
BTU RETIREES NEWSLETTER

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November-December 2018

Dear Retirees,

Since my last letter we have had a hurricane hit the northern part of Florida. Please if possible contribute to whatever organization you want to help those who have no homes, no power, no food, no anything. The AFL-CIO will get money to union members who need it. I have gotten emails on how to get the money to the needy. Just let me know and I will email the info to you. I am so thankful it was not us again, but my heart goes out to those that were hit. Just imagine if it was your home or your family or friends.

I will be very happy when this election is over. It has been very ugly and very stressful for me. You can be very proud of BTU for all the work they have been doing to elect the people that will support teachers and public education.

Anna Fusco has been every where- working all day and late into the night. She is always working for her members. She has galvanized a large group to help her all over the county. There will be only a few days left until the election when you read this -please spend an hour or two if you have not already phone banking. The union is open from 4:00 to 7:00. I

have done some volunteering at the CLC in Plantation, as it is closer to home.

Susan Piganto and I went to Orlando for the FEAR (FEA) Convention. We elected a new President Janice Poirier and Vice-President Sandy Rushlow for FEAR. A new set of officers was also elected for FEA. Fed (Federick) Ingram was elected President, Vice President was Andrew Spar and Secretary-Treasurer will be Carole Gauronakas. The feeling was that this new team would bring a stronger presence for teachers in Tallahassee and bring about a more positive changes hopefully leading to higher salaries, and better working conditions in the state.

Your Board has been busy- we had a great opening luncheon. Mar A Largo is very pretty and the food was really good. The League of Women Voters gave a great explanation of the meaning of the Amendments. Kate Alexander was the leader for our second activity " Craft Day" and she did an outstanding job. Everyone enjoyed making their own unique Halloween light. The pizza and salad were good-the veggie pizza was outstanding. Anna paid for our luncheon and a BIG THANK YOU goes to her. If you see Anna please thank her personally. We also had some representatives from Creative Benefits talk to us about discounts we get as members of BTU/R. Several members told how happy they were with Liberty Mutual. I personally am saving money with their car insurance. One member said they were great with a flood they had from a pipe that broke in their house. It pays to investigate to see if you can save money. You will be dealing with very reliable companies.

Our next activity will be a ride on the Brightline train. Several people have told me they have already gone with other organizations and it is

fun. The trains are really nice and very clean. . The walk from the station to eat is very short. There might be a shuttle and there is always Uber or Lyft split a couple of ways is reasonable. I am looking forward to going.

Your board is also planning a Retiree Seminar for those teachers who are currently teaching the first week in December. Details will be given out when all is set.

A BIG THANK YOU to my board: Betty Bunnell, Susan Pignato, Sue Warga, Kate Alexander, Nanvy Adams who work so very hard to make our organization successful. A lot of time and effort goes into every activity. For those of you who work in other organizations you know how hard it is to plan an event, get a venue, collect the money, notify everyone, and make it work and then clean up. Thanks to all of who helped set up and clean up.

I want to remind you that every Tuesday you can find friends with the Tuesday group. The group always welcomes new members to it. The first Tuesday of the month except this month because of Election Day is Book Club that meets at BTU at 10:00. If you have not read the book but want the company come anyway. You will read the book for next month. This month Book Club will be the second Tuesday and Movie Club will be the first Tuesday. The third Tuesday will be Canasta and the fourth will be Mah Jong

To all of you-I hope you voted already. If not, make sure you and your entire family and friends vote. Your vote is very important. You cannot believe what the legislators are discussing. The GOP wants to cut Social Security by at least 23% or dismantle it. They want to charge for preexisting health conditions. Our state needs a change at the top. We need

people in Washington and in Tallahassee who want public education to continue-not privatize it. We want people who respect teachers and are willing to pay them.

Just want to take this opportunity if I do not see you in person to wish you all and your families a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, (December 3) Christmas, Kwanza, and New Year.

Proud to be your President,

What can I say????? I am crying. Pipe bombs sent by a want-a be someone, and a Jew hating lunatic shoots up Tree of Life Temple in Pittsburg killing 11 people and wounding others. I am really shaken by this last act. One woman was 97 and escaped the holocaust only to be shot in a place of worship (a safe place). It is beyond my comprehension. My prayers and condolences go out to all of the families and friends of the murdered. We need to work to remove the weapons of mass destruction. We must do something as a nation, as a community to make the US a safer, kinder place. I do not know how- I just know that things just have to change.

Very sadly,

Carol Fischer

MOVIE CLUB

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month 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 for times and locations.

BOOK CLUB

Meets the first Tuesday of the month at

10 :00 a.m.at the BTU office

November 13th- An American Marriage by T. Jones

December 4th- "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick

BIRTHDAYS

November 1st- Betsy Virgillito

November 1st David Newman

November 4th Betty Bunnel

November 11th Mady Wilk

November 13th Nelson Small

Nov ember 22nd Eileen Kimmich

Nov ember 28th- Adria Lederman



CALENDAR OF EVENTS SAVE THESE DATES

MONEY FOR ALL EVENTS IS SENT TO SUE WARGA, our Treasurer, at 2639 Liberty Street, Hollywood, FL 33020

Specifics and costs for each event will be sent closer to each date

November 28th- Brightline Train Ride and Lunch

December 19th Catered Holiday luncheon at Davie Women's Club

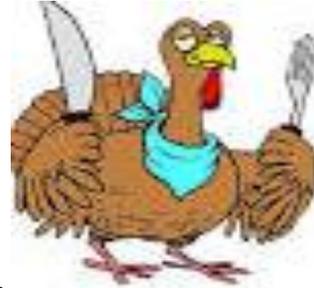
January 16th BUNCO at the BTU office – catered

February 20th- Museum TBA

March 20th Stage Door Theater a Gershwin musical

April Game Day at BTU office – Pot Luck

May 15th End of the Year Luncheon



PHOTOS

Monica Lynn , as always, provides us with great photos of our events. Check them out at <http://bturetirees.shutterfly.com>

Reminder- VOLUNTEER HOURS

These are collected every two months:

October, December, February, April, June.

These hours generate funds for us from the National NEA/FEA. .Volunteer hours are for any time you spend helping a non-family member- trips to the doctor, shopping, classroom, food bank, library etc. Send to Kate Alexander kama1950@bellsouth.net or #954-475-2671

