



# BCREA Newsletter

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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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## BWC Choral Group Performs Holiday Music!



Under the direction of **Marilyn Smith McClain**, the Broward Women's Chorus provided the entertainment at December's meeting. Accompanying the singers on the piano was **DeDe Hart**, who has been with the group

since 2000. Attired in basic black accented with bright red scarves they exuded holiday spirit as soon as they entered the room. "Sing a Song of Christmas" opened the show followed by a reading of the Christmas

story by narrator Ruth Kinder. Next was the Hanukkah story of a day's worth of oil which lasted 8 days and "Hanukah, Festival of

Light." A piano duet by director Marilyn and accompanist DeDe was a crowd pleaser as was the singalong which ended the show. Check out

### January 3 Meeting

Time: 12 Noon



Place: Holiday Park Social Center

Address: 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive  
Ft. Lauderdale

(behind War Memorial Auditorium)

Program:

**Alice Reiter Feld -  
Estate Planning & Elder Law**

### Scholarship Luncheon To Be Held On February 7

The annual BCREA Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2006 at

**Tropical Acres Restaurant  
2500 Griffin Road  
(954) 761-1744**

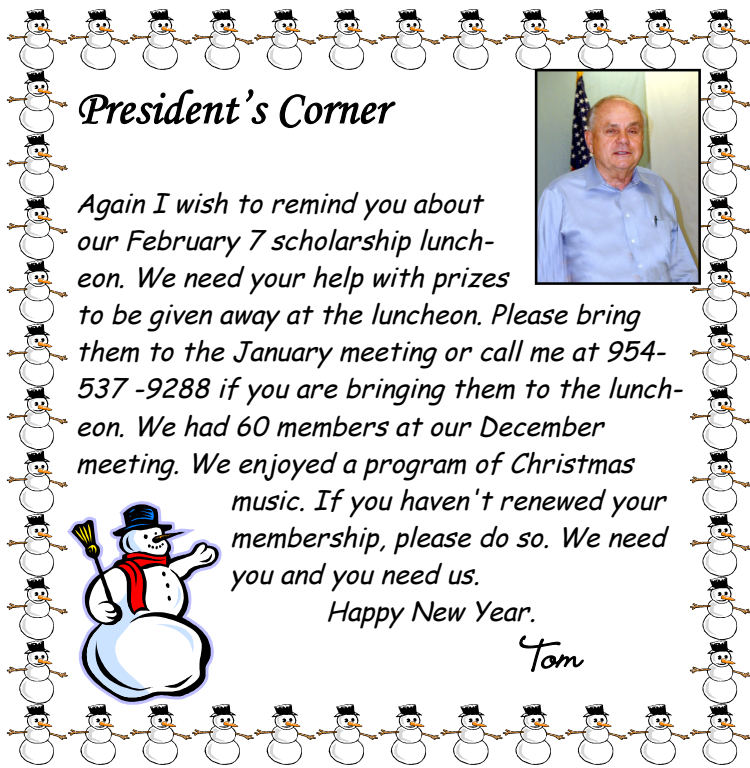
Tickets for the luncheon are \$25.00 and will be sold at the January meeting. Or you may order them by mail with the coupon on page 4. Deadline for ordering tickets is January 25. Please make checks out to **BCREA** and include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope with your order.

Door prizes are needed! If you have something to donate, please bring them to the January meeting or let **Tom Drilling** or **Linda Horton** know.



### Bring to meeting:

- Potluck Dish to Share
- Items for injured service men and women
- Door Prize for Luncheon
- Blankies 'n Pillows
- Campbells labels
- Aluminum pull-tabs
- General Mills labels
- Coupons for our troops



## President's Corner

Again I wish to remind you about our February 7 scholarship luncheon. We need your help with prizes to be given away at the luncheon. Please bring them to the January meeting or call me at 954-537-9288 if you are bringing them to the luncheon. We had 60 members at our December meeting. We enjoyed a program of Christmas

music. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so. We need you and you need us.

Happy New Year.

Tom



## Health & Blood Bank

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno



Here are some quick tips as recommend by the U. S. Olympic Committee to help ensure that you that you have a healthful year.

1. Start the day with breakfast. YOu need to fil up after a long night with out food.
2. Get moving! 30 minutes of moderate erercise a day will make a big difference.
3. Snack smart. Think fruit low fat mild, water anedd crackers.
4. Work up a sweat. Vigi-rius workouts give you more energy and help you look your best. Do some strength training and cool downs.
5. Balance your food choices. You need protein, carbohydrates, fat and many minerals and vitamins.
6. Get fit with friends and family.
7. Eat more grains, fruits

and vegetables. That way you will get everything that your body needs.

