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Message from the President

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Dear Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families doing well following all the bad weather events of the past summer. It has been gratifying to see and hear of the sense of love and caring that Americans showed for one another and for their neighbors in Puerto Rico, the islands and Mexico. It is with this sense of gratitude and giving that we approach the upcoming holiday season.

There are many opportunities for volunteering and giving mentioned in this newsletter. One in particular gained my attention. It is the E. H. Mott Learning Center. You will notice a letter from its founder, Carmen Hamer. The center was founded in memory of Carmen's sister Eudeen Mott. I knew Eugene personally, as she taught at Lakeville Elementary School where I had the honor of being her principal. Eudeen was a marvelous teacher and an exceptional individual. Take a look at this volunteer opportunity. Many of you may have known Eudeen. In addition to teaching at Lakeville, she also taught at Windermere and Wolf Lake Elementary Schools. I will be happy to provide you more information on request.

Dr. Kim I. Stutsman, President OCREA

Bylaws Change

The Bylaws Committee: Mildred Dunlap, Prince Kelley, and Ellen James, Chair, made the following recommendation last spring. The Board approved it in May and is sending it to the General Membership for approval at the November General Membership Meeting.

Current reading: 10.02: BYLAWS: The Bylaws of the Orange County Retired Educators Association shall be reviewed for change at least every two (2) years. Following a bylaws review by a committee, the Board of Directors will consider all proposed updates at the January Board of Directors. Proposals approved by the Board of Directors will be announced to the general membership via the March newsletter. All changes to the bylaws will be presented and voted on at the April general meeting. The proposed bylaws will be amended by a majority vote of those present and voting. The bylaws as amended shall be effective at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1st.

Bylaws proposed change: 10.02: BYLAWS: The Bylaws of the Orange County Retired Educators Association shall be reviewed for change at least every two (2) years. Following a bylaws review by a committee, the Board of Directors will consider all proposed updates. Proposals approved by the Board of Directors will be announced to the general membership via the next newsletter. The bylaws will be presented and voted on at the next general meeting. The bylaws as amended shall be effective immediately

11.02: Adoption of Bylaws: May 1976; November 1978; May 1981; April 1989; April 1991; November 1994; November 1996; December 1997; October 1999; May 2002; May 2006; April 2008; March 2012; March 2015; December 2016. November 2017

**OCREA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
First Thursday of each month Sept.—May**

College Park United Methodist Church

644 W. Princeton St., Orlando

(Located on the corner of Princeton and Edgewater Dr. Entrance is across from Publix on Harvard at the back of the church. If the parking lot is full, parking is available along Harvard.)

Thursday, November 2, 2017

10:00 AM Social gathering and refreshments

10:30 AM Program and Business

“Healthy Eating for Vitality”

Guest Speaker: Rob Graham
from Hoover Market

Refreshments: General Membership D-G

Needs: Literacy League Office Supplies



Thursday, December 7, 2017

10:00 AM Social gathering and refreshments

10:30 AM Program and Business

Seasonal Music by

Refreshments: General Membership H-L

Donations and Silent Auction to Benefit
Great Oaks Village



Thursday, January 4, 2018

10:00 AM Social gathering and refreshments

10:30 AM Program and Business

Orange Technical College/Scholarships

Guest Speaker: Teriann Wright
Senior Manager, CTE Financial Services and
Compliance Career and Technical Education

Refreshments: Board Members

Thank You
We appreciate these members for
answering our cry for help!

Recording Secretary:
Gayle Hodges.
Retirement Committee Chair:
Debra Dykes Kornhause

Audubon Center for Birds of Prey

This field trip is “for the birds”! A guided tour of the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey is planned for **Thursday, February 15 at 10 AM**. The visit includes information about the history and mission of the center, as well as meeting a feathered ambassador. The cost of the tour is \$100 so we will need 10-15 participants to make this trip “fly.” The closer to 15, the less each will need to pay. The **deadline for signing up is February 1**, our general meeting date. **Please note: if we do not have a group of 10 by that date, the tour will have to be cancelled.**

A lunch location is still to be determined. Please join us!

