
BTU RETIREES NEWSLETTER

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Dear Retirees:

Here we are for me, at the end of the summer. School begins for teachers on Monday, August 22nd. As I write this the Olympics is on TV and I am glued to swimming, gymnastics, and beach volleyball. In commercial breaks we have ads for and against the political candidates.

Dear friends, the primary election for us will be very important. We will be electing (in certain districts) new school board members. Please vote for the candidates that BTU endorsed. If you are able, please contribute to the Nathalie Lynn-Walsh campaign. BTU is trying to defeat Dr. Osgood, as she did not vote for teacher issues once in her term of office. She voted yes to every single thing Superintendent Runcie asked for. BTU backed Osgood four years ago and she did not follow through on any of her promises. If you could give only a few dollars to the Walsh campaign, that would be great. If you have not researched the candidates for yourself, I suggest voting for the endorsed candidates from BTU (I was on the committee that vetted the candidates) and you could also go with the AFL-CIO endorsed candidates. They made sure that the candidates they endorsed were good for the union workers.

BTU has a new website. btuonline.com. Easy to look at and easy to navigate with all up to date Information. We have a section. Very soon we will have our monthly events in our section. We will have all info for our unit there. Yes, just one click away and you will be able to see our flyers, dates of events, costs, deadlines etc. How great is that? And being a proud mother, I must mention my daughter did the new logo that BTU is using. We will be using almost the same one-as your board chose it before BTU did.

I attended the Stewards Training and Kate was there with me on Monday. I must say that it went very well. They used Nova Southeastern University. The facility was really beautiful. Tuesday was a full day of training with the Stewards rotating through 4 different rooms. Breakfast, lunch and snacks were provided. I was in the "How to organize and engage you school" room. The speaker was brought in by FEA and was really a good speaker and he had a great power point presentation.

As you all know the new officers and EBoard are going to be very vocal about the bullying and harassment of teachers in the schools. They are also going to fight for better pay and treatment of all teachers. Not altogether a bad thing. So far, I see good things happening. They would like for the retirees to help out-mentoring new teachers, phone banking, going to the polls with BTU Palm cards, even manning the polls as poll watchers, campaigning for our endorsed candidates, going to rally's, etc.

This is an exciting time-or maybe you would call it an exasperating time- a really unique time in our history. Never have we had a national election like the one we are going through now. This is one for the books. Make sure you vote. You can vote with an absentee ballot from your house and the postage is included. Just call the elections office and request the ballot, or go on the elections site. Please Vote on August 30th and November 8th. Do not complain about our leadership, if you do not vote.

I do not know if Randy Weingarten will be at BTU before or after this newsletter reaches you. I know she is coming soon. This will be an honor for BTU and you will be invited. I hope you either will make it or have made it. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the opening Luncheon. We have a great year

planned- just a few more events to shore up. The Tuesday group has been meeting all summer. Please join in and make new friends, enjoy a good movie, or discussion at Book Club. Even if you do not play canasta or Mah-jongg, the group will teach you. Keep looking at the BTU website-: btuonline.com -Very soon our information will be there.

Have a great month- enjoy the rest of the summer (not officially over until after Labor Day). Remember you are retired and do not have to go back to school. Make sure that you have read a good book, made a new friend and taken a long walk this summer. (Still good advice from my now retired Rabbi who said that before and after summer vacation to our religious school kids for 35 years and still appropriate).

Wishing you all good health, Carol Fischer-proudly your BTU/R President

Attention all Retirees

The annual FEA /R Conference in Orlando will take place October 20, 2016

Our chapter has 2 delegates.

All memberships need to be **renewed** by AUGUST 26th to be included in the initial membership luncheon .

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 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.

September 7th- Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George

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

BIRTHDAYS

August 3- Renee Stillman

August 4- Shirley Samit

August 8- Barbara Hill

August 9 Cathryn Ansbro



August 13- Debbie Tessar

August 17- Kathleen Bender

August 20- Betsy Jordan

August 20- Doreen Klein

August 27- Mozella Lennon

August 30- Ameet Karia

September 1- Nancy Howell

September 4-Rita Weiss

September 8- Barbara Bohuny

September 8- Sherry Kole

September 12- Marie Kridos

September 18, Connie Bennett

September 18-Marilyn Boudin

September 23- Janet Flader

September 27 Nancy Ruiz

September 29- Louise Lefton

September 30- Ronna Brown

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

Here are the proposed events for this year.

Sept. 21 – Membership Luncheon at The Preserve. Membership by August 26th will receive a discounted price. After this date, others will pay full price. **DO NOT SEND A CHECK** for this luncheon until **AFTER** membership is paid.

Speaker will be William “Bill” Cea, a member of the Alliance for Retired Americans. He will speak on subjects pertaining to retirees. We will be **collecting school supplies too.**

October 19- Pizza Lunch with League of Women Voters Cost is \$5.00

Nov 16- possible Museum of Art visit

Dec.21- Holiday Luncheon at Colony West

Jan. 18- BUNCO/ Pot Luck lunch

Feb 15-possible Morikami visit

Mar 15- Play at The Stage Door Theater

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

April 19- Duck Tour

May 17- end of the year lunch 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

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.

The Nutcracker, Arts Ballet Theater of FL- Fri. Dec 16, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Parker Playhouse

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

**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.shutterstock.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.**

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Politicians are people who, when they

see a light at the end of the tunnel, go
out and buy some more tunnel- John
Quinton

Politics is the gentle art of getting
votes from the poor and campaign
funds from the rich, by promising to
protect each from the other - Oscar
Ameringer

I offer my opponents a bargain: if
they will stop telling lies about me, I
will stop telling the truth about the.-
Adlai Stevenson, 1952

A politician is a fellow who will lay
down your life for his country- Tex
Guinan

Instead of giving a politician the keys
to the city, it might be better to
change the locks.- Doug Larson

There ought to be one day-just one-
when there is open season on
Congressmen- Will Rogers
Why pay money to have your family
tree traced; go into politics and your
opponent will do it for you- Unknown