

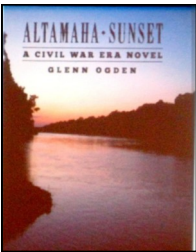
Ogden Expounds on Civil War Novels

Like many people, **Glenn Ogden** had a lifelong wish to write a book. After he retired, he did it! Not only did he write one book, he has now published 4 with the fifth one on its way.

The first one, *Altamaha Sunset*, took 4 years to write; the rest have taken 6 months each! All

historical novels, the subject of each is the Civil War. He weaves his char-

acters with historical figures such as Lincoln to add to the realism. Himself a veteran, he uses his knowledge of fire-arms in his writing. He has an extensive photo library and used his own photo for the cover of *Altamaha Sunset*. He obviously has done an enormous amount of research on the war, including such things as the number of slaves in each state, the prisons of the Civil War, the causes of deaths in those prisons, and dogs in the war - which was the subject of his most recently published book, *The Story of Maggie*. He con-



cluded his presentation with hints on how to publish your own book. Glenn is the husband of BCREA member **Lynne**

Ogden. His books are available on Amazon.com and if you have a Kindle, you can get them at the bargain price of \$2.99.

The Pot of Gold Is Not Full!



Bring your spare change to the February Scholarship Luncheon. We will add it to the pot so that one lucky member will go home with \$\$\$. How big will this year's prize be? It depends on you and your coins! Last year it totaled \$104.46!

Little Known Black History Fact:

Katherine G. Johnson, a mathematical genius and early computing pioneer, born August 26, 1918 in White Sulphur Springs, WV, used her love of numbers to create the pathway to one of the brightest careers in the sciences. Ms. Johnson was a part of a pair of NASA's notable programs, and contributed greatly to the development of space exploration. Her story and that of her fellow pioneering NASA colleagues is told in the new movie *Hidden Figures*.

February 2 - Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Time: 11:30 am

Place: Tropical Acres Restaurant

Address: 2500 Griffin Road
(1/2 mile west of I-95)
954-761-1744



Program: Hollywood Hills HS Jazz Ensemble

On the Agenda: Memorial Service
Scholarship Fundraiser



Bring to meeting:
Change for the Pot of gold
Raffle Prize for Luncheon
\$\$ to buy raffle tickets
Books for Elementary Students
Boxtops & Labels for Education
Aluminum pull-tabs
Coupons for our troops
Old cell phones & eyeglasses

President's Corner

Nancy Adams, Kate Alexander and I got together a week ago to do some planning. Some time ago Nancy showed me a publication put out by The Dade County Union. In it were the names, addresses, phone numbers and computer addresses of all our representatives. I said to Nancy, "We should have something like this."

Both Nancy and Kate have good political knowledge. We got together and talked about how this could come into being. The Florida Legislature will be holding meetings in January and February to discuss the bills to be considered in the 60 days session that starts in March.

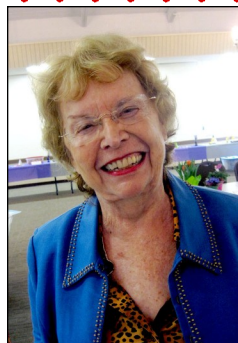
Our plan is to have our "Useful Information for Retirees" ready to go on line by February. You will be able to access the information via your computer. We will have copies run off for those who do not have computer availability. The information will include our national, state, local representatives and school board members. The politicians do pay attention to the numbers of people who contact them.

When it comes to matters that affect us, let's become a force to be reckoned with! So my New Year's resolution is to become more active by contacting our legislators and School Board members about what I think is important. I hope you will do the same, Oh, and



Happy Valentine's Day!!

Echo



President-Elect's Corner

Members indicated that Glenn Ogden's presentation about his Civil War novels will be a hard act to follow, so the best thing to follow him is a change of location: February's meeting -- The 51st Annual Scholarship Banquet will be held at Tropical Acres, 2500 Griffin Road. In addition to a succulent meal, restaurant ambiance and many door prizes, we will be entertained by the dulcet sounds of the Hollywood Hills High School Jazz Ensemble. Under the direction of Jeffrey Lawson, this group is recognized as one of the premiere musical groups in Broward County Schools. Don't miss this Luncheon! REMEMBER, no tickets will be sold at the door.

Cultural Affairs:

Morikami Japanese Gardens Trip

BCREA will visit Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens on **Thursday, February 16, 2017** at 10:00

to tour the gardens and then meet up for lunch at the Cornell Cafe. Tickets are \$15.00. If we have enough members for group rates, price reduces to \$13.00 or if you are a Morikami Member it's free.