8. Get involved in organized sports. ( The Senior Games sponsored by the recreation department maybe a good place to start.
  9. Foods aren't good or bad. It's moderation and balance that counts.
  10. Make eating and exercis-ing fun. Try new sports and new foods and be realistic in your goals.
- Don't try changing too much at one time.  
Our Blood Bank project will continue this month. Here is your chance to sign up if you haven't done so.  
You may sign up your family and friends. Have a good year.

Kathlyn

## Directory

Chairman: Darcia Drago



Directories were distributed at the November meeting and will be at the December meeting and the February

luncheon as well. They will be mailed to members who live out of county and to those who are "shut-ins".

## Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago



We will NOT be collecting toothbrushes for the pa-tients at the VA hospital be-cause that project ended earlier than expected.

Thank you for making the holiday season a little happier for the Women in Distress!

At our January meeting we are going to collect the fol-lowing items for injured serv-ice men and women at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston: **playing cards,**

**handi wipes, hand cream, hand sanitizer, 1.5 oz. Gold Bond powder (yellow or green), breakfast bars, Crystal Lite "On the Go" tubes, individually wrapped hard candy, small cross-word puzzle and Suduko books, and small envelopes and tablets for writing letters.** (These patients are amputees who have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan.)

Darcy

## Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards



I'm sorry to report that I had to cancel our contract for *Lord of the Dance* on March 7. We needed to have 20 to get a group rate and we only had 12 who had signed up by the deadline which was

November 1. I'm looking for another show to replace it. Those who attended the Marvin Hamlich perform-ance gave glowing reports of the show.

Michele

## Literacy

Chairman: Rosetta Watkins



**Fifth Grade Essay Contest**  
Our Fifth Grade Essay con-test is getting under way. We have three schools commit-ted to participating. They are Lakeside Elementary, Martin

Luther King Elementary and Thurgood Marshall Elemen-tary. Hopefully the other three schools we contacted will commit themselves.

Rosetta

## Marvin Hamlich - a Hit With BCREA!



L – R: Members Doris Cotnoir, Michele Edwards, Tom Drilling, Will & Bev Hoppe, Harriet Drilling, Myken Brady, Margarite Falconer, and friends Joyce Siegel, Rosemary & Brian Shorter.  
Below: Martha & Charlie Pipes also attended.

"I didn't know he was a comedian too," was one comment overheard from the group of 13 members and friends who attended the performance of Academy Award, Emmy, Tony, Golden Globe and Grammy Award-winning songwriter and entertainer **Marvin Hamlich** on Wednesday evening, November 14. The show was a laid-back combination of banter, musical tributes to Cole Porter, Scott Joplin, Richard Rodgers and Hamlich's own music from *The Way We Were* and *A Chorus Line* - for which he won a Pulitzer Prize!

Tenor **Stephen Lehew**, a 25-year-veteran of Broadway shows was guest vocalist in the show. Hamlich, who received a standing ovation, returned to the stage for an additional song before departing for his next-night appearance in Tampa! "When I went backstage during the intermission, they were already taking my name off the dressing room door," he announced, "so I know they want us out of here!"



## FREA Tours

Arline Ziller,  
FREA Travel  
Coordinator



### GROUP & INDIVIDUAL TOURS 2007-2008 AVAILABLE TO ALL

My goal is to provide great service and raise money for teaching scholarships. You get the best service free of charge. Are you now a single? We have several members that have phoned and are interested in finding people to travel with. Keep in touch...

I did go to China in October, so ask about that tour if you like.

OTHER TOURS such as: Britain & Ireland, Canadian Rockies, Australia & New Zealand--(a tour I took in 2006), Canyon Country, Sedona, San Francisco, Hawaii, the Music Cities and other destinations are available. Europe by land or sea is always a favorite. Think about a trip for family and friends. Have a passport, and be ready for a great experience. Travel and help support FREF—Scholarships for teachers. Be sure to include your name, address and telephone number when requesting information even when E-mailing me.

Contact: Arline Ziller, FREA Travel Coordinator at  
954-781-4445  
or [FREATRAVEL@CS.COM](mailto:FREATRAVEL@CS.COM).

Left:  
"Violet (Dargan) in violet"  
and Nancy Adams wears holiday cats at the December meeting.

