
BTU RETIREES NEWSLETTER

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Dear Retirees,

First let me say how happy I was to welcome so many members to our opening luncheon. I hope we have record-breaking numbers at all of our activities this year. We want to do the things that many of you can participate in.

We are in the midst of a historical presidential election. Bill Cea (Florida Alliance of Senior Citizens) who spoke at our opening luncheon at the Plantation Preserve Country Club gave us the reasons why the outcome of this election, both state and federal, is so important to educators, retired educators and public education. He gave out a pamphlet that shows how all of the legislators voted on issues so important to us. It will be up to all of us to help get out the vote. Please volunteer to phone bank at BTU or at any local site near you.

This past weekend BTU members and went out into the community and canvassed for Hillary Clinton and Patrick Murphy. Then they came back to BTU for a BBQ and met Joann McCall and Randi Weingarten who both spoke and gave the importance of this election to the future of education in our state and country. I was there with a few other retirees who helped with phone banking. It was nice to see so many blue shirts filling the union working together. I am hoping more retirees come out for the next event.

Our member's only opening luncheon was a great success. We had the most members in attendance ever. We had members in attendance that have been members 23 years. No matter which of the three meal choices you chose they were all really good. My thanks to Betty Bunnell for all of her hard work. The centerpieces were made by "Camp Grandma" – directed by our membership chairperson, Kate

Alexander and were a big hit. Ronney Virgillito took care of the check in and our 50/50 that will go for teacher's grants. A big thanks to Ronney and Kate.

I have been busy with BTU- going to the EBoard meetings, the opening 2-day Stewards Training and the Educational Forum both at Nova Southeastern University. The new teacher training (NTO) will not be until October 30th this year as the school board could not get their acts together. It also will be at Nova Southeastern. Nova gave the union a really good price to hold these events over \$20,000 cheaper than Signature Grand for the Steward Training alone. The regular stewards training is now taking place at the Tamarac Community Center.

In the next few weeks we will finalize the rest of our monthly Wednesday activities. Just remember to block out the 3rd Wednesday of every month for BTU. Look for the flyers and remember the deadlines. We need to pay for everything in advance and checks are cut least a week in advance (no cash). Meetings at the union have a seat capacity so reserve your spot early. The Tuesday group is going strong with something for everyone. Make new friends and try the book club, movies, canasta and mahjong. We have lots of cultural offerings all with a discount. Look for the overnight trip information in the future as the group showed interest so it will be planned. Someone mentioned to me recently they were busier now retired than they were working- Well that is a good thing.

Let me close by wishing all our Jewish members a "L'Shanah Tovah- A Happy Sweet New Year.

Keep Well Everyone,

Your Proud President,

Carol Fscher

PLEASE volunteer at BTU to phone bank for Hillary and Murphy. Your future and your children and grandchildren's future depend on the outcome of this election.

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 Mah Jong players also meet. Call Marilyn Boudin #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.

October- no meeting

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

Remember that SEATS ARE LIMITED AT THE BTU OFFICE.

BIRTHDAYS



Oct 2nd- Marian Weaver

Oct 6- Edie Macmurdo

Oct. 6th- Joni Skeegan

Oct. 10th- Luann Comes

Oct. 11- Shelly Fischler

Oct 13- Joan Weinstock

Oct .17th- Kate Alexander

Oct. 18th – Pat Costigan

Oct. 24- Rosa Parra

Oct. 29- Jaime Kole

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016-2017

Remember all our events are on the 3rd

Wednesday of the month

October 19- Pizza Lunch with League of Women Voters Cost is \$5.00. DEADLINE is October 12th. Seating is limited at the BTU office so reservations are needed. **NO CASH AT THE DOOR** !!!!Send check to Ronney Virgillito.,2315 NW 187 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

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.

America the Dream- Tues. Oct 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Broward Center- Arturo Theater- iconic works of American literature through stories and music.

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 Playhouse-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/>

Please remember **to vote** on August 30th in the primaries for school board members and other local and state officers. See endorsed candidates on the BTU website: www.btuonline.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.

Why the Florida Retirement System is Good for the State of Florida

Of the 377,671 retirees in the FRS approximately 87% remain Florida residents
\$18,625 is the average annual pension income for an FRS retiree
\$11.8 Billion is the total economic output in Florida created in 2009 when public sector retirees spent their pension.
91,471 jobs were created by pension spending by state and local government retirees.
\$1.6 Billion was Federal, State and local tax revenue generated by Florida public income spending.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

- Some people just have a way with words and other people...oh..not have way (Steve Martin)
- The four most beautiful words in our common language "I told you so" (Gore Vidal)
- All pro athletes are bilingual. They speak English and profanity (Gordy Howe)
- I bought one of those tapes to teach you Spanish in your sleep. During the night the tape skipped. Now I can only stutter in Spanish. (Steven Wright)