



# BCREA Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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## Members Do Book Plates, Bookmarks, and Personal Notes



If you haven't been able to attend recent meetings, you may find a note from a BCREA member in your mailbox in the near future. Those attending the April meeting wrote lots of notes to absentee members and **Carol Roland** will be mailing them ASAP. The

big project of the day, however, was sponsored by the Literacy Committee. Chairman **Sandy Lefkowitz** said, "All of you should all be very proud of the things you have accomplished. BCREA members collected over 300 children's books. In a few weeks our Broward youth will be

flipping through the pages and reading these books. Thanks to every member who added book plates and

bookmarks to make the books extra special. It was exciting to see everyone working together, adding their own individual touches."



### Lillian Small is BCREA Nominee for District 10 Volunteer of the Year

by Darcy Drago

BCREA's president-elect, Lillian Small, has been nominated by our unit for District 10 Volunteer of the Year. Lillian's volunteering ranges the gamut from pediatrics to geriatrics but she tends to gravitate toward the elderly. She

says that volunteerism has had a reciprocal effect on her, the more she volunteers, the greater her desire to be of service to others. In addition to BCREA she volunteers for the Trailblazers, the City of Ft. Lauderdale and her homeowner's association. She is involved in community activism, political campaigns, public events and literacy projects. Lillian has amassed over 1700 community service hours.

According to Derek Davis, president of the Trailblazers, Lillian's perseverance is the key to her success. She has made their activities successful, engaging and meaningful. We wish her the best of luck in District competition!

### May 2 Meeting

**Time:** 11:45  
**Place:** Deicke Auditorium  
5701 Cypress Road  
Plantation  
(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

**Program:** Scholarship & Literacy Awards  
Installation of New Officers

**Bring to meeting:**

- Dish to share (With a bit extra for our guests)
- Scratch-off Lottery Tickets
- Service Hour Reports
- Labels for education
- Aluminum pull-tabs
- Old eyeglasses & Cellphones
- Children's books

**Help Needed to Create Gift Basket for Convention**

BCREA has been asked to donate a "themed, super basket" to be auctioned at the FREA Convention. The theme will be "Winning and Wining." We will create a "lottery tree" and surround it with several bottles of wine. If each member could bring one or two scratch-off lottery tickets to our May meeting we could create a really, great basket. Too busy to pick up a few scratch offs? No problem - money works too!





## President's Corner

I am enthusiastically awaiting May's meeting featuring the proud parents and students of our fifth-grade Literacy Contest winners and the high school/college recipients of our scholarships. At the same time, I feel saddened about this meeting as I realize it will be my last meeting serving as your president. As I reflect over the past two years, I hope that I have made the BCREA stronger organization. I know that the members have made me a much better person. You probably have heard me say before that being president of BCREA is the easiest elected or appointed position I have ever had in any organization, but I must say it again. The members have been appreciative and supportive of everything I did. The Executive Board members are extremely creative and hard-working and have surrounded themselves with equally energetic committee members. Whenever I had a kernel of an idea, they jumped right in, expanded on my plan, problem-solved, and executed an amazing project. Then I got to be in the limelight, and take the credit. Thanks, Team for all your efforts! Now, as I begin to turn the reigns over to our new president **Lillian Small** I am confident that she will also discover how truly remarkable an organization BCREA is. I hope that I can be as supportive to her as the rest of her team.

Carol



## President-Elect's Corner

OH HAPPY DAY! It's a celebration of which we can all be proud. Not only have we reached the closing of another successful club year, we have also become witness to "touching the future" of yet another group of scholars and to strengthening our belief in the learning potential of our youth in our local schools. It's the fulfillment of the respect we have for the power of education in this world of gross misconceptions and negative perceptions about our educational systems in this country. The recipients of our academic and literacy awards have left remarkable records of their academic prowess at their various schools. They have experienced rigorous curriculum offerings while participating in extracurricular activities, sports, church, and community involvements. Through it all, they have obviously been able to exercise remarkable time management to stay focused, keep their "eyes on the prize," and make something wonderful happen for themselves. We congratulate them and extend our best wishes for successful journeys forward to these young people. May they experience more happy endings in the years ahead.

Lillian



## Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago  
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Each year FREA converts the value of our community service hours to dollars and presents a mock check to the Legislature. This shows the importance of retired educators' contributions to society. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, our service hours have seen a significant decline because many of you volunteer but don't report

your hours.

Please keep track of your hours over the summer so that you can report them at our first meeting in the Fall. Let's do better next year! If you have any questions as to what constitutes community service, please e-mail me or give me a call for clarification.