Anne Gardepe, Cultural Affairs
annegard64@gmail.com

Course title: **Four Henrys of Florida: Early Advances in Transportation and Tourism in the Sunshine State**

Instructor: **Anne Gardepe**
Fridays, November 3, 10, 17, 2017; 1-2:30 PM

Description:

In this course students will learn about the lives and accomplishments of four men named Henry who generated amazing progress in transportation and tourism in Florida from the late 19th century to the mid-20th. They are **Henry Shelton Sanford**, diplomat and city founder; **Henry Bradley Plant** and **Henry Morrison Flagler**, both developers and railroad builders and **Henry Ford**, industrialist and founder of Ford Motor Company

Volunteer Services

As many people attempt to recover from Irma, our good thoughts and prayers go out to them and our members. Have you helped your neighbor with coffee, temporary housing or recovery from the hurricane in addition to your other monthly volunteer time? Please remember to share your volunteer hours on your monthly report. Volunteering to help others is what we do best! Please email me with your hours if you are not at a meeting to complete your report.

Joanne Canarelli, Volunteer Services Chair
jbc610@embarqmail.com

Ronald McDonald House needs the following: paper products such as paper plates, paper towels, napkins, cups; plastic spoons, forks, knives; coffee; creamer; sugar and sugar substitutes; hotel size shampoo, soap, lotion; toothpaste and tooth brushes; zip lock bags. Please bring in your contribution each month. Keep saving pop tabs for RMCD House.

Book sale each month to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Bring in your used books for the sale.

Trivia answers:

1. True
2. True

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

November marks the first of our big three civic projects. We will collect office supplies for the **Adult Literacy League**.

All kind of items are used, but the most popular item in the office is copy paper.

Big needs for the Family Literacy program, serving many county pre-k/Head Start centers --

- paper plates (generic grocery brands work best)
- green construction paper
- sandwich-sized zip baggies
- pastel pink or blue copy paper

Please bring your donations (we will bring several boxes to carry them over to headquarters, and thanks to Cathy Thompson who will help deliver them) to our November OCREA meeting.

At our **December Meeting** we will have a Silent Auction and also collect cash/check donations for **Great Oaks Village**, which is a residential foster group home for children ages 6 to 18+ who have been removed from their homes by the State of Florida due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. Children are placed here by the Department of Children and Family Services and Community Based Care of Central Florida.

Thank you!
Carol Egolf

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Greetings!

My name is Carmen M. Hamer. I am the administrator at the newly formed E. H. Mott Learning Center. We are a private learning center located in Orlando, near downtown.

I am reaching out to you to request support in finding retired teachers who might be interested in volunteering at my learning center.

Primarily, I work with learners who are challenged by emotional, behavioral or specific learning disabilities (K-adult). Currently, there are 5 learners enrolled:

Grade 1 - 1 Grade 4 - 1 Grade 6 - 2 Grade 7 - 1

I am interested in getting enough volunteers to cover the daily activities, either through full-time or part-time hours.

I am also looking for someone to serve as an educational advisor; and if possible, someone to assist with picking up and dropping off the learners, until more stable transportation is in place. If you require additional information, or have questions about this request, please contact me by phone at 321-423-4128; or by email classylinks2012@gmail.com.

Any assistance you can provide would be appreciated. Thank you.

Carmen Hamer

MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIR

The 2017 - 2018 OCREA year stormed in with strength and a vengeance creating life-altering changes for many. Irma pulled many of us closer together with family and friends. In one way or another, we have each had to find inner strength and vitality whether we were directly impacted or just affected by the devastation and loss of life we had to confront when reading and viewing the news reports. I am confident that we, at OCREA, will be stronger and more vital because we are all friends and pull together to help each other and our community.

It was so good to see so many of us at our first meeting in spite of impending Irma. The meeting feedback we received was very good. We learned about OCREA'S and FREA's organizational structure via a wonderful presentation given by Kim Stutsman, our president. We learned of our new vitality checkpoint cards that will be stamped every time you attend an OCREA general meeting or field trip. If you bring a guest, you receive an extra stamp and if that guest becomes a member, you receive two extra stamps. The member(s) with the highest number of stamps before our End of the Year Luncheon will receive a free OCREA membership for next year!

Please remember, to talk to potential members wherever you go or to whomever you know. They might have been a custodian, yard person, maintenance worker, a food service worker, bus driver, teacher, classroom teacher, elective teacher, para professional, guidance counselor, or administrator. In other words, they will have had to work with education in some way somewhere. We do not limit our membership to only Orange County retirees. I myself, retired from Broward County,

The Program Committee worked very hard to select guest speakers and topics of interest to you. They reflect our theme – Vitality: The Heart of OCREA and will be very informative for all of us. We are extremely excited about this year's programs and we hope the programs will all positively influence you.

