jerard Orr

Undesignated:

Missy Belsito
Echo Heyer
Linda Marable

Don & Lois Fry
Evelyn Lewis
Pat Roberts

Mark Thomas

2011 - 2012 Slate Announced

Nominating Committee Chairman **Linda Horton** has announced the slate for the upcoming Club year.

President

Margarite Falconer

Vice-President

Barbara Morningstar

Secretary

Josephine Walker

Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc

Voting will take place at the March meeting. If anyone else is interested in running, contact Linda.

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Bev's Bytes.....



With 107 members and friends in attendance, this year's Scholarship Luncheon was the most successful in recent memory. One person who helped make it successful was **Josephine Walker** who enlisted 9 of her friends to make a table of 10! Way to go, Jo! Also, the quality of the raffle prizes was excellent! They included a waffle maker, a blender, jewelry, an electronic wine cooler, wine glasses (but not one bottle of wine!), a spa set the Bright-Star gift certificates and 12 centerpieces from the tables! Thanks to everyone who contributed! And thanks to **Marguree Larin** and her co-worker **Joyce Gaines** who were first on the scene to do the decorating!

It was so nice to see familiar

faces who don't make it to many meetings - **Glenn and Rita Sanderson, Don & Lois Fry, Ethel Pappy** and her daughter **Rosa, Don and Pat Roberts, Bertilda & Luther Henderson** - to name a few!

I'm originally from a small town in West Virginia. I left there when I was 9, but still have family up there and I still receive the local weekly newspaper *The Barbour Democrat*. As I was reading the obituaries last week, I saw a familiar name: **Arthur Wolfe**, a BCREA member who I was aware had recently died. "Could it be the same one?" I thought as I began to read. And sure enough, it was! What a small world!

Send me news about yourself or fellow members, especially folks who are not still in the area. Everyone likes to know how old friends are doing. And that's the last byte for this month.

Bev



Scenes From the Luncheon



To see all the photos from the luncheon, visit our website at <http://browardrea.org> On the Newsletter page



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