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## All You Ever Wanted To Know About MODS



According to its website [MODS.org](http://MODS.org), "the mission of the Museum of Discovery and Science is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films."

The Museum began its his-

tory as the Discovery Center, a hands-on museum of art, science and history, in 1977 in the historic New River Inn. Undoubtedly, many of our members took their own children there. By 1986, community demand had far exceeded the Museum's capabilities in the

small complex and with the help of \$8 million from the City's General Obligation Bond began to build the museum as it is today.

With strong community support, the Museum then managed to get \$13.6 million in philanthropy and \$11 million in state funding for a total of \$32.6 million. These investments completed funding for the new Museum of Discovery and Science and the IMAX Theater, and funded a \$3 million permanent endowment. The IMAX Theater was renamed the AutoNation IMAX Theater in 2007 in recognition of a major gift. In 2018, the 27,000-square-foot Science Park opened in the backyard. Kids, school groups and par-

ents regularly enjoy the fresh air and safe surroundings of the Science Park as they continue their exploration of the Museum outdoors. The most recent addition is the **Stemo-**



**mobile** which is a mobile Museum which can be rented for events.

**Meredith Ray Feder** is Deputy Director for MODS. She and **Diane Robiana**, the Director of Education, spoke at the October BCREA meeting. From Sprouting STEM for early childhood to internships for high school students, they covered it all! They also donated 2 tickets for the MODS upcoming wine tasting event, a \$250 value won by **Brenda Roberts**, pictured at left with Diane and Meredith. Thanks, Ladies!

### November 4th Meeting

**Time:** 12:30 pm

**Place:** Jim Ward

Community Center

**Address:** 301 NW 46th Ave,  
Plantation

**Program:** Patriotic Celebration of  
Veterans Day



#### Bring to meeting:

BYOL (Bag Lunch)

Volunteer Hours

School Supplies

Kids' books for Literacy

Aluminum pull-tabs

Cell Phones & Eyeglasses





## President's Corne

Grace and Gratitude are my words for November. Grace is derived from the Latin gratis/gratia meaning thankful. It implies that a person who is acting with grace acts with gratitude. The late professor **Randy Pausch** said, "Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other." Gratitude goes to all of our members who came out on October 7, our first face-to-face meeting since March 2020. Old friends and new ones enjoyed our Bag & Beverage (your bag lunch and our beverage:-), a new and COVID-safe venue, renewed fellowship, and an exciting and informative presentation of the **Museum of Discovery and Science**. Gratitude goes to our Executive Board members who did not miss a beat, planning and delivering their areas of expertise and ensuring the meeting ran like clockwork. A special thanks to **Sallie Sherwood**, who also hand-dipped fat pretzel sticks in chocolate and wrapped them individually in cellophane, ribbon, and a BCREA logo for "National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day!" Gratitude also goes to **Meredith Ray Feder** and **Diane Robiana** from the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) for sharing their current programs and incoming innovations, demonstrating the wind chute, and contributing \$250 "Adult Night at the Museum" tickets to our door prize table -WOW! Our November 4 meeting will feature a celebration of our Armed Forces in honor of Veterans Day, so we'll see you then, dressed in your patriotic red, white, and blue! With gratitude and grace,



Sue



### BCREA Officers...

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Vacant - Needed

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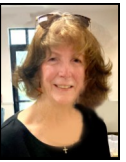
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The **Jim Ward Community Center** was a wonderful facility for our first In Person meeting in a very long time! The Center offers a variety of movies presented each Tuesday at 10:00 AM. The Senior Cinema Movies showing in October are: *Respect*, *The Good Liar*, *Best Sellers* and *Clue*. Free popcorn is included ☐. Now that you know where the Jim Ward Center is



located, you can check out their other activities such as Senior Bingo or Senior Game Time. A variety of fitness programs are offered for Plantation Residents. (954-585-2344) If you are looking for an outside activity, head to **Flamingo Road Nursery** (south of 595 on Flamingo Road, Davie) for a Hayride and take the kids of all ages. Their Fall Harvest Festival has daily events and free admission. You can also participate in pumpkin painting, farmers market, and children's activity area. (954-476-7878).

