

"Go to the Lighthouse" to Re-engage!

Leadership Broward Inaugurates "Encore!"



Leadership Broward representative **Danielle Sylvester** spoke briefly at the March

meeting to introduce a new leadership development program designed to prepare retirees for continuing leadership roles. Classes begin May 2. Call 954-767-8866 Or e-mail danielle@leadershopbroward.org

"Are you losing your eye-sight? Is someone in your family having trouble seeing? Are you feeling overwhelmed by your vision loss?" These are the questions posed on the cover of the booklet distributed to BCREA members at the March meeting by **Light-house of Broward Volunteer Coordinator Barbara Krantz**. She was invited to speak at the instigation of BCREA member **Shirley Ernst** who suffers from low vision as a result of macular degeneration and has been helped by the Lighthouse.



She is also "one of our best volunteers" according to Barbara. The Lighthouse motto, "Teaching Independence - Inspiring Hope" illustrates the goal of helping people to "re-engage" - to show people

with vision problems how to participate in the life they had before they were afflicted. "Shirley is a living example of this," Barbara states emphatically. And Shirley agrees wholeheartedly.

If you're having vision problems or know someone who is, "Go to the Lighthouse!" It's located at 650 North Andrews Avenue in Ft. Lauderdale. Partnered with Nova-Southeastern's College of Optometry, they now have a Low Vision Clinic onsite. To schedule an appointment phone 954-463-4217. Visit their website at <http://www.LHOB.org>

April 5 Meeting

Time: 11:45

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: **Dr. Brenda Snipes,**
Supervisor of Elections

Passover:

4/07 -
4/13



Easter - 4/08



Bring to meeting:

Dish to share
\$10.00 for FREF raffle ticket
New books for 5th graders
Used books for kids
Blankies & Pillows
Campbells labels
Aluminum pull-tabs
General Mills labels
Coupons for our troops
Old eyeglasses & Cellphones

Shirley Paoli Is Volunteer of the Year

By Darcy Drago

Shirley Paoli has been a member of BCREA for the past 17 years and has served as our Friendship Chair for the past 7 years. In addition to her involvement with BCREA, Shirley has chaired the Sunshine Committees for the Sinawik Club and Council of Catholic Women for the past ten years. She also volunteers her time at the Food Bank of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Little Flower Parish. In the recent past she has mentored youth at Oakridge Elementary School and served on the City of Hollywood



Community Development Committee screening grants. We wish her all the best in competition for District 10 Volunteer of the Year!

President's Corner

We all have our pet projects and hobbies. What many of us didn't know when we started retirement was that we are dedicated people even to our "projects." Our natures seem to put service to others and commitment to causes at the forefront of our existence. The years of retirement are just rolling by and some of us are still trying to get a few things we always wanted to do - done.

Some of us like to sew, paint, play musical instruments and we want to get on with the show. Well, get to it! Sometimes just getting started is the hardest part.

I know a woman who kept saying that when she retired she was going to write a book. It's taken her 8 years of working on it, but it's done. You should see her smile. You know - the kind of cat-got-the-canary smile! I hope it's a great success for her. She said it didn't matter if it was a best seller or not. It was the journey, having to sit down every day and write. She had to give up some other things she wanted to do but she made the choice to get the book out of her system. Now she's ready to get out and give her time and energy to causes dear to her heart.

I hope and wish each of you will NOT let TIME steal your fondest wish. Take the time and do the one thing you have really wanted to do. Maybe there are several things you want to do. It's called a bucket list. Make one. It's fun to scratch things off. Spend the money to do the things you dreamed of as a child. Do it before you start to doubt your own good sense and abilities (and while you can still climb a ladder). Love ya,

Margarite



Vice-President's Corner

For our program in April, there has been a change due to personal reasons by the scheduled guest speaker. When I was talking to one of our members, **Mr. Carr**

Grigg about the situation, he said he knew the perfect replacement. With Carr's help we now have **Dr. Brenda Snipes**, the Broward County Supervisor of Elections as our guest speaker in April. I think you'll find the following information about Dr. Snipes very interesting. Dr. Brenda Calhoun Snipes has lived in Broward County since 1964. She is a graduate of Talladega College with a degree in modern foreign languages. She earned her master's degree from Florida Atlantic University and her doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Snipes began her career as a teacher at Blanche Ely High School. She moved through the educational ranks as a program specialist, district level administrator, co-principal, and area director.

