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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This year's theme presented us with the opportunity to EXPLORE many things.

Our Cultural Affairs Chair, Ann Carmine, presented us with many opportunities to visit and EXPLORE Florida. Just to highlight a few - there were trips to the Marine Science Center at Ponce Inlet, Heritage Village, the car trip to hear a Kirk Organ Christmas Concert, cruising St Augustine, a visit to the Orlando History Center, attending the play "Little Shoppe of Horrors" at the Plaza before they closed and the culminating event to hear the Orlando Philharmonic play the music of John Williams. I hope I did not leave out your favorite.

Our Vice President, Margie Wells, put together some outstanding programs. We discovered the Maitland Historical Center, how to prevent falls, Richard Gomer showed us how to grow vegetables in Florida. In December the Princeton Elementary School singers charmed us with Holiday selections and in February Loretta and Frankie provided a musical program of old favorites. Larry Ady put together an outstanding "Know the Candidates" program. And who could forget Hector (and Sherry). What a wonderful mission to bring comfort and companionship to those in nursing homes and who would not want to read to Hector!

I can't wait to see what next year brings. See you May 7th at the Luncheon. *Sue Orth*



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Thursday, May 7, 2008**



## ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

**12:00 NOON**

**\$12.00**

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

## THEME

Safari—Explore the Possibilities

## Guest Speaker

Dr. Ann Winn, District 8 Director.

## PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

Due to limited parking, please carpool if possible.

## Credit Union News

By Nancy L. Whitecavage

### Community Shred & Recycle Day

In 2007, Florida was ranked fifth in the country for the number of identity-theft victims. Shredding is the first defense against identity theft. Join us at any of our three shred & recycle events from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:

- Oviedo Branch \* Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Clermont Branch \* Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>
- MetroWest Branch \* Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy free food and beverages between 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bring documents and also electronics<sup>1</sup> you'd like to safely discard. Information will be available to help you determine what to shred and what to keep and for how long. Most CFE branches offer safe deposit boxes where you can store items requiring safekeeping.

Radio Disney™ will be there for the kids!

<sup>1</sup>See [mycfe.com/shred](http://mycfe.com/shred) for a list of accepted electronics.

### Celebrate the Magic of Saving & Help Your School

CFE is giving kids the opportunity to help their school in the Magic of Savings Youth Celebration, April 20 through May 30, 2009. Students can vote online for their favorite school for a chance to win: \$1,000 for their school, \$250 for their school's PTA and a MacBook™ laptop for themselves!

Parents, take your kids to [mycfe.com/youth](http://mycfe.com/youth) for a chance to win. Entries must be submitted by May 16, 2009. Plus, open a new CFE youth account for your child during our Magic of Savings celebration of youth and CFE will match your deposit up to \$10, plus a free gift<sup>2</sup>.

*<sup>1</sup>Parent or legal guardian must provide permission for student's entry. No purchase necessary. Contest runs from April 20– May16, 2009. CFE employees, volunteers and their family members are ineligible to win. Official rules available at [mycfe.com/youth](http://mycfe.com/youth).*

*<sup>2</sup>Certain restrictions apply. Offer expires 5/30/09. Account must remain open 6 months or member will forfeit the matched amount.*

### CFE's Annual Scholarship Opportunity

The 2009 CFE scholarship applications are available now through May 31 on our Website: [mycfe.com/scholarship/](http://mycfe.com/scholarship/).

We will be awarding six scholarships of \$1,000 each (annually renewable up to another three consecutive years, totaling a maximum of \$4,000 per recipient).

Scholarships may be applied for by graduating high-school seniors who are themselves members of CFE or who are dependents of CFE members. Six eligible recipients will be randomly selected from among all of the applications received: one student each from Orange, Osceola, Lake and Seminole counties and two students from the membership at large.

Scholarship recipients will be randomly selected and notified no later than June 30. Mail completed applications to 1000 Primera Blvd., Lake Mary, FL 32746, ATTN: Marketing, or drop them off to any CFE Branch location before May 31.

#### Upcoming Events

State Assembly May 27-29, 2009  
St. Petersburg, FL

**OCREA Spring Luncheon**  
May 7th at 12 Noon

Cost \$12.00

Reservations and check due to Bob Ford no later than  
May 1, 2009



#### FREF REPORT

FREF Chairperson Chris Couch

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund  
for  
April 2009

General Meeting: \$58.00 Little Red Schoolhouse  
Book Sales: \$11.00  
Board Meeting \$19.00



## INFORMATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Phyllis Tacey, Chairperson

### HOME SAFETY

#### RESPONDING TO PEOPLE AT THE DOOR -MALE OR FEMALE

- D**on't open your door without using DOORSTOP code.
- O**bserve first. Always check by looking through a window or door viewer.
- O**nly open your door partly with security chain connected.
- R**efuse entry if in doubt and telephone the police.
- S**witch on outside lights when dark to see who is there.
- T**hink "suspicious". Strangers may be thieves trying to gain entry.
- O**nly open the door after examining identification and are sure it is genuine.
- P**rotect your family as well. Make sure children know the code.

People may try to gain entry by asking to use the telephone, asking for a glass of water, asking for donations, impersonating sales representative, officials, trades people and others.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Arleen Stalnaker, Chairperson*

The people on our Top Ten List are Tom Ard, Gerri Dixon, Mildred Dunlap, Carol Egolf, Jean Forest, Ouida Harmon, Judy Henry, Elizabeth Kerley, Sue Orth, and Fran Wineset because of all the time they spend helping others. Each and every one ( of our 370 members ) is wanted for Community Service. OCREA wants you to make the Honor Roll by turning in volunteer hours every month. We will be honoring some of our volunteers at the May meeting. Please keep a record of your volunteer hours for May, June, July, and August to turn in at the September

### LITERACY NEWS

For the year 2008-2009, we turned in 1326 total literacy hours, 924 were youth hours. Now we are starting a new countdown for 2009-2010. Please make sure to turn in your hours for March, so we can have a roaring good start! Let's hope the new year will be better than the last.

We are happy to announce the Literacy Volunteer for this year: Ruth Ford. Thank you Ruth, and all the other volunteers who have made this a successful year.

*Henrietta Sebag, Chairperson*

### HOSPITALITY FOR MAY MEETING

Greeting us at the door will be Joan Gates and Ellen James

Mary Long, Blanca Hernandez, Joan Gates, Phyllis Tacey, Betty Yandle, and Henrietta Sebag have signed up to bring goodies for the Ronald McDonald House.

Thought for the Day -- Rufus Brooks

**In Memoriam**  
**Alice Meister**

Have a great summer.  
See you on Sept 3rd



Community Service Volunteer of the Year.

**Ouida Harmon**

Since her 37 years of teaching she has been doing 26 years of volunteering. Her experience as a media specialist has been put to good use at Westminster Towers, Great Oaks Village, Pershing Elementary School, and in her church library. She is working in the ministry of her church by hosting several women's mission groups, making clothes for needy children, and teaching sewing skills to middle school children. Ouida has been a member of O.C.R.E.A. for 26 years. She lends a hand at each meeting - - greeting, distributing materials, arranging refreshments and luncheon tables, packing and carrying supplies and items for service projects. On behalf of O.C.R.E.A. and her church she faithfully sends letters and cards to cheer and encourage members. We are honored to have such a caring, giving person as a member of our unit.

***FREF Extravaganza***

**LAST CHANCE**

**Contact Chris Couch**

**For information about**

**The Future Teachers Fund Fundraiser**



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