
BTU RETIREES NEWSLETTER

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Notes from the president, Carol Fischer:

Dear Retirees,

I hope you all had a wonderful and healthy summer. Although the weather is as hot as can be-summer is over as we begin the new school year. I still follow the school calendar and I bet many of you do also-Once a teacher, always a teacher.

We are trying to add several new activities to serve our members. I hope you all filled in your survey and emailed it back. We take your suggestions to heart. We will have a class on: How to use your Smart Phone -also Facebook, and we hope a computer class with how do to email for those that never learned. For those interested in certain issues we hope to form some groups or maybe just one group where we can meet and sort out some ideas. We are trying to give interested members a place to discuss issues, ideas, and perhaps formulate some action plans.

Our Board met over the summer and planned most of our monthly Wednesday activities. Just to remind you- mark your calendars now- Except for our Membership Only Luncheon September 13th. all of our monthly activities will take place the 3rd Wednesday of every month from October through May. We will also have a couple of classes at times that we hope fit our member's schedules and also BTU.

You will see several additions to the way we are reaching out to inform our members of what is

going on. Susan Pignato put us on FACEBOOK. Rick Reece keeps our website found on: btuonline.com up to date. We will issue our directory in a few months when our membership is complete.

We held the membership dues to \$65.00 per year until August 30, 2017. Now the dues are \$70.00 as FEA raised the dues \$5.00. BTU/R only keeps \$24.00 of the dues we collect, the rest goes to FEA. There are many benefits you can get from FEA from cheaper rates on health insurance to discounts at restaurants, rental cars, and mortgage's to places you shop.

Now, some serious discussion on our public schools. For those of you following the news you know the Broward County and Dade County and about 5 other counties have joined together to fight the bill that is taking away local control of our schools.

This bill will also impact the salary of our teachers and the amount of money that goes toward maintaining and construction of public schools. We as teacher retirees must advocate keeping our schools public. We need to be political to make sure our

Representatives vote to support public schools and public school teachers.

I was absolutely floored when a steward at the BTU Steward Training said to me—"I am not registered to vote and I do not want to register. I do not vote. I am not political." This person is teaching democracy to our children.

Well, let me tell you all, you cannot complain about what is going on unless you try to do something to make it better.

Not political—really, you want a Social Security check a retirement check? Well if you do that is

political. Right now there are legislators in our state government and in Washington D.C. that want to change our retirement and Social Security. You need to voice your opinion. This is a fight we cannot lose. We need to do all we can do to help the future our children and grandchildren and us. We also need to preserve public education the corner stone of democracy.

BTU/R is your organization. Please come and enjoy an afternoon with friends.

Remember Tuesdays- The first Tuesday of most months is Book Club, the second is Movie Club, the third is Canaster, and the fourth is Mahjong.

I most mention my wonderful Board. They work extremely hard to make BTU/R a great organization. A big thank you to all of you for all of your help.

Vice-President and Planner, Betty Bunnell,

Secretary, Susan Pignato, (who is also the chairperson of COPE for BTU)

Treasurer, Sue Warga

Membership and Newsletter, Kate Alexander

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Thank you to all of the members that come out and support BTU/R.

We try and make every activity enjoyable- and some very informative.

I am looking forward to a great year and meeting all of you.

Your President in Solidarity, 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

We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at the BTU office at 10:00 a.m.

September 5th- The House at the Edge of Night by K. Banner

October 3rd Home Going by Yaa Gyasi

November 14th- The Japanese Lover by E. Allende

December 5th Mrs. Saint and the Defectives by Julie Timmes

January 2nd the Devil in Jerusalem by Naomi Ragen

February 6th Never Broken... Songs are half the story by Jewel

BIRTHDAYS

September 1st- Nancy Howell

September 8th- Sherry Kole

September 12th- Marie Kridos

September 18th-Connie Bennet

September 18th- Marilyn Boudin

September 23rd- Janet Flader

September 29th- Patti Pritz

September 30th- Ronna Brown

October 2nd Marian Weaver

October 6th Edie MacMurdo

October 6th-Joni Skeegan

October 8th Risa Katz

October 9th Rick Reece

October 11th Shelly Fischer

October 13th Joan Weinstock

October 17th- Kate Alexander

October 18th Pat Costigan

October 20th Geraldine DeGraaf

October 24- Rosa Parra

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONEY FOR ALL EVENTS IS SENT TO SUE WARGA, our Treasurer, at 7639 Lee Street, Hollywood, FL 33020

September 13th- Membership Luncheon. Sorry the deadline for this has past.

October 18th- Pizza at the BTU office with the League of Women Voters. Time 11:30 and the cost is \$5- check sent to Sue Warga ,our Treasurer. We cannot take cash at any event.

November 15th-Pot Luck/Game Day at the BTU office- 11:30. Cost is TBA

December 20th- Holiday Party at McDivots at the Carolina Club. 11:30 a.m.- cost TBA

January 17th- BUNCO at the BTU office with Italian Lunch. 11:30. Cost TBA

February 21st- Sightseeing Tour on the Carrie B cost,time and location TBA

March 21st- Stage Door Theater "Nice Work", cost determined by the tickets we can get.. Lunch on your own with/without group.

April 18th- IMAX theater-TBA

May- End of the Year luncheon at the Grand Palms

Betty Bunnell has lined up tickets for the Smart Matinee series which are \$6 bargain cultural events at Parker and the Broward Center. More info to follow.

PHOTOS

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

Dates of Note

September 2nd-VJ Day WWII

September 4th- Labor Day

September 20th – Rosh Hashanah

September 22nd- Autumnal Equinox

October 1st- National Homemade Cookie Day

October 4th- National Walk to School Day

October 9th- National Kick Butt Day (one can only wonder where this came from)

October 9th Columbus Day

October 9th Native American Day

October 15th- National Grouch Day

October 16th National Boss's Day

October 22- National Nut Day (not sure if this is the food or it refers to people)

October 28th National Chocolate Day

October 31st- Halloween

JUST FOR LAUGHS

- All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
- -I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded the dough.
- Velcro- what a rip off !
- Don't worry about old age- it doesn't last.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- Broken pencils are pointless.