Dr. Snipes was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve out the term of Supervisor of Elections on November 20, 2003. During her tenure in this position, she has conducted several successful county-wide, municipal and special elections. She has a strong commitment to increase education and outreach to keep voters informed about processes and procedures for voting.

Our April meeting should be very informative, especially with the 2012 Presidential Election in the fall. This will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions. I hope to see all of our members that are able to attend at this very important meeting.

Barbara



Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood

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We have three dishes which are looking forward to being returned to their comfy homes and be reunited with their fellow cookware. The first item was left behind at the January BCREA meeting. It is an **Anchor Hocking, round 9.5" clear, fluted pie dish with handles**. The next two items were abandoned at the March meeting. The first item is a **Brilliantone** elongated hammered-aluminum

tray. It has a floral design and double handles. I think it may have held brownies at the meeting. The other wayward dish is a **cobalt blue Anchor Hocking 8" by 8" sculpted square baking dish**. It also has double handles. If my memory is correct, I think it held a green bean medley. I'm hoping the owners step forward so the serving dishes may be claimed at the next meeting. We have a LOT of luncheon/table material that we transport to and from the meetings and unfortunately this adds to the weight of the boxes.

Thanks, *Sallie*



Literacy

Chairman: Rosetta Watkins
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Fifth Grade Essay Contest - WE HAVE A WINNER!

Thanks to our panel of astute judges (**Marion Fee, Patricia Schifini and Diane Texter**) we have the winner of the Fifth Grade Essay Contest on "My experiences/relationship with a grandparent or grandparent figure."

Jackie Allen, a student in **Mrs. Horkheimer's** class at **Deerfield Beach Elementary** is the winner. Her essay is titled "A Snowy Birthday To Remember." CONGRATULATIONS, Jackie!

Jackie will be invited to our May meeting along with her parents/teacher to read her

essay.

I would also like to thank **Jean Childers** for hosting the judging committee meeting and all of the participants, (students, teacher, and principal) for all of their efforts.

I, along with, the Literacy Committee would like to give a special Thanks to **Ms. Danielle Sylvester** for her generous donation of \$100.00 to help with buying books for essay participants. Hopefully our winner will be the state winner.

Rosetta



FREA

Chairman: Frances Smoot
954-733-3385 frances-smoot@hotmail.com



A reminder for everyone to please purchase the FREA tickets for the Future Teachers Fund. Tickets are \$10.00 each which gives you a chance to win

the **Grand Prize**
an iPad 2

1st Prize

3-day Caribbean cruise for 2

2nd Prize

a 32-inch HDTV

3rd Prize

a Visa gift card for \$100. The drawing will be held at the FREA State Assembly in June in Orlando. You don't have to be present to win. Thanks, **Frances**

Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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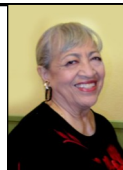


Thanks to those of you who donated supplies at the March meeting to our "furry friends" at the **Florida Humane Society**. The staff is

most appreciative of our assistance again this year. Our unit report is on its way to FREA. Thanks for reporting your community ser-

Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno
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According to the Area Agency on Aging, statistics show that seniors continued to be victims of scammers at an alarming rate. We are advised to be informed and very careful. They offer these tips to help keep us aware of some things we can do to keep safe.

Don't purchase anything from anybody selling door-to-door or over the phone. This is true with charitable organizations. If you are interested, ask them to send you literature about the organization. After you have reviewed the material, you make the call to order or to make a contribution.

You are vulnerable from strangers and friends and family members. A lot of times children and grandchildren are guilty of financial deception. They sometimes deplete joint bank accounts or do not deliver care in exchange for monetary compensation or property. Surround yourself with trusted people who

vice hours over the course of the past year.

Please do not bring any magazines to the April meeting. (It's still okay to bring in books and other items.)

Congrats to **Shirley Paoli**, our 2012 Volunteer of the year.

Darcy

can provide you with information and security. When dealing with home repair providers, check with the Florida Department of Professional Regulation for appropriate licensing. Never pay for unfinished work and review all contracts carefully.

Be sure to shred anything that has your personal information on it. The Broward County Sheriff's office has a shred-a-thon each month where residents can dispose of personal documents, check stubs, and any other sensitive materials. For more information call 954-831-8902 or visit www.sheriff.org. Pay attention to your bank and credit card statements. Be sure to report anything that seems suspicious.

