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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's been a hot, hot, hot summer. I hope you had a great summer and are ready for another BIG year with OCREA. Our Vice President Margie Wells has put together an outstanding array of programs. You will not want to miss a one. Check your 2009-2010 Yearbook and the website for a complete list.

Mildred Dunlap, our yearbook editor, wants you to check your personal information carefully and notify her or Bob Ford if there are any corrections or changes.

Communication is a very important part of any organization. We have a new Chairperson coordinating the Telephone tree. These wonderful members do an outstanding job notifying the membership of upcoming meetings and gathering data. We have a need to identify these volunteers and the people they call. If you are a member or would like to join this special group, contact Diane Esquinaldo (321-239-4881) or me (407-644-4756). Many hands make a job lighter.

Another new face will be greeting you at the front table. Pam Smith will be handling the badges. So be sure to say Hi as you get your badge.

At Assembly in May, we walked away with 2 badges, 5 certificates and Ouida Harman was presented with the Volunteer of the Year plaque for our District.

Be sure to come and hear about the happenings and ohh and ahh over the awards.

Sue Orth

Treasurers Report

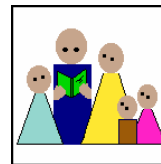
2008-2009 fiscal year

7/1/2008	\$ 3,766.16	Checking account
	\$16,263.42	Income 2008-09
	\$20,029.58	Sub-Total
	\$15,040.61	Expenses 2008-09
6/30/2009	\$4,988.97	Balance

Cert. of Deposit for 2008-09:
Interest is for scholarships.

\$16,321.07	30 June 2009
\$15,818.20	1 July 2008

\$ 502.87 Increase for 2008-09



September is National Literacy Month.

It's the perfect time to get involved in making sure that children and adults in our community can read!

Have you been busy volunteering for literacy this summer? Be sure to bring all of your summer hours to the September meeting.

Remember to keep track of your hours!

HELP PUBLICIZE OCREA

If you know of local/neighborhood publications in which we could freely advertise our monthly OCREA meetings, contact our publicity chairpersons Frank & Patricia Johnson with the name and email address of those publications--or better yet, bring them sample copies. If you ever see a notice about OCREA in some paper you are reading, please bring a copy to Frank & Patricia at the next meeting so they can see how our notices appear in various papers. Thank you.

Frank and Patricia Johnson

In Memoriam

Mrs. Edith B. Taylor

16 July 2009

Credit Union News

By Nancy L. Whitecavage

CFE Will Generate Thousands of Dollars for Area School Districts With New Affinity Debit Card Program

CFE Federal Credit Union announced an exciting affinity debit card program that will generate thousands of dollars annually for Central Florida school districts. The credit union celebrated the roll out of this initiative, called MyCFE4Schools, by inviting area school superintendents Ronald Blocker of Orange County, Michael A. Grego, Ed.D. of Osceola County, and Bill Vogel, Ed.D. of Seminole County to a special kick-off event where they were presented with the very first card for their respective school district.

Through this program CFE will donate \$.05 to the card holder's participating school district or foundation every time the MyCFE4Schools debit card is used for a signature-based purchase. Each school district has a custom debit card, and members can select which school district they want to support when ordering their MyCFE4Schools debit card. As more people begin using this affinity debit card frequently, more money will be generated for their district. Plus, there's no cost to the school districts, and no charge for the cardholder.

"It's an important responsibility for CFE to be a Business Partner in Education." said Joseph A. Melbourne, Jr., President and CEO of CFE. "We know that schools benefit greatly from the support of community leaders, and we are especially excited about this new program that will provide extra funds for the school districts during economic downturns and economic prosperity."

The area superintendents will be able to use these unencumbered funds at their discretion to advance the quality of education for students. All superintendents agree that this program is good for the schools and that MyCFE4Schools debit card funds will help them achieve some of their goals to inspire their students.

To help jump start the program, CFE is giving away \$12,500 to individual schools across Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties during a limited-time fundraiser. From September 7 through September 30, individual schools can earn a \$5 donation for every referral they make that results in a new MyCFE4Schools debit card. The offer is limited to the first 2,500 people. Schools will be encouraging their staffs, students, and parents to support the MyCFE4Schools program and to take advantage of the fundraiser once schools are back in session.

FREF Report

Our 2007 Ruth and Ernest Hawk Scholarship recipient, Jessica Hornbuckle is enjoying her junior year at the University of Central Florida.