Finally, there seems to be a common theme being stated by many, "... purchase your holiday items early!" While making those purchases, Morgan Stanley has a few strategies to protect your Digital Footprint. The more involved with technology we become, the more information we place on line, sometimes unwittingly. Convenience is something that we have to pay a price for and the more accounts we have on line, the larger our footprint. Try deleting accounts you no longer use and try not to have several linked accounts, no need to register with a business through Facebook or Google even though that might be a little more convenient.

When next we meet on November 4, it will be National Candy Day also, please remember our Veterans during the month of November and especially on the 11th, Veterans Day.



Until then, stay fit, stay sharp, and send positive thoughts to others.

Sallie



At the FREA Convention in May, Jean Anderson was named District 10 Volunteer of the Year. Since she didn't attend the convention, Ann French presented her with her certificate at the October meeting. Congratulations to Jean!

# Passages



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

Helen King 11/07

Mary Perfect 11/13

Mary 'Betty' Weber 11/17

Dorothy Johnson 11/21

Martha Pipes 11/06



Thinking of You  
Diane Jarchow  
Arline Ziller

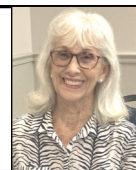


In Memoriam

David Sigler

# Membership...

Chairman: Susan Lochrie  
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## MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER: HAVE YOU PAID IN 2021?

Good News! Almost all of our members have paid dues for 2021-22.  
Please E-mail or call me if you need a membership form and information.  
The date to be included in the 2021-2022 BCREA Handbook is extended to November 1.  
To pay dues please send checks for \$50. to:

**BCREA, PO Box 30533  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303**

You can also pay at the November 4 meeting.  
A membership form can be downloaded from the website <http://browardrea.org>.  
Encourage your friends to join BCREA.  
Anyone who brings in three new members in a year will receive a \$25 gift Certificate.

*Susan*

## From the Treasurer

**Marelise LeClerc**  
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It's holiday time with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Hanukkah right around the corner. The happiest of holidays to all. We have so much for which to be thankful. Just thinking of the upcoming holidays, at the very least, evokes sweet memories of holidays past- whether it be 5 years ago or 50 years ago. Aren't we fortunate!  
Our first meeting, October 7, saw us return to our Scholarship Fundraiser. We netted \$192. Thanks to all who participated.  
Kudos to the following who have recently donated to the Scholarship Fund. Your generosity is so appreciated.

*Marelise*

Welcome  
New Members



**Susan Ostheim  
Veronica Phillips**

**And,  
Paula Talese**



## Donor

Susan Lochrie

## In Memory Of

Helen Munnings

## Undesignated

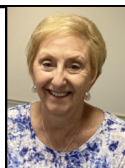
Diane Aucamp  
Betty (Moore) Clark  
Calvin Lamar  
Rosemary Rawls

Patty Bopp  
Irene Lebelle  
Veronica Phillips  
Paula Talese



## Community Service /Handbook

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### Handbook/Directory

Please report any personal listing & committee changes at or before our November meeting.

Copy will go to the printer shortly thereafter so that we can distribute the 2021- 22 edition at our December meeting.

### Community Service

At our November meeting we will collect school supplies for the **Broward Education Foundation's "Tools for Schools" Program**. Items on their "wish list" include:

**Composition books**

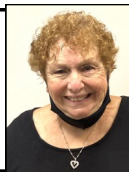
Lined 3-hole filler paper  
Washable markers  
Crayons (24 pack)  
Glue sticks,  
Pencils (#2 & mechanical)  
Folders  
Erasers &  
Note cards.

