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Message from the President

I can't believe how fast the summer months are flying by. It brings back former teaching year memories when I use to lament that the summer vacation was coming to a close, while at the same time, I would get exhilarated about a new upcoming school year. I would think about greeting new students and implementing exciting lesson plans. I would think about interacting with my peers again. I would think about growing professionally. I find myself feeling those same emotions of excitement once again as I anticipate a new and invigorating year as a member and the president of OCREA!

The program committee has been working very diligently planning our upcoming general meetings. A big thank you goes out to committee members: Susan Brown, Dr. Gayle Hodges, Debra Dykes Kornhaus, Cathy Thompson, and Christie Woods.

The theme this year is: "OCREA: Making A Difference". The focus will be on what we as retirees can engage in to give back to our communities while also becoming better-informed and healthy citizens. The speakers we have arranged for are dynamic experts in their fields. Each one of them has already been heard by one or more of our committee members and was highly recommended. I am so excited about the programs for this year and I know that we will all benefit from them.

And then there are the field trips! Anne Gardepe (OCREA's Cultural Affairs Chairperson), and her committee members (John Gardepe and Debra Dykes Kornhaus) have arranged for several awesome and entertaining outings throughout the year, some of which will correlate to our general meeting topics. Aside from going to some fantastic and fun places, field trips allow us to interact socially and really get to know each other. OCREA is not only about giving back and lifelong learning; it is about camaraderie and friendship!

Our members are very fortunate to be part of OCREA, but there are many other potential members who have not discovered the benefits that OCREA offers. We need every member to spread the word about OCREA and recruit new members. Every organization must revitalize itself to endure and grow. We are encouraging each and every member to bring someone new to our meetings and field trips. Any person who has served in any capacity as part of an educational institution is eligible to become a voting member. If you have a friend who was never part of an educational institution, bring them too. They can become associate members who can partake in all of our activities without voting privileges. As our membership chairperson, Cathy Thompson, always states, "Each One Reach One".

I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on September 6th at 10:00am at the College Park United Methodist Church in College Park. I hope that you bring a new potential member for all of us to meet!

Sharon Kochlany, Ed.D.
OCREA President

OCREA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
First Thursday of each month Sept.—May (except January)

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.)

**Each month members sign up to bring snacks
and supplies for Ronald McDonald House.**

	Thursday, September 6, 2018
	10:00 AM Social gathering and refreshments 10:30 AM Program and Business
	Refreshments furnished by Board Members
	Program: Making a Difference in Your Personal Life
	Speaker: Gary Moser <i>“Where it all began...my genealogy legacy.”</i>

Thursday, October 4, 2018
10:00 AM Social gathering and refreshments 10:30 AM Program and Business
Refreshments —General Membership A—C
Program: Making a Difference in Our Community
Speaker: Eric Gray from <i>Up Orlando</i> “Up Against Poverty”

DISTRICT 8 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
Friday, October 12
8:30-3:00

Osceola Commission on Aging

Join FREA District 8 Members from Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Polk REAs for fellowship, fun, and learning. Breakfast and lunch are included with your \$25 registration. Registration forms and more detailed information will be available at our September meeting. Deadline to register is October 1.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Joanne Canarelli

A.S.K. Any Simple Kindness counts you as a Volunteer.

Community service is often one of the most rewarding ways to spend your free time. Giving time to your community or other communities is one of the most gratifying things you can do so says experts on community health.

Giving your time to help people/communities to be more prepared for learning, economic stability, and good public health is incredibly important. There are many ways to do so:

- Join a local [Citizen Corps Council](#)
- Join a [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#)
- Volunteering with your [local American Red Cross chapter](#)
- Locally call the Adult Literacy League
- Ronald McDonald House now has 3 locations
- Your community Children's Center or local school among many others

We, OCREA and I, look forward to meeting you and our newest members at monthly meetings and collecting your generous volunteer hours on the forms provided or email.

Best sunshine,
Joanne Canarelli

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FREF Scholarship: Gary Moser

This is an historic year for Orange County Retired Educators Association. We have three FREF Scholarship recipients in college at the same time. All three received \$2000 from OCREA at the beginning of their freshman year and each are receiving \$1000 from FREF for each year of their enrollment in school. That is a total of \$6000 for each of them.