Darcie

## Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Josephine Walker  
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Perhaps you'd like to spend some of your leisure time visiting the many museums available to us. The newly-renovated Norton Museum of West Palm Beach with 1200 square feet of gallery space and many other new additions invites us weekly; there's the Stonewall Museum Gallery of Wilton Manors (free admission), WMODA Museum of Dania Beach (I've heard it's a jewel), Nova Museum of Art (free every first Thursday from 4-8PM Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Art - some are free with Bank America and Merrill Lynch Credit cards the first weekend of the month. Ah-Hi-Thiki Museum - Big Cypress Reservation;) For lots more, visit the Cultural Affairs page of our website <http://browardrea.org>

## Membership

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie



## Passages



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

May

Lillie Fye 5/01

Charles Pipes 5/01

Mary Hiers 5/4

Anita Bullock 5/17

Lizzie Johnson 5/21

Darlene Utry 5/26

Norma Cosby 5/28

Helen Munnings 5/28

Robert Green 5/31

June

Glenn Sanderson 6/03

Joseph Eddings 6/09

Ron Davis 6/11

Kathlyn Barno 6/14

Lillian Wilson 6/17

Dolly Burck 6/21

Frances Smoot 6/24

William Atchison 6/28

Ed Weaver 6/28

July

Milton Brantferger 7/1

Marilyn Holmes 7/04

David Sigler 7/8

Echo Heyer 7/10

Erma Bell 7/12

Maude Storr 7/16

Allegra Murphy 7/20

Pat Schroder 7/21

Jean Childers 7/24

Marjorie Gregg 7/28

August

Betty McNaull 8/07

Margaret Green 8/08

Sylvia Milks 8/17

September

Eleanor Gaston 9/15

Annie Rawls 9/22

Tom Drilling 9/27

Geneva Yokel 9/27

Bobbie David 9/28

### YOU HELP BCREA BY PAYING DUES ON TIME!

We ask that you pay your dues now, using this form, as we will not be sending a separate mailing to you. FREA State dues are \$35 and Broward Unit Dues are \$15. When you mail the dues of \$50 directly to BCREA you have only one mailing, because our state dues are mailed to FREA by our Treasurer. FREA will send out individual reminders in the mail in May. If you choose to mail your dues directly to FREA be sure that you also include \$15. for the Broward Dues A big Thank You to all who have already paid their membership dues early. Membership extends from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Please reach out to friends who are not members or who have discontinued their membership and urge them to join. Bring 3 new members this year and you win a \$25. gift certificate. FREA and BCREA Information packets are sent to anyone who sends their mailing address to me. Susan

### BROWARD COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Retired From \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: .....\$50.00;      Donation for Scholarships: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to BCREA and mail to

Susan Lochrie, BCREA Membership,  
P.O. Box 30533  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303

## Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno

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Here we come to the end of another productive and entertaining year. For this we can be proud and enjoy the lazy days of summer, be it in some exciting new port of call or in our own backyards. Even though we want to be free of everyday worries and just relax and take things easy, don't become so nonchalant that we easily become a victim of fraud. Senior citizens are the chief victims of fraud many studies have shown. Many people have been tricked into giving out information needed to steal your identity or allowing some to take over your computer. Studies have shown that the time of the call and the day has a lot to

do with your reaction with the caller. Compromising information is more easily gotten if the caller is a woman. Studies found that calls made on Mondays were least likely to get someone to fall for a telephone scam. By Friday 65 percent of those who answered gave away secure information. It was also found that fake calls succeeded around 5 p.m. Research any charity to which you want donate.

Go to [give.org](http://give.org) or [charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org). Never donate over the phone or at the door. Have a healthy, restful summer. See you in October ready to work for BCREA again. *Kathlyn*

## Friendship

Chairman: Marsy Smith

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Even though May will be our last meeting until Fall, we still want to support our members over the summer. If you hear of a member who is ill, who has suffered a loss or has passed away, please

let me know, so I can send an appropriate card on behalf of BCREA.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the May meeting! *Marsy*

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## From the Treasurer

Marelise LeClerc

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Wow! Along with dues, the following members gave enough extra money for almost one whole Scholarship (actually \$890) for next year!

Thanks so much to them - and to all the members who add something extra in your dues' check. Educators are indeed the most generous people. And our Membership displays that quality - and more. To those of you who have not paid your dues (or even if you have), remember to include a little extra for Scholarships. Giving Educational Scholarships is our primary goal. Because of your continued kindness, we will be distributing 8 (\$1000.) scholarships next month! Have a safe, exciting, and healthy summer. Do something that stretches your mind and/or body! Remember to have fun!

