
BTU RETIREES NEWSLETTER

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Dear Retirees,

The past month has been very busy-and the last weeks very sad.

We have had a successful Pizza Party with "the League of Women Voters" speaking to us about the issues on the ballot. Everyone agreed it was really informative.

We had more members in attendance for this event than we ever had before.

A big thanks to Betty and her helpers Loraine and Marty for setting up and cleaning up. Thanks to Kate for the centerpieces- they were perfect. The pizza and salad were delicious. I missed the book club-, which we did not have because of the holidays. Looking forward to discussing our book this month.

I have been phone banking- not a lot but a few hours several times a week- next week will be more as this horrible election time draws to and end. So many of us just cannot wait for the election to be over. I will be at the NTO Saturday the 28th.

I attended the FEA Delegate Assembly in Orlando with Susan Adkin. We agreed that it was really good. Convention. We sat with BTU. Joann McCall did a great job for her first convention. We got to hear Bill Clinton speak. He spoke for quite a while going over the reasons why Hillary would make a good president. He still has charisma. He was very gracious and took selfies and shook hand with really hoards of members as he worked his way back out the hall. The next day we got to see Patrick Murphy and he spoke really well and was well received.

Please remember to send in your checks to Ronney ASAP, as we need to have numbers for

Morikami. We are getting quite a good discount for this event. \$20.00 is covering the admittance ,craft fees, and instructor. You can bring your own lunch or purchase lunch there. The deadline is November 9th checks in Ronney's hand.

Now for the sad news. And it is truly really sad. We lost two members in 5 days. Joan Paul a past president of BTU/R, and Rita Weiss a past EBoard member for several years. Both were very active BTU members and stewards and very active in our unit. And if that was not sad enough Nancy Ruiz a member of BTU/R and a close friend of mine from South Broward High School went into hospice in the same 5 days. I do not know if she will be with us when you get this newsletter. It is a reminder to us all that we need to be nice to each other and live each day we have to the fullest. Take the time to visit your doctors and keep as well as you can.

Please make sure you vote if you have not. Your vote does count. If the registered teachers in Broward had all voted in the last governor's election we would have a different governor and our teachers would be having an easier time of it. This time it could mean the difference of keeping social security as we know it, no caps on health insurance and maybe a way of life as we know it intact. The two candidates are really different, boy are they different. Unsure of who to vote for- go to the AFL-CIO website and see their endorsements.

Hope to see many of you at Morikami Gardens for the craft workshop and visit to the gardens. You can see the flyer on: btuonline.com. The directions for getting to our part of the btuonline.com website are::

Click on the blue tab: About BTU and go to the green tab: Retirees Chapter and click.

On the Retirees page look on the right side- Calendar of Events and click on November 16th and the flyer will come up.

Please keep well,

Your President,

Carol Fischer

A Memorial Service for Joan Paul will be held in her honor at Tree Tops Park in Plantation at the Sabal Palms Pavilion on January 5th, 2017. Time to be determined.

Movie Club

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. at the Tamarac Café and Diner (SW corner of Nob Hill and McNab). Come join us! We schmooze, eat lunch and get to see some terrific movies. For more information, call Marilyn Boudin at 954-472-3381.

Canasta and MahJong players also meet. Call Marilyn Boundin #954-472-3381 for times and locations.

Book Club

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at the BTU office at 10:00 a.m.

November 1st-[La Rose](#) by Louise Erdrick

December 7th- [The Girl Who Wrote in Silk](#)- by Kelly Estes

January 3rd- [A Fall of Marigolds](#) by Susan Meissner

SUNSHINE

If you have any glad or sad news to share, please call Rhoda Flohr (561)413-3889 or email her at rhodaflohr11031@comcast.net

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1st- David Newman

Nov. 4th – Betty Bunnell

Nov. 11th- Mady Wilk

Nov 13th- Nelson Small

Nov. 17- Mary Becconsall

Nov. 21st- Barbara Flynn

Nov. 22nd- Eileen Kimmich



Dec. 4th- Ronney Virgillito

Dec. 14th- Susan Pignato

Dec.16th- Earthalene Perry

Dec. 16th- Leslie Scutellaro

Dec. 21st- Nadine Miller

Dec.21st- Majorie White

Dec. 29th- Marilyn Smith

If I missed anyone's special day. It is only because I do not have it on my membership list.

Enjoy your special day and may you have many more !!!

REMEMBER.. WE CAN NO LONGER TAKE CASH FOR ANY EVENT. WHEN RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED--THE DEADLINE IS FIRM. NO EXCEPTIONS. Remember that SEATS ARE LIMITED AT THE BTU OFFICE.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS **2016-2017**

Remember all our events are on the 3rd

Wednesday of the month

Nov 16- Morakami Museum and Gardens- make a Japanese craft in a 45 minute class. Cost is \$20.

There is a gift shop and lovely gardens to stroll through. If you wish a Bento Box lunch you can purchase it . If you prefer not to buy lunch ,bring a bag lunch. There are picnic tables outside the front of the museum to sit and enjoy . Classes are limited to 20 people, if more sign up there will be 2 sessions.

Dec.21- Holiday Luncheon at Colony West

Jan. 18- BUNCO/ Pot Luck lunch at BTU office 11:30 a.m.

Feb 15- Visit to Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art

Mar 15- Play at The Stage Door Theater

“The Boy From Brooklyn”the story of
Danny Kaye—a musical

April 19- Visit to Isles Casino for
lunch and luck

May 17- End of the Year Lunch at
Lago Mar Country Club in Plantation and
possible fashion show .