## Passages



Happy Birthday to our  
Birthday Club  
(members over 85!)  
**Mary S. Colbert, 1/04**  
**Arthur Wolfe, 1/17**  
**Claudia Finlayson, 1/23**  
**Wilcie Langford 1/25**

## The New Year

Hear the Bells a- ringing  
Ringing everywhere  
Proclaiming the birth of a  
New Year  
They waft throughout the  
air.

Hear your neighbors  
singing  
While walking down the  
street  
"Have a Happy New Year"  
To everyone they meet.

May God bless and keep you  
From all you dread and fear  
As you embrace 2006  
And welcome another New  
Year.

Lillian Lampkins  
4/2/1917 – 7/8/2006

## BCREA Officers....

### President

Tom Drilling  
954-537-9288

### Vice-President

Linda Horton  
954-463-0192

### Secretary

Madeline Martin  
954-973-6509

### Treasurer

Doris Emmett  
954-772-8681

## Bev's Bytes.....



Happy New Year! Can you believe 2008 is fast approaching? There were 60 members in attendance at the December meeting. A total of \$107 was collected for the 50/50. Winners were **Faye Mullarkey** (\$20), **Fran Welch** (\$20) and **Ginny Dewar** (\$10). The Nominating Committee is looking for members who'd like to serve as officers for the 2008-09 club year. If you'd be willing, call **Frances Smoot** or **Doris Emmett**. Many thanks to **Darcy Drago** for once again producing a great 2007-2008 directory!

Some time ago, **Pat Schroder** gave me this photo of a group of veteran Broward teachers who got together for a luncheon reunion for a group who had taught 7th grade at the old Naval Air Station. It was also a farewell party for **Danny** and **Mary Neely DeMauro** who were moving to



North FL. From L - R they are **Mary Perfect** (math), **Mary Neely DeMauro** (art), **Jean Berry** (PE), **Rachel Murray** (widow of Chalmers Murray), **Danny DeMauro** (PE), **Pat Schroder** (math), & **Mae Moyer** (social studies). Except for Mae Moyer who died on June 7, everyone else in the photo is alive and well as far as Pat knows. If you have news to share or know something about members - either local or out of town, call, write or e-mail (my info is on the bottom of pages 2 and 3). For some folks, this *Newsletter* is their only way to keep up with old friends. And that's the last byte for this month!

## Back from Africa!

By Linda Lampkins Combs

I'm back! I had a fantastic time in Africa. 1 continent, 3 countries (South Africa, Zambia, and Swaziland), 7 hotels, and many miles traveled by van and plane. Our group of 10 women left for Johannesburg on November 1. Several members in the group I've known since 7th grade; 3 for 5 years; and 3 I met on this trip. We had a wonderful time. For me it was a trip of

tain, the green, green fields of pineapple and tree farms, the rivers and Oceans views. And there are PENGUINS in South Africa. We visited a native village with



7,000 residences. We visited Nelson Mandela's first home which is now a museum. I got chills just being in his home. I got to put my toes in the Indian Ocean. Three

a lifetime. There were so many surprises. The biggest one for me was the different landscapes. There was the Kruger National Park (this was no zoo!) plains, there were the beautiful mountains of Victoria Falls, Blyde River Canyon and Table Top Moun-



oceans down and one to go. **Not.** Not planning on visiting the Arctic Ocean.



## December Meeting Sing-along



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 Luncheon Ticket Order Form**

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each  
Extra donation for Scholarships ? \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée choices: Sliced Sirloin of Beef  
Stuffed Breast of Chicken  
Broiled Salmon Filet

Name	Entrée Choice
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Send a check made out to BCREA  
(Include a Self-addressed, Stamped Envelope) to  
**Doris Emmett**  
6000 NE 22 Way, Apt. 3-B  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308

Right: Twelve laundry baskets with gifts for Women in Distress were collected at the meeting.  
Far right: Doris Emmett sells tickets for the February Scholarship Luncheon.

**Help Wanted**

I am wondering if any of the members of the BCREA would be interested in volunteering at the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society working with school children.

I am also looking for general tour guides to work with the public daily if any of your members may be interested.

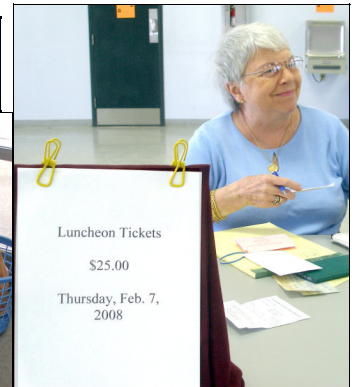
**Jamie Melissa Wilms, M.A.**

Director of Education and Public Programs

E-mail: Education@oldfortlauderdale.org

Or phone

954-463-4431, ext. 12



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