Our donations will go to their School Supply Center where ESE & art teachers, media specialists & teachers from Title I schools can "shop" for needed supplies. Wishing you & your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

*Darcy*

### Fund Raising

Chairman: Barbara Lewis  
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Hi everyone. It was great to see so many of you at our meeting on Thursday. I need your help. Please let me know what fun(d) activities you would like to do. Did you enjoy the Bingo? the money

shirt? or any of the other activities? Please let me know what activities or ideas you have in mind for our fund raisers. Thanks,

*Barbara*



Sallie also set up the welcome table for new members since Friendship Chairman Marsy Smith was unavailable.



Susan Lochrie mans the Membership Table



## Wear Red, White & Blue At November's Meeting



In honor of Veterans Day, part of November's meeting will be dedicated to recognizing the contributions our veterans have made to keep our country safe. Did you or some of your family serve in the Armed Forces? Please join us as we salute all current and former members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. And remember to wear your red, white and blue for this patriotic salute.

### Bea's Bytes...

There were 41 members and friends in attendance at the October meeting. And not one man! At least at the beginning of the meeting, every-



one was wearing their masks! I had to ask them to take them off the get photos! As usual, **President Sue** was beautifully color-coordinated! **Nina Hansen**, who lives in Asheville, NC was a faithful attendee during our past year of Zoom meetings. She's hoping we'll be able to have hybrid meetings so

she can continue to attend. **Diane Jarchow's** husband **Rick** is recovering from back surgery so she missed the meeting to care for him. The winners of our scholarship fundraiser



were l-r **Josephine Walker**, \$20; **Val Proffer**, \$10; and **Meredith Feder**, our speaker, who

promptly donated her \$10 back to BCREA. Winners of the orchids (donated by Carol Roland) were **Karen Uris**, **Carol Roland** and **Cindy O'Linn**. Carol gave hers



to Meredith! In the absence of new social chairman **Marianne Scott**, **Sallie Sherwood** carried on as if she were still in that position - setting up the drink table which included her chocolate covered pretzels. (left) Thanks, Sallie!

And that's the last byte for this time! *Bea*



## Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Carol Roland  
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Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the Cultural Affairs Survey. The results will help guide the committee in selecting activities and we should be able to present an activities calendar at the BCREA November meeting. If you would like to attend any specific show or visit any specific place, please contact Carol Roland before the next meeting. Based on the survey results, both a book club and game afternoons are possible. If interested in either, please sign up at the November meeting.

*Carol*



**February Luncheon Chairman Diane Texter announced the 2022 luncheon theme - Mardi Gras - using her trusty boa and a fancy mask! Tickets will go on sale at the December meeting.**

### BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

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

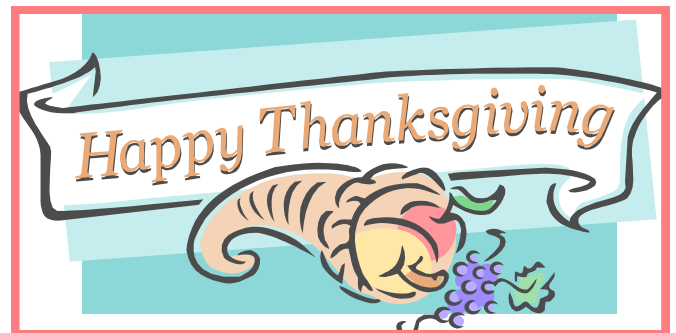
Month \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**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:

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## Scenes from the October Meeting



**Diane Robiana demonstrates the MODS  
wind chute**



**Karen Uris, and LuAnn Comes sign in  
attendees - Anne French visits!**



**Darcy Drago gives Mary  
Cangemi the prize for turning  
in volunteer hours**



**Earthalene Perry and  
Val Proffer sell tickets  
for the fundraiser**



**Lana Lysen and Jean Anderson  
behind Juanita Pringle**