



# BCREA

# Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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## Walker Elementary Wildcat Band Performs



**Maestro Teddy Brown** and 20 members of the **Walker Elementary Performing Arts Magnet School Band** presented a program of Christmas songs at the BCREA December meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the band arrived

late. In a way this wasn't bad - it provided members insight into the smooth way in which these young students and their teacher went about the task of setting up. Maestro Brown calmly gave directions and each member followed

quietly, and efficiently organized their space. Their opening number was "Jolly Old St. Nicholas;" next was "Jingle Bells," "Joyful, Joyful," and "Angels We Have Heard on High." The group consisted of 1 clarinet, 2

saxophones, 7 trumpets, 2 baritones, 3 trombones, and 5 percussion. Each group had individual playing time as well as "All Play" which was smoothly directed by Maestro Brown. They ended **Continued on Page 2**

**From Luncheon Chair Diane Texter**  
**Save the Date**

### Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 11:30 am

Tropical Acres Restaurant, 2500 Griffin Road

Tickets are \$35 and will be sold at the January meeting or

Order them by mail with the coupon on Page 5.

If you have new or "like new" items to donate for our scholarship fundraiser please bring them to the January meeting or call me at 954-972-8032.

We are asking each member to bring a new or gently-used children's book to the Luncheon.

"Come to a Luau" is our theme this year! Wear Hawaiian leis, grass skirts, flower headbands, etc. Can you do the Hula? Can't wait to see you at Tropical Acres for a fun day! Diane

### January 3 Meeting

Time: 11:45 am

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road  
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: : Neighborhood Action Team



### Bring to meeting:

Potluck Dish to Share

School Supplies

Door Prize for Luncheon -

Gift cards,

New items,

Baskets

Loose Change for Pot of Gold  
Boxtops & Labels for Education

Aluminum pull-tabs

Coupons for our troops

Old cell phones & eyeglasses

## President's Corner

As you begin to contemplate your New Year's Resolutions for 2019, take a few moments to consider adding BCREA to your list. If in the past, you haven't been attending meetings, come to one. If you haven't come because you don't want to prepare a pot luck dish, come without one and just make a donation to the hospitality committee. If you have been attending meetings, resolve to make one new friend at the next meeting, or invite a new person to attend with you. If you are regularly attending, volunteer to assist on a committee. In other words, resolve to become more involved in BCREA and experience the camaraderie that an organization of retired educators can offer you.

Happy New Year, and see you next year.

*Carol*



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the program with a redux of "Jolly Old St. Nicholas"

which was even stronger than the opening number which had to be done without benefit of a warm-up due to their late start. They received a standing ovation from



the audience who were rather amazed that elementary students could

produce such a good sound. The group stayed for a lunch of pizza and cookies, the first time a group of students had done so.

## We Need Items For the Raffle!

Don't forget to start saving NEW items for the big fundraiser at the February Scholarship 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!

## From the President-Elect.

When a New Year approaches, we instinctively reflect on the year passing to count our many blessings. Even so, we are always happy that hope still abides, and new choices we get a chance to make. The Old Year passes away and calmly writes on the pages of each of our lives. There recorded is joy and sadness, health and sickness, fulfilled and broken dreams, new and old ventures, yet the hope we carry still, right into the New Year. So we say to all whom we meet, "HAPPY NEW YEAR" although we know there will be a refrain. Yes, it will be a New Year and the chapters will all be the same. How we live through them will make the difference. Learning from the past is so important for living in the future.

As we look forward to the New Year, let us think - "A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR," an enjoyable 365 days of carefree living away from human predation and societal ills. With this in mind, we are delighted to bring to you again by popular demand, the remarkable **NAT team** with **Krystyl Smith** from the City of Fort Lauderdale with their continuing concern for our safety and security. Their mission is to be the "eyes" and "ears" in our communities as they are our "Brother's Keepers."

May this New Year be filled with great Joy and Happiness and Safe Living!

Happy New Year To All!