How do we raise money for these scholarships you might ask? We pass around the Little Red Schoolhouse at every general membership meeting and every meeting of the Board of Directors. We also have our own Retired Educators Foundation of Orange County (REFOC) which supplements our Ernest and Ruth Hawk Scholarship fund so that we can award the \$2000 every year. We have been averaging close to \$1000 a year in book sales and Little Red Schoolhouse contributions. That covers almost half of the scholarship.

We help fund the Florida Retired Educators Foundation (FREF) with sales of Extravaganza tickets in the winter and spring. These tickets enter the purchaser into a drawing for cash prizes at the annual FREA convention.

Our organization also made a one-time donation to the FREF to fund a designated scholarship in the name of one of our former directors. Joe Wallace was instrumental in starting our own foundation, so a scholarship is given in his name every four or so years as the monies are available.

REFOC (Retired Educators Foundation of Orange County) Scholarships 2018

The Scholarship Committee has been busy this year. We awarded one Educator's Scholarship in February and twelve Academic Scholarships during the summer. Ninety-two applications were submitted for the Academic Scholarship, eighty-two qualified and twelve were chosen. They represented eight out of twenty high schools. Twelve Technical Scholarships were awarded in August making a total of twenty-five scholarships for this calendar year...that's \$37,000 this calendar year.

The Foundation began awarding scholarships in 2011 and to date has awarded over \$200,000.00 in scholarships. The first scholarships were the Academic...given to graduating seniors entering colleges. These were for \$2000 each. Next came Technical... given to students in the Technical College who were working on certification, which were \$1000 each. Finally came the Educator Scholarship given to a classroom teacher working on a Master's Degree for \$2000. Over the years we have awarded scholarships to more than 100 students seeking to reach their potential in the workforce of our country.

Members of the Foundation Scholarship Committee are Barbara Burns, Gary Moser, Leanna Issacson, Marie Hernandez, Christie Woods, Jane Barry, Janice Quint, and outgoing Chair Ellen James.

Information Services: Debra Dykes Kornhaus

Greetings! This year OCREA is making a difference with members.

Did you know that your FREA membership card, and OCREA Information Services may serve as resources to assist with a variety of FREA member benefits?

Did you know that FREA programs are available to all FREA General or Associate members?

Have you taken advantage of FREA membership benefits discounts?

Have you received your new FREA membership card, or need a replacement card?

Contact the FREA Office: [\(727\)-577-6400](tel:7275776400) or www.FREA.org

For more information, questions, or concerns, please contact: Debra Dykes Kornhaus, OCREA Information Services Chairperson Unionlady4ever@gmail.com

Membership: Cathy Thompson

Have you renewed your membership or joined OCREA for the first time? If not don't delay. September 6, 2018 begins our new year. For just \$50.00 a membership in OCREA helps the Florida State Retirement System support the Defined Benefit Program for retirees, and their efforts to seek additional increments for Health insurance subsidies programs. OCREA, through its foundation (REFOC), awards scholarships to high school and technical school students as well as teachers for post graduate studies. Join TODAY to enjoy the camaraderie of colleagues, get involved in a special interest group or volunteer with a local charity. I look forward to seeing you at our "OCREA: Making a Difference" September 6, Welcome Reception. We meet at College Park Methodist Church's social hall (located on the corner of Edgewater Drive and Harvard St). Membership applications will be available. Bring a friend!!!! Let's do this and bring our membership to 300.

**ORANGE COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP**

Unified Dues- \$50 **Amount Remitted** _____
I would like to support FREA's Legislative Advocacy for an additional: \$4.00

Membership: New____ Renewal____ Associate_____

Make checks payable to OCREA (Orange County Retired Educators Association)
Mail to Jennifer Cunningham, PO Box 678236, Orlando, FL 32867
(phone: 407-712-4529)

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MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIR

I want to welcome you back to the 2018-19 membership year. I hope that you had a restful summer and are looking forward to the coming year.

The program committee met several times during the summer to plan an amazing program for all of us.