**EACH EVENT HAVE A
FIRM DEADLINE- NO
EXCEPTIONS CAN BE
MADE ON THESE FINAL
DATES.IF YOU WISH TO
ATTEND AN EVENT
PLEASE GET YOUR CHECK
IN ON TIME.**

Smart Stage Matinee Series and More at Parker Playhouse

We are so fortunate to live in a
county that embraces the arts.
Below are special educator
programs that offer discounts
to teachers, as well as, other
programs that may be of
interest to you. I hope that
many of you will take advantage
of these fabulous performances
to support the arts in South
Florida.

Discover Broadway for Teachers

Please note that these
theater packages at the
Broward Center go on sale
Wednesday, August 17, 2016
and can be reserved through
the group sales team at
954-660-6307 or 954-660-
6328. Packages include 1
orchestra level ticket, free
admission to a pre-show
meet the stars workshop
at 5:30, 6:30 pre-show diner
including wine and
refreshments. 8:00p.m.
performance and parking
voucher. **NOTE: LIMIT 2
TICKETS PER ORDER**

**ROGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S
CINDERELLA**- Wed. Dec.14, 2016 at
5:30p.m. \$88.90

CABERET- Wed. Jan 11, 2017 at 5:30
p.m. - \$97.40

DISNEY'S LITTLE MERMAID Wed.
Mar 1, 2017 at 5:30p., - \$97.40

SOMETHING ROTTEN! Wed. Mar 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. \$97.40

MATILDA THE MUSICAL Wed. Apr 26, 2017 5:30 p.m. \$97.40

FINDING NEVERLAND Wed. June 14, 2017 at 5:30p.m. \$102.15

**SIX DOLLAR SMART STAGE
MATINEE SERIES FOR GROUPS OF
10 OR MORE:**

Last year more than 40 members of our group took advantage of the morning matinee series that is for students (former SEAS program) and is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Please advise if you are interested in attending any of these performances and I will reserve the minimum of 10..

Step Afrika ! Fri. Jan. 27, 2017 at 10 a.m. Broward Center- Arturo Theater- one of the top 10 African- American dance companies

The Nile Project-Mon Jan. 30, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Parker Playhouse- Combines the traditions of 11 countries along the river with music/ dance.

Bale' Folklorico Da Bahia- Thurs., Feb. 2, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Parker Playpuse-38 of Brazil's dancers, singers and musicians will amaze.

Hypnotic Brass Ensemble Fr. Feb. 3, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Parker Playhouse- an extraordinary musician family perform jazz, reggae, soul and funk.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo-Thurs. Feb.23, 2017- at 10:30 a.m. Parker Playhouse- South African music traditions cultural and ethnic.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MARCH DATE FOR THE FABULOUS FLORIDA FOLLIES PERFORMANCE AT PARKER PLAYHOUSE IS TBA **MONEY for these performances goes to Ronney Virgillito since Betty Bunnell already has made reservations for us.**

Your Vice- President/Program Coordinator,

Betty Bunnell

If you have not renewed your membership use the following form and send your check for \$65 to the BTU Office : ATTENTION HOLLY

Broward Teachers Union
Retirees Chapter

I understand that my \$65 membership dues are for a period of one year. These dues entitle me to all benefits derived from BTU's state and national affiliates. (Life time \$24)

NAME

D.O.B. _____
Home mailing address _____
City _____
State _____ ZIP _____
Home phone () _____
Cell () _____
Email _____
Signature _____
Date _____

Please remit to BTU Office, 6000 North University Drive, Tamarac, FL 33321

Telephone # (954) 486-6250 ATTENTION: Holly Corliss

PHOTOS

Monica Lynn as always has provided us with great photos of our events. Check them out at : <https://bturetires.shutterfly.com/>

Reminder

Volunteer Hours- please send to Kate Alexander Kama1950@bellsouth.net or #954-475-2671

Volunteer hours are for any time you spend helping a non family member-trips to the doctor, shopping , classrooms etc.

local tax revenue generated by Florida public income spending.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

- A deputy responded to a report that a vehicle was stopping at all the mailboxes on the caller's street. Turns out it was the mail carrier.
- A man reported that a squirrel was running in circles on University Drive. He didn't know if it was sick or had been hit by a car. An officer responded and as he drove down the street, ran over the squirrel.
- A woman called 911 because she had "déjà vu" in the shower and got nervous.
- 911 got a franti9c call from a woman who claimed that she had overdosed and needed help immediately. Paramedics arrived on the scene and she handed them a empty mint container and said she had taken them all. She learned that you cannot overdose on mints.
- **DATES OF NOTE**
- November 1st- All saints' Day
- November 8th ELECTION DAY
- November 11th- Armistice/Veterans' Day

- November 12th - national Pizza day
- November 24th Thanksgiving Day
- November 25th Black Friday
- November 28th Cyber Monday
- December 7th - Pearl Harbor Day
- December 13th - Ice Cream day
- December 23rd - Festivus
- December 24th - Channukah
- December 25th - Christmas Day
- December 26th - Boxing Day
- December 31st - New Year's Eve
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**A BELOVED
SOCIAL
TRADITION
RETURNS
BRING THE FAMILY
AND CELEBRATE FALL
WITH YOUR UNION
BROTHERS AND
SISTERS AT BTU'S
HARVEST PICNIC!**

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016

WHERE: CB SMITH PARK, Pavilion 22, 900 N.
Flamingo Rd., Pembroke Pines, FL
2 to 5:30 P.M.

PLEASE BRING: Your non-union colleagues, your family, fishing poles, volleyballs, tons of energy, and nonperishable food items to donate to Mobile School Pantry

WARNING: Attending this event may result in you **CONSUMING DELICIOUS FOOD!**

PLAYING FUN GAMES! MUSIC, DANCING AND GOOD TIMES!

Please say you'll come! [RSVP here.](#)