BCREA members who expressed interest in attending have received an e-mail giving more information. If you have not received an e-mail and want to go, contact me at carolrbeads@aol.com Carol



Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood

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What a wonderful way to begin a New Year! At the November meeting we honored our veterans by proudly displaying our Red, White, and Blue. Echo entertained us with her festive Holiday display in the month of December. This month Bev provided us with a very elaborate display of

New Year hats, beads, horns and masks. The luncheon table was filled with an array of irresistible foods, which for some of us, tested our just-made New Year's resolutions.

Your Social Committee has often discussed what we can do with the "abandoned food" which remains on the

back table. After the meeting, as we clean the back area, we end up having to throw out so much food because it is left behind. At this meeting, we provided some gently used plastic containers to encourage members to take home and share the remnants of what is left behind. We thank those who were willing to "take and share" the goodies from the table.

Along with our Welcome to

New Members, our Meet and Greet activity, our informative and entertaining guest speakers, the prize drawings, and then the path to the sumptuous buffet, who could ask for a nicer time??

Did you know February is **Black History Month**? Let's celebrate that as well as Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day!

Stay safe! Stay happy!

Sallie

Information Services

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This is February and it is known as the month of love. We see pictures and drawings of hearts all over everywhere. Since we are conscious of the strong emotions that the heart can evoke, it must be quite an important vessel. We also know that it is a vital part of our being. Without a healthy heart, we do not have a good quality of life. With that in mind we need to do every thing that we can to promote good heart health. What better time than now to pay attention to our hearts.

Many of us have been told to engage in a daily regime of taking a low dose aspirin.

Many of us are careful to adhere to this. If this is a part of your daily medication according to the Harvard Health Letter you should be very careful about taking ibuprofen for pain. Ibuprofen may cancel out the benefit of aspirin's "heart protection." If you take aspirin first thing in the morning then wait 30 minutes before taking the pain medicine. If you take the pain pill first then wait eight hours before taking aspirin. If you take any NSAIDS for pain regularly don't stop all at once. This could cause blood clots increasing your chances of a heart attack or stroke. Don't forget to give love everyday and especially on Valen-

tine's day. Find someone who may have been forgotten by others and bring good wishes to them.

Be my Valentine!
Love to all and enjoy our gourmet luncheon.

Kathlyn



Literacy

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BREAKING NEWS: We are collecting books for the Sheridan Assisted Living Retirement Home in Hollywood. The facility is building a library for their residents and has asked for our help. Please bring adult books to the March meeting. I'm planning on bringing boxes to cart away all those books! Gather books you have read. Pass them on. Clean off your shelves and also ask neighbors and friends to do the same. Reading can bring joy to so many. Let's share the joy.

AND don't forget the deadline for the fifth grade essay contest is February 22. Remind all those fifth grade teachers to turn in their students' essays. We need your help encouraging teachers and students to participate in the Margaret Poppell Literacy Contest. BCREA is known throughout the state for having one of the highest number of contest entries. That's something to be proud of. If anyone has questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sandy

Items Needed For the Scholarship Fundraiser!

Remember those NEW items for the drawing at the Luncheon. Please do not clean out your closets and donate things you no longer want. Others probably won't want them either! Christmas or Hanukkah gifts you don't want would be good - but please leave them unopened! Are we being picky? YES! Donate only things you'd like to win!

Passages



Hppy Birthday to our
Birthday Club
(members over 85!)
Evelyn Morris 2/07
Ruby Huff 2/16
Eleanor Meyer 2/22
Faye Mullarkey 2/24



Thinking of You...
Echo Heyer
Jean Gray
Diane Jarchow
Arline Ziller



In Memoriam
Gloria Marshall



Welcome to new member
Cindy O'Linn

Volunteer Services/Directories

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Thank you for generously replenishing the shelves at the Broward Education Foundation's Resource Center for Title I teachers. Our timing is great because they always seem to run low on supplies at this time of year. Remember to turn in your community service hours.

Our annual report is due in to FREA in March. There will be a bonus raffle ticket to members who turn in their hours at the February scholarship luncheon. Thank you for volunteering and for supporting our projects throughout the year!

Darcy

From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc
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Last month I wrote about efforts to contribute to the BCREA Scholarship Fund in memory of **Nancy Ruiz**. Nancy's brother, **Robert Serfass**, requested donations be made to BCREA in her name in lieu of flowers. Nancy's friends have responded positively to that request and have given generously. These friends include BCREA members and other friends who are not members. We are pleased to report that OVER \$2000. has been contributed to our Scholarship Fund in Nancy's name. A sincere expression of gratitude is extended to Robert Serfass for his very generous donation of \$1000. That gift will be established as a scholarship in Nancy's name. Members of BCREA who were close to Nancy will decide whether the rest of the money collected will be given as a single scholarship or two scholarships in memory of Nancy. Thank you to all who have contributed to the BCREA Scholarship Fund in Nancy's name. She had so many people who cared for and loved her.

