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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope you found some good bargains at the White Elephant Sale. Thanks for bringing and for buying the items. The money will be earmarked for our unit's scholarship. This biennial fundraiser is one project which puts money into our future educators' account. The LRSH, passed around both at general meetings & at Board meetings, and the used-book sale are yearlong activities. Don't forget that you may donate to the R. & E. Hawk Scholarship fund or to the FREF at any time; just ask Bob Ford or Chris Couch how to make this contribution.

Great Oaks Village news -- Education Director John Anderson is the proud grandpapa of triplets! The babies will soon be home from the neo-natal unit. The librarians (OCREA volunteers) are anxious to see photos. John's son is a teacher at an OCPS Middle School.

The Cultural Affairs displays in April will be an interesting theme. No arts & crafts, no hobbies, but collections of keepsakes. Where have you traveled? Sydney, Edinburgh, Moscow, Cairo, Tokyo, Montreal, Buenos Aires, Apalachicola? No doubt you bought something. Bring some souvenirs for us to see and enjoy. Look for the table with the geographical sign to match your items. These exhibits will be very educational!

Information on our May luncheon is already available in this newsletter issue. Delores and the CPUMC ladies will prepare a delicious meal, and our special guest will be FREA President-Elect Marie Grein. Make your reservation ASAP. Hey, and add your '08 - '09 dues to the payment.

See you on our world tour on April 3.

Carol Egolf

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

A friend needs assistance caring for her (adult) brother who has Downs Syndrome. Can you help? Call OCREA member Hank Owens at 407-382-9930.

REMINDER: Please bring the By-Laws copy from the March newsletter to the Meeting on April 3. Final voting on the Bylaws will be at this meeting. Have questions ready for discussion. Please be specific and brief. Thank You.

Nancy Trout, Parliamentarian

Credit Union News

By Nancy L. Whitecavage

CFE Opens Fern Park Branch

CFE is still growing and we have now opened our doors to another new branch. Come visit our new location at 215 Oxford Road in Fern Park. The credit union currently has 15 full service branch locations throughout Central Florida. Our goal is to serve our growing membership and to make financial transactions more convenient than ever for you. Branch hours of operation will be:

Lobby:

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Drive-up:

Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CFE's Annual Meeting and Election on April 8, 2008

On Tuesday, April 08, 2008, CFE will hold the Annual Meeting and Election at CFE's Lake Mary Operational Center, 1000 Primera Blvd., Lake Mary, FL. at 7 p.m in Lake Mary at 7 pm. In our community room. Join us!

Annual Scholarship Opportunity

2008 CFE Scholarship applications are available, now through May 31. If you know a high school senior who will be graduating in 2008 and plans to continue their education, encourage them to apply to win one of six CFE scholarships¹. To be eligible, students must plan to enroll (or have already enrolled) in one of the following:

- A full-time accredited two-year degree program
- An accredited two-year program leading to a four-year degree
- An accredited four-year undergraduate program
- An accredited trade or technical school program

Applications are available on the website at mycfe.com or at any branch through May 31, 2008. Each \$1,000 scholarship is annually renewable for up to three (3) consecutive years, for a total of \$4,000. A total of six scholarships will be awarded to a member or their dependent as follows: one each in Orange, Osceola, Lake and Seminole counties and two to the membership at large, including those areas outside the four primary counties. Winners will be selected and notified no later than June 30, 2008.

¹CFE employees, officials, families of employees and families of officials are not eligible. All decisions made by CFE will be final.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 3, 2008

College Park United Methodist Church
(located at corner of Edgewater & Harvard across from Publix)

10:00 a.m. Continental breakfast & Social hour

10:30 a.m. Program and Business

PROGRAM: Dr. Cliff Ingram
Topic: Travel in Africa

Bring your travel souvenirs to display.

Hosts & Hostesses:
 Members with last names beginning with Q-Z.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!
 Due to limited parking, please carpool if possible.