Never give personal information on the phone unless you initiated it. Sign up for Do Not Call at 1-888-382-1222 or at www.donotcall.gov. This will prevent telemarketers from bothering you. Be vigilant and report anything suspicious to law enforcement immediately.

Kathlyn

Looking Ahead....

Be thinking of activities and events you'd like to see on our Cultural Affairs Calendar. Chairman **Carol Roland** has a survey that will appear in the May issue.

Membership

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slochrie@bellsouth.net

Chairman: Susan Lochrie



Time to Pay your Dues for 2012 - 2013!

Beginning at the March meeting, dues for the 2012 - 2013 club year may be paid at meetings or mailed using the form below if there have been 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 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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, 2012.

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

Broward County Retired Educators Association 2012 - 2013 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: Susan Lochrie
PO Box 30533
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303

Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club*

(members over 85!)

Anna Tarullo 4/08

Gwen Thompson 4/10

And turning 85

Georgia MacVean 4/15



Thinking of You....

Ruth Herndon

Ken Hendricks



In Memoriam

Thelma Hendricks 2/18/12

Mildred Lewis 2/8/12

Sara Pettis 2/15/12



Welcome New Members

Kate Alexander

Joan Gavin

Bonnie Kinghorn-Cagle

Lynette Porcelli

Brenda Shannon

Wendy Scott



Congratulations!

**A Granddaughter for
Susan Lochrie**

Nova Singers Present

**"That Old Black Magic
Music!"**

\$10.00 / \$5.00 / under 5 Free



3/16/12 - 8 pm Plantation United Methodist Church

3/18/12 - 4 pm Church of the Palms (Delray Beach)

3/20/12 - 8:15 pm St. Sebastian Catholic Church

Call Winifred Graham at 954-920-6638

Sara Pettis, who was no longer active as a member of BCREA, passed away on Feb. 15, 2012. She was 91 years old and was a community leader who went to the White House in 1985 with 25 other family members to accept recognition from First Lady Nancy Reagan as a Great American Family. See the story at http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/elections/fl-sara-pettis-obituary-20120216_0_6252525

Some happier news: Susan Lochrie missed the March meeting for a happy reason: she was helping with her brand new granddaughter Lilly Grace.

Winners in the Scholarship Raffle were - Missy Belsito (\$20), Martha



& Charles Pipes (\$10) and Renee Rubin(\$10). Shirley Paoli

and Evelyn Morris each won a flower arrangement



Ben's Bytes.....



contributed by Carol Roland; and Evelyn also won a ticket for *The Birds* on April 1. If you have any news about members - near or far away - please let me know.

Happy Passover, Happy Easter, Happy Spring!

Ben

Thelma Hendricks 1928 - 2012



Thelma Hendricks served BCREA in many ways. She was president from 1993 - 1995. But the biggest achievement for which she should be remembered is that she began this *Newsletter* in 1986 and, with husband Ken assisting, con-

tinued as editor until 2005 when the couple moved to Naples to live near their son. She produced a total of 166 issues over 19 years - probably the longest term of service of anyone in BCREA, past or present! They continued their membership in

BCREA and were featured in the "Member Spotlight" in the April 2011 issue. Even in death, Thelma continues to support BCREA as her obituary (*Sun-Sentinel* 3/1/12) suggests a donation to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks for everything, Thelma!

Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:

Darcia Drago
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066
Or E-mail: dardra@att.net

BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 2012

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: _____

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2012- 2013 Officers Announced

At the March meeting, Nominating Committee Chairman **Linda Horton** announced the slate of officers for the 2012 - 2013 Club year. This year's president **Margarite Falconer**, will again serve as president; **Diane Texter** will be the new vice-president.



Josephine Walker will serve as secretary for the second year; and



Marelise LeClerc will serve a 3rd year as treasurer. As there were no further nominations from the floor, the slate was accepted by acclamation.



Arlene Venero from the Children's Advocacy Family Center of the YMCA wants to hire retired educators to implement programs in underprivileged neighborhoods. If you're interested, Call **Kerry-Ann Royes** at 754-551-7151.



You gotta' be kiddin'!
Renee Rubin wins for the 4th time!!



And VOY Shirley Paoli wins flowers!

New Members at the March Meeting



Kate Alexander



Joan Gavin



Bonnie Kinghorn



Amanda Miles



Lynette Porcelli

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