The theme for the year is, "OCREA: Making a Difference". We chose this theme because it can be thought of in two ways.

The first is making a difference in your personal life. This will be the topic of our first meeting. The second way is differences you can make in your communities. This topic will be highlighted in our second meeting.

September 6 will start with a welcome back brunch, provided by the OCREA Board. After we enjoy the food, our first speaker, Gary Moser, will present a program "Where does it all begin...my genealogy legacy". We hope that you will find the topic interesting and there will be activities to go along with the program.

October 4 will introduce the topic of differences you can make in our communities. Our speaker will be Eric Gray from Up Orlando. He will be talking about "Up Against Poverty." We will also have members give synopses of organizations where they volunteer.

I hope that you can see that our theme is one that shows how you can make a difference and we hope to see all of you on September 6.

Submitted,

Gayle Hodges, Vice-President OCREA

Cultural Affairs: Anne Gardepe



Come join us for the first OCREA field trip of the year on Friday, October 26! We will visit **United Against Poverty** Orlando at 150 W. Michigan Street. We will meet there at 10:30 AM for an hour tour and then have lunch (11:45) at Vanbarry's Public House, 4120 S. Orange Avenue, 32806. I think you will be amazed at the work this organization is doing in an effort to meet multiple needs of the people in our community! This will be the perfect follow-up after hearing UP Orlando Executive Director Eric Gray at our general meeting October 4. For more information or to sign up, email Anne Gardepe at annegard64@gmail.com.

Let's refresh our knowledge of local history at **Fort Christmas Historical Park!**

We will meet there on **Friday, November 9, at 10 AM** for a tour of the fort and the 7 historic homes, approximately 1 ½ hours. The cost is \$3 for seniors---such a deal! Please plan to bring a bag lunch for yourself and perhaps a dessert to share (optional). There will be a pavilion reserved for us.

The park is located at 1300 N. Fort Christmas Road (CR 420), Christmas, FL, 32709.

Find a map and much more information at www.nbbd.com/godo/FortChristmas/.

Future trips this year will likely include a Christmas play, Orlando Science Center, Howey Mansion, Winter Park boat tour, Give Kids the World, and a movie in May. Let's get together as often as possible for learning, fun and fellowship!

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

Where to sign up or learn more: www.rollins.edu/evening/senior-enrichment-courses

Instructor: Anne Gardepe

Wednesdays in October---10, 17, 24 and 31; PM time to be determined

Course 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.

News from CFE

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- Indirect Dealers- CFE partners with a wide variety of auto dealerships in the Central Florida area. Whatever make or model you're looking for, CFE has a connection to make your car buying experience a breeze. Our indirect dealers are there to assist you with the best deal and will help you submit your auto loan paperwork to CFE.
- Auto Wholesale Direct- Auto Wholesale Direct has been a primary source for wholesale auto buying in the Central Florida Region since 1999. Auto Wholesale Direct is a partner with CFE that offers a red-carpet, white-glove car concierge service. You tell AWD what type of vehicle you are looking for and they will locate the best car at a great price. Once AWD locates vehicle they will arrange a time for you to preview it. Test drive the vehicle and if you like it, simply sign the paperwork and drive off happy.
- Enterprise Car Sales- Enterprise has a great selection of vehicles with one of the industry's best used car warranties. Shop by body type, make, model, price, or MPG. Browse through thousands of vehicles in a variety of makes and models. Roadside assistance, a seven-day buyback program, and full-year warranties are a few of the services that Enterprise can offer.
- Carvana- Carvana is the leading e-commerce platform for buying used cars and provides members with a simple, affordable and convenient car buying solution. As CFE members, you have access to a Carvana/CFE co-branded website, can apply your CFE loan pre-approval to over 12,000 Carvana vehicles, and can complete your purchase online in a matter of minutes, all from the comfort of your home.

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CFE Holiday Closing Dates:

Monday, September 3 – Labor Day

Monday, October 8 – Columbus Day

VOLUNTEER HOURS Our current totals indicate that we are most generous in our volunteer hours. Forty five members have generated 5,645 hours. Many members need to submit their hours at the next meeting. Thank you!

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