Donations in Memory of Nancy in the past month:

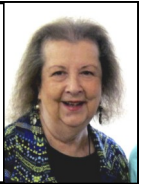
Marilyn Apau William Atchison Edwina Eichner
Annie Feldman Deborah Glover Nina Hansen
Betty Mendillo Catherine O'Mara Robert Serfass

Marelise



Friendship

Chairman: Julia Penley
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Happy New Year everyone!! Hope your holidays were filled with fun and wonderful memories!! Also, may this New Year bring good health, love, and laughter for everyone!!!

We lost a longtime member in December, **Gloria Marshall**. She retired in 1989 and had been a member of BCREA since. I know many of you remember her and we want her family to know they are in our thoughts and prayers. A card was mailed to her sister, **Jean Gray**, to let her know how much Gloria will be missed. Also, I want to thank everyone who donated to the BCREA scholarship fund in memory of **Nancy Ruiz**. I know she is so happy that we will have at least two scholarships given to deserving high school seniors in her memory. If anyone would like to make a donation in her memory, there is still time as the scholarships will be given in May.

We welcome all our new members who joined us this year! We are so happy you became a member and hope you will encourage other educators who have retired to come and join us too!! Also, we send our best wishes to any member who has been ill. We hope you are feeling much better and soon will be back to good health. If you know of any member who is ill or perhaps lost a loved one recently, please let me know, so a card can be mailed to them to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. My email address and phone number are above.

Happy Birthday to all our 85+ members!!! May you celebrate many more, and...Happy Birthday to any other members who are celebrating birthdays!! We wish for all of you a day filled with love and laughter!!! Happy Valentine's

Day, Everyone!!!



Julia

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BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

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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:

Darcia Drago
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

Bev's Bytes... It's always nice to see longtime members who haven't been to recent meetings reappear. Welcome back **Mozella Lennon!** Also, Secretary **Josephine Walker** has recovered from the illness which kept her away. Thanks to **Linda Horton** and **Susan Lochrie** who took the minutes in her absence! There were 67 in attendance at the meeting. **Myken Brady** won **Darcy Drago's** volunteer hour drawing this month. Eight lucky ladies were winners in the scholarship drawing. They were: (l-r) \$20, **Diane Texter**; \$10 each, **Carol Roland**, **Sally Macak** and



JoAnn Corder.
Flowers were won by **Marian Resch, Linda Gibson** and new member **Cindy O'Linn.** **Missy Belsito** won a book donated by speaker **Glenn Ogden.**



Happy Valentine's Day! *Bev*

Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$35.00 each
Extra Donation: _____

Entrée choices: **Prime Rib of Beef**
Chicken Francaise
Broiled Salmon

Name	Entrée Choice
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Send a check made out to BCREA
Include a Self-addressed, stamped envelope
By Deadline of January 16

to
Carol Roland
9721 SW 14th Place
Davie, FL 33324
(If you miss the deadline call Carol immediately
at 954-472-2389)

FREF Extravaganza
Tickets - Only \$10.00

Buy your tickets now for a Chance to WIN:
\$500 Cash - 1st Prize
\$300 Cash - 2nd Prize
\$200 Cash - 3rd Prize
\$100 Cash Guaranteed Prize to a winner in District 10:
Dade, Broward or Palm Beach.

Donations are used to fund scholarships for future Florida teachers. Buy Tickets at the January - March meetings or fill out the form below and send with a check to:

Anne French
1017 NE 28 Drive
Wilton Manors, FL 33334

Make your check payable to FREF (Florida Retired Educators Foundation).

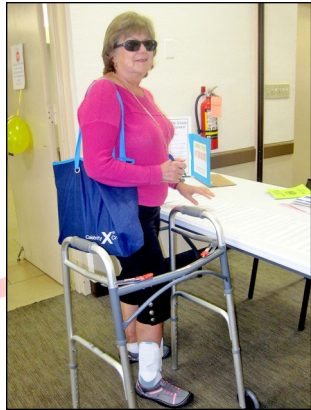
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Board Members at Holiday Luncheon
 Back: Marelise LeClerc, Anne French, Linda Horton, Susn Lochrie
 Center: Frances Smoot, Kathlyn Barno, Martha Pipes,
 Charles Pipes, Myken Brady
 Front: Bev Hoppe, Pat Schroeder, Echo Heyer. Diane Texter,
 Nancy Adams, Margarite Falconer, Sallie Sherwood
 Very Front: Carol Roland



**Diane Jarchow
 had a bad
 break during
 the holidays!**



Alyce Aspler and Mozella Lennon



**Frances tells us,
 "I'm Fine."**



Glenn & Lynne Ogden



The Lunch line-up - 67 this month!