Sharon Kochlany, Ed.D.
Vice-President

Vitality Trivia Questions

1. Skipping meals can lead to out-of-control hunger, often resulting in overeating.
True or False
2. Excess body fat increases your chances for high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, some types of cancer, and other illnesses.
True or False



News from CFE

Disaster Assistance and Disaster Rebuilding Loans Available

Recovery from Hurricane Irma has begun for Central Florida. If you have been affected by the hurricane, CFE is now offering Disaster Assistance and Disaster Rebuilding loans to assist members in the recovery process.

Short Term Recovery Loan: Cover insurance deductibles or loss of personal belongings with this loan.

- 12-month term
- Lending rate of .75%
- Maximum loan amount of \$1,200

Hurricane Assistance Loan: Make payments for moving costs or home repair with this loan.

- 36-month term
- Lending rate of 3.75%
- Maximum loan amount of \$5,000

Disaster Rebuilding Loan: Cover costly home repairs from storm damage with this loan.

- 60-month term
- Lending rate of 6.75%
- Maximum loan amount of \$10,000

To qualify for these loans, you must reside in the state of Florida, meet standard underwriting guidelines, and be a CFE member in good standing. Additional qualifications may exist.

To learn more or apply, call our Contact Center at 407-896-9411 or 800-771-9411 or visit any one of our 22 branches across Central Florida.

GET SET WITH DIRECT DEPOSIT

Signing up for direct deposit is an easy, safe, and secure way to get paid on payday without experiencing any of the inconveniences associated with paper checks.

CFE offers its members the opportunity to sign up for direct deposit with absolutely no charge associated. The benefits of using direct deposit are many:

- Faster access to your money each pay period
- Eliminates the risk of losing a paper check
- Avoid monthly maintenance fees
- Fund your automatic bill payments on a regular basis

To sign up for direct deposit with CFE, call our Contact Center, visit any CFE branch, or visit mycfe.com/forms to download the direct deposit form.

BUSINESS CREDIT CARD

Manage your business expenses with the flexibility that a CFE Business Visa® credit card provides. The CFE Business Visa credit card offers competitive rates and the ability to transfer balances from another non-CFE business credit card.

- Minimum credit line amount of \$500; Maximum credit line amount of \$25,000
- No annual fee, balance transfer or cash advance fee
- 1% foreign transaction fee¹
- Zero liability fraud protection²
- Account information always available via Online Banking, Mobile Banking, and Telephone Banking

If you're searching for the perfect solution to help manage your business' expenses while protecting your business against fraudulent activity, apply today.³

¹The average card issuer charges a 2%-3% foreign transaction fee. ²The VISA Zero Liability policy does not apply to ATM transactions, PIN transactions not processed by Visa, or certain commercial transactions. Notify us promptly of any unauthorized use. ³Certain restrictions apply. Loans are granted based on creditworthiness and the ability to repay.

FRS Retirement Benefits

Your monthly retirement payment information is now available from your FRS Online account. To access this information log in to your account at the Division of Retirement's secure website (<https://www.rol.frs.state.fl.us/login.aspx>). After logging in, click on the "Account Information" link to view your payment information. When logged in to your FRS Online account you may view and update confidential retirement information (including your direct deposit authorization, mailing address and federal tax withholding preference). Periodically when you log in, we recommend that you review your profile settings also to determine if your communication preferences still suit your needs.

Additional Website Information

The [Retirees Page](#) at the Division of Retirement's website (www.frs.MyFlorida.com) has additional resources such as "Forms Used by Retirees", short video clips with helpful information under "FRS Quick Clips", link to the 2017 Schedule of Retirement Benefit Payments, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

You may also click on the [Publications Page](#) for the current *Retiree Newsletter* plus a copy of our *Ready. Set. Retire.* guide.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Division of Retirement encourages retirees to volunteer and give back to their communities. The [volunteer opportunities](#) document, provided by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, lists several volunteer opportunities for retired public employees. If you have trouble opening the document, you may use the link above to access the Retirees page. From there, navigate to the bottom of the page for a download link for Adobe PDF reader.

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You may contact our office by mail, telephone or email for other retirement account or FRS Online service questions:

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In the event of inclement weather, OCREA will follow Orange County Public School System's decision relating to the closing of schools. If weather conditions have you questioning whether OCREA will meet, tune in to your local news to hear the decision of OCPS.