April Focus on Africa and the World of Travel

Dr. Cliff Ingram, pastor of Orlando's North Park Baptist Church, has lived and worked in many places around the world, but he will focus on Africa in his presentation at our general meeting Thursday, April 3. He will be bringing some African travel mementos that he has collected, and we all are asked and encouraged to bring our own travel souvenirs and scrapbooks to put on display for our whole group to see and enjoy....
Frank Johnson, VP Programs

<p>FREF REPORT</p> <p>March Income</p> <p>From the Little Red Schoolhouse</p> <p>General Meeting \$61</p> <p>Board Meeting 26</p> <p>White Elephant Sale \$131.60</p> <p>Book Sales \$11.00</p>
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Larry Ary, James Boston, Mildred Dunlap, Carol Egolf, Bob Ford, Ouida Harmon, Ruth Hawk, Marjorie Peco, Marjorie Wells, and Fran Winesett are the top ten community service volunteers. One of them will receive the Volunteer of the Year Award for OCREA. We will give that person special recognition in the May issue of *The Retired Educator*. If you are looking for a place to serve, contact the City of Orlando Neighborhood and Community Affairs at 407-246-2169.

www.cityoforlando.net They have volunteer opportunities in city departments, City Hall, community centers, parks, community organizations, schools, and on location at special events.

Arleen Stalnaker

Literacy News

The year to date hours for literacy are 1520 including 797 hours for youth. For the month of January, our top earners are Arleen Stalnaker, Sue Orth and Phyllis Tacey. Congratulations, ladies. In March, I sent the grand total to the State Literacy Chair for this year. Then we start over again for another year. Thank you all for your efforts. The people you have helped thank you, too.

Henrietta Sebag

Upcoming Events



Theme
Recipe for the Future

State Assembly May 2007

OCREA Spring Luncheon

May 1st at 12 Noon

Cost \$12.00

Reservations and check due to
Bob Ford no later than
April 25th

Information and Protective Services

PRE-PAID FUNERALS

Buyers Beware

People believe that if they have a pre-paid funeral, everything's fine. It's a dangerous delusion. Too often funeral companies change hands, close their doors or raid trust funds. Then, when services are needed, there is no money.

BEFORE YOU BUY - - -

Think it over... Both AARP and the Funeral Consumers Alliance advise against pre-need contracts in most cases. Instead, consider depositing money in a separate interest-bearing account at your local bank. Name a beneficiary of the "pay on death" account, a relative or trusted friend, who will have immediate access to the money. Do not name a funeral home.

Bring a magnifying glass... Check the fine print carefully so you can determine what's covered.

Ask about refunds... Be certain the contract can be fully transferred to another funeral home, or the funds can be returned to you—in case you move or change your mind. Find out if there's a penalty for canceling the policy or missing payments.

Talk to a lawyer... Most important of all, have an attorney or trusted adviser review any pre-need contract before you sign.

For more detail on this, read the article, **R.I.P. OFF**, IN THE January/February AARP magazine.

Phyllis Tacey, Chairman

In Memoriam

June Miltenberger 2/8/08

Marian Steadman 2/13/08

Ina M. Burgust 2/20/08

Louise Murdock 3/4/08

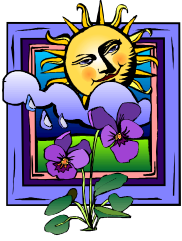
Emory O'Neal 3/8/08

Past President of OCREA

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Borders is getting ready for its semi-annual **Educator Savings Week, Wednesday, April 2 – Tuesday, April 8**. Current and **retired educators** will receive **25% off personal and educational purchases** of regularly priced books, CDs, DVDs, cafe items, gifts & stationery and more. Invitational flyers will be distributed to the membership at the April General Meeting. This is a national event and all Borders and Waldenbooks will be participating.



HOSPITALITY FOR
APRIL MEETING

Our hosts for the April meeting will be members with last names beginning with Q-Z. They will bring a refreshment to share with our members at the April 3rd general meeting. Please have your goodies at the meeting by 10:00 AM.

Greeting us at the door will be Jean Forest and Betty Yandle.

Sandra Kelly will bring a centerpiece.

Carol Egolf, Julia Greene, Lois Kolski, Mary Long, Henrietta Sebag, Nancy Singley, Phyllis Tacey and Margie Wells have signed up to bring goodies for the Ronald McDonald House.

Thought for the Day -- Martha Florey

Recipe For Happiness

- 2 Heaping cups of patience
- 1 Heart full of love
- 2 Hands full of generosity
- Dash of laughter
- 1 Head full of understanding
- Sprinkle generously with kindness
- Add plenty of faith and mix well.
- Spread over a period of a lifetime
- And serve everyone you meet.



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