*Marelise*

### Scholarship Donations

#### Donor

Emma Black  
Dorothy Howard  
Marelise LeClerc  
Susan Lochrie  
Julie Penley

In Memory Of  
Mattie Benson  
Runette Williams  
Elena Centrone  
Polly Lenzen  
Nancy Ruiz

### Undesignated Donations

Carol Call	Eleanor Gaston	Joan Gavin
	Pauline and Robert Green	Nina Hansen
Ruth Hooper	Dorothy Howard	Sharyn Iba
Diane Jarchow	Adelia Jones	Phyllis Kublin
	Arlene and Wayne McWhinney	Carol Mertz
Judith Pine	Betty Sheridan	Peggy Tingle
	James Etta Warner	



At the April meeting there were 61 members in attendance. Winners of the Scholarship Fundraiser

were **Cynthia Johnson**, \$20; **Missy Belsito**, \$10; **Cindy O'Linn**, \$10; and **Missy Belsito**, \$10! Two lucky winners

received orchid plants - **Cynthia Johnson** and **Juli Patton**. This month's volunteer hours winner was **Susan Lochrie**. If you are a member who hasn't been coming to meetings, watch your mail for a personalized note from the members who did attend the April meeting. Blank greeting cards were placed on each table with a list of "missing members."

And we all wrote notes to one or two folks we'd like to see! As at almost every meeting, **Alyce Aspler** (far right) wore her seasonal "ears." Appropriately, this time they were pink bunny



## Social Committee

Chairman: **Sallie Sherwood**

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What a wonderful year this had been. Your Social Committee would like to thank everyone for bringing such a wonderful array of food items to this monthly event. Each month the buffet table is filled with some of our favorite dishes or new delights to try. From the entrees to the desserts, there is always enough for us to share. Please remember that the May meeting will be the Scholarship/Award presentation luncheon. We will have higher attendance than usual due to the award winners and their family mem-

bers joining us. If you are able, please prepare a little extra food for this gathering. Let's make the last meeting of the year very special for the hard working recipients. The Social Committee will be providing pizza and cupcakes so we are asking that you do not bring these two items.

Again, thank you for making this a wonderful luncheon that all can enjoy. If you are unable to attend the last meeting of our season, have a beautiful and relaxing summer. See you in the Fall.

*Sallie*

*Ber's  
Bytes.....*



## More Passages



Thinking of You  
**Kate Alexander**  
**Louise Costello**  
**Pat Schroder**  
**Arline Ziller**



In Memoriam  
**Runette Williams** 2/2019  
**Polly Lenzen** 4/02/2019



ears! And that's the last byte for this year!

*Ber*

## Literacy

Chairman: **Sandy Lefkowitz**

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Plan on attending the May meeting when we present our fifth grade Margaret Poppell essay winners. It was very difficult for the committee to choose one winner this year. The essays were exceptional and we really wanted to choose multiple winners. So expect to hear the students share some excellent experiences about their grandparents. We are very proud of Aryella Gomez from Sheridan Park Elementary who was the BCREA first place winner. 2nd place was Brady Bushnell from Harbordale

Elementary and Sandra Cortez from Sheridan Park won third place. We'd like to thank the fifth grade teachers who have supported their students and BCREA. Teachers have so much on their plates that we especially recognize them for encouraging their students to enter the essay contest. All of these winners, their families and their teachers have been invited to attend our May meeting. It will be a real treat to hear the winning essays and meet these bright students. *Sandy*

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**BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM**

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(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**  
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**2019-2020 Officers Elected**

At the April meeting, the following officers were elected for 2019-2020



club year: L to R - BCREA president will be **Lillian Small**; **Karen Avery** will be the secretary and **Marelise LeClerc** will serve as treasurer for the 10th year. They will be installed at the May meeting. The position of president-elect is still open.

**BCREA Members,**

The Florida Panhandle is still trying to recover from Hurricane Michael. The destruction to homes, schools and families is unimaginable! - families are still in desperate need of basic living supplies. Among other things, FREA suggests we send Walmart or Target gift cards, so teachers can buy gas or families can get food and clothing. As educators, our first thought is to send school supplies, but there is no place to house school supplies! Send your contributions to FREA for the giving tree displayed at the upcoming convention: FREA 950 9th Street North, Suite 105, St. Petersburg, FL 33702 Your actions will show our fellow educators that they are not forgotten. Please help!

**Anne French, FREF**

