



# *The Retired Educator*

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Issue 3

**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.

## **Pot Luck Luncheon and Birthday Celebration**



**Thursday, February 7, 2019  
11:30 AM**



**Bring a side dish to share.  
Main entree and dessert provided.  
Program: Winter Park