*Lillian*



## Help Fill the Pot of Gold

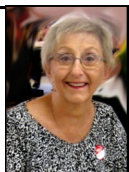


At the February Scholarship Luncheon, one lucky member will win a Pot of Gold. Last year **Josephine Walker** won \$181! How big will this year's prize be? It depends on you and your coins!. So empty your purses, rob your piggy banks, clean out your pockets, and bring your spare coins to the January Meeting!



## Volunteer Services / Directories

Chairman: Darcia Drago  
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### Volunteer Service

Happy New Year! Hope you had a great holiday & that 2019 will bring you all that you wish for.

At our January meeting we will collect school supplies for the Kids in Need Resource Center of the Broward County Education Foundation. On their wish list of items: pencils, glue sticks, notebook paper, folders, index cards & arts & crafts supplies. These supplies will be made available to teachers in low-income schools. In November our members donated 438 individual drink packets for our troops overseas. Outstanding job! Thank you for supporting our community service projects

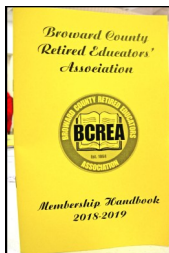
throughout the year as well as for your individual volunteerism.

### Membership

#### Handbook/Directory

Handbooks will be distributed at all of our meetings including the February scholarship luncheon. Copies have already been mailed out to members who live out of the area & to those who are shut-ins & are unable to attend our meetings. Please check your individual listing to make sure that all information is correct.

*Darcy*



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**



### Social Committee

Chairman: Sallie Sherwood  
954-629-3712 matildatwo@aol.com



We are getting ready to welcome in a New Year and I already made my first error. I accidentally left **JoAnn Corder's** name off the list of volunteers for the Social Committee in the new Handbook. Hopefully, she will accept my apology and will continue to serve as she has done in the past. If you would like to identify your potluck dish, there are food labels located on the beverage table. Just fill out a card and place it near

your food item. Participants are often interested in vegetarian dishes, casserole contents and types of desserts. Thank you to everyone who brought in gently used "take home" containers, and thank you for those who were willing to take home some of the delicious leftover delights. I can't let the new season of BCREA begin without asking for your assistance in clearing your food items from the luncheon table. Please, as you are leaving the room,



quickly check the back table and either take home or dispose of your container. Our next meeting date will be January 3rd, I wonder how many of us will still be keeping our New Year resolutions on that day!! That day just happens to be "National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day." Perhaps we will see a few cherries dripping in chocolate on the dessert table.

*Sallie*

### Passages

**★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday to our  
Birthday Club  
(members over 85!)  
**Beverly Merrill 1/03**  
**Norma Van Buskirk 1/23**



Thinking of You  
**Echo Heyer**  
**Terrie Sullivan**  
**Arline Ziller**



## Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie  
954-525-8503 or slochrie@bellsouth.net



## Information Services

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno  
954-581-4731 BB9214@aol.com



Thank you to those who bring prospective members to a meeting who may be interested in joining BCREA. For every 4 new members that you bring into BCREA you will be awarded a \$25.00 gift certificate! If you wish to send membership information to anyone, contact me by phone or email and I will mail a membership informational packet to them.

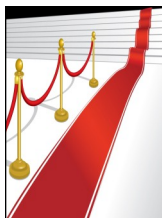
For online information the website is <http://browardrea.org>

*Susan*



Welcome New Member

Nancy Hauth



Ring out the old, Ring in the new. All the guests have gone and the decorations and lights have been put back in storage. Time for a new beginning. We have made all of the New Year resolutions to start anew, but in spite of all good intentions, these somehow get broken. Long winter nights can emphasize the failure and bring on depression. Then it becomes necessary to take care of the depression. Medical scientists have found that the best way to accomplish this is through positive thinking. There is an adage that says "You are what you think." The scientific community at Harvard has identified some ways to create a positive attitude.

**\*Learn to be grateful.**

Make lists every morning of things for which you are grateful. When negative thoughts come into your mind, read through your list to emphasize the positive thoughts.

**\*Live in the moment** rather than thinking about what has happened or what might happen. It has been found that being distracted by negative thoughts puts you at risks for illness and injury.

**\*Set short and long term goals.** This gives you quick success and helps build your confidence. As you accomplish a goal, reward yourself. This can lead to a longer and happier life. Take care.

*Kathlyn*



## BCREA Officers....

### President

Carol Roland  
954-472-2389

### President-Elect

Lillian Small  
954-288-9211

### Secretary

Karen Avery  
954-806-1678

### Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc  
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## Literacy

Chairman: Sandy Lefkowitz  
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### Thanks for 2018 -- Help for 2019

This is the time of year when we look back and say, "Where did the year go? How can it possibly be a new year?" Looking back at the 2018 BCREA year, we have much to make us proud. One of our Broward County fifth graders won second prize in the Margaret Poppell Essay Contest. We collected hundreds of books that were donated to The Pantry of Broward and Kids in Distress. So one of our new year's resolutions and challenges for 2019 should be to continue supporting our fifth

grade essay contest and to collect children's books. I have one problem and am asking for help. I no longer have a place to store the children's books. We usually distribute the books in April or May and we often keep 6-7 boxes until then. Right now I have 4 boxes of books. If you have a corner in your garage, or a spot in your home, or any storage space; please let me know. We want to continue giving children the books they need but we have to find a place to temporarily store them. Call me, Thanks.

*Sandy*

## Scholarship Luncheon Ticket Order Form

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

Entrée choices: Prime Rib of Beef  
Chicken  
Fish

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Choice \_\_\_\_\_

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Send a check made out to BCREA  
Include a Self-addressed, stamped envelope

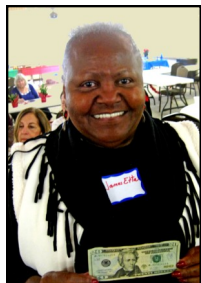
to  
Diane Texter  
742 NW 69 Terrace  
Margate, FL 33063  
Deadline - January 24



## Bev's Bytes.....

If you missed the December meeting, you missed a real treat! The Walker band was really special! No, they didn't exactly equal the Dillard band, but if they stick with the county performing arts magnet schools, that's where they'll be playing in 4 or 5 years. I am coming from years of being the mom of bandmen. Three of my grandsons also play instruments as well. None of them even started playing until middle school. When you stop to think that these kids are only 8 to 11 years old now, they are quite exceptional. Kudos to them and their leader **Teddy Brown**. Well done, **Wildcats**!

Three new faces were this month's greeters : **Marianne Scott** filled in for **Marsy Smith** at the new members' table; and **Leonora Smoot** and **Susan Smiler** subbed for **Ilene Miller** and **Lynne Ogden** who were not available! The winners of the Scholarship Fundraiser were: \$20 - **JamesEtta Warner**; \$10 each - new member **Nancy Hauth**, **Dorothy Johnson** and **BobbieLou David**.



Flowers (donated by **Carol Roland** as always) were won by **Jean Anderson** and **Linda Gibson**. *Happy 2019*

*Bev*

Community Service Chairman **Darcy Drago's** drawing for turning in volunteer hours was won by **Mike Phillips**.

**- DATED MATERIAL -**  
**PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**



**Marianne Scott**  
 leads Happy  
 Birthday for De-  
 cember babies!

**Seen at the  
 December  
 Meeting**



**Alyce Aspler is**  
 decked out for  
 Christmas!



**Kate Alexander**  
 baked a  
 house-cake!



**Band members have pizza!**

### BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please Print)

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](mailto:dardra@att.net) or mail it to me at:

**Darcia Drago**  
 2505 Dagoon Avenue  
 Coconut Creek, FL 33063

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\$300 Cash - 2nd Prize

\$200 Cash - 3rd Prize

\$100 Cash Guaranteed Prize to a winner in District 10:  
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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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