Members are reminded that contribution to the Little Red Schoolhouse and the paperback sales benefit the Scholarship Fund

FREF Chairperson Chris Couch

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a way to continue to invest in the lives of children? We need your knowledge and experience! The Orlando Science Center is looking for dedicated individuals who would be willing to volunteer in the following areas: read stories, lead arts and crafts, lead music time, be an assistant in one of our science labs, and/or be an exhibit hall guide for school field trips. If you are interested in volunteering in one or more of these areas please contact our volunteer Manager, Sarah Clark, by email: sclark@osc.org or by phone: 407-514-2223 or Melanie Turner mturner@osc.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

I hope you found time to do some volunteering this summer. If you did volunteer please turn in the total number of hours for May, June, July, and August at our September meeting. You can use the form provided in this newsletter.

Arleen Stalnaker

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer Report

Record your hours on the form below and bring it to the next meeting or mail to Arleen Stalnaker

Name: _____

Month: _____

Church _____

Civic/Community: _____

Ecology/Environment: _____

Hospital/Hospice/Private: _____

Personal Help: _____

Schools: _____

OCREA: _____

FREA: _____

Misc. (List Activity) _____

Total hours _____

of hours from the above **total** that benefited young people: _____

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HEALTH CORNER

This year it is extremely important to focus on Health Care Legislation that will greatly impact each and every one of us; as well as the generations that will follow us.

The need for Health Care Reform is great, but we cannot sit back and trust that the changes made will actually be great. We must try to learn exactly what the changes will be and how the ripple effect of each of these changes may impact all of us, not just a few of us. We must ensure that our Government Representatives truly study these issues and read the Bills before taking a vote. While we can never expect to have everyone agree on what changes should be made, we should assume some responsibility by contacting our Representatives and let them know we are going to hold them accountable to represent us in Washington.

Send letters, make phone calls, or send emails to our Florida Senators and Congressmen urging them to take the time to make effective and efficient changes in our Health Care System. This should not be rushed through without understanding the long term effects of the large and small changes embedded in these bills.

Contact Senator Mel Martinez

315 East Robinson Street
 Landmark Center 1, Suite 475
 Orlando, FL 32801
 Telephone: (407) 254-2573, Fax: (407) 423-0941, Toll free: (866) 630-7106
 TTY: (407) 254-5548

Contact Senator Bill Nelson:

Landmark Two
 225 East Robinson Street, Ste 410
 Orlando, Florida 32801
 Phone: 407-872-7161, Toll Free in Florida: 1-888-671-4091, Fax: 407-872-7165
 Congressional Representatives: To find who your district representative is: Google 'Contacting Congress', enter your zip code and contact information will come up. Or, if you know your Congressman's name, Google it and the contact information will come up.

Let your voices be heard! It does make a difference!

Lois Kolski

ORANGE COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

2009-10 MEMBERSHIP

Unified Dues: \$40.00 **Amount remitted**_____

Membership: New_____ Renewal_____ Associate_____

Make check payable to OCREA (Orange County Retired Educators' Association)
 Mail to: **Robert H. Ford, 2480 Deloraine Trail, Maitland, FL 32751 (phone: 407-644-7092)**

Mrs, Miss, Ms., Mr, Dr. _____

 Number Street P.O. Box/Route City State Zip+4

Phone() _____ Check if new address/Phone number _____

Date of Birth (needed to ascertain 90's club membership) _____

Date Retired _____ State from which retired _____ School _____

e-mail address _____

This is more than a meeting

It's a little break in life

To enjoy the company of special people

**OCREA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

Thursday, September 3, 2009

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: Welcome Reception

Music Presentation:

College Park UMC Primary School Students

Hosts & Hostesses:

OCREA Board members A-J

Sure hope you will be there

Due to limited parking, please carpool if possible.

WHY JOIN OCREA & FREA?

Some of the reasons given by members include:

- **Fellowship** with a congenial group of retired educators who meet monthly.
- **Insurance**, including dental, long term care, Medicare supplemental, prescription, travel accident and vision.
- **Monitoring** of the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund and the Health Insurance Subsidy Trust Fund.
- **Legislative updates** regarding pending bills affecting retired and active educators.
- **Scholarships** for future teachers at both the local and state level and fundraising to support them.
- Opportunities for **travel and social outings** at both the local and state level.
- Department of Elder Affairs updates, especially regarding criminal activities aimed toward the elderly and access to affordable and adequate health care.

An application for membership is included in this newsletter, or phone Ruth or Bob Ford at 407-644-7092 for more information. If you are not currently a member, please consider attending our September meeting for more information, or simply send in your application with the \$40 membership dues.

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Ruth Ford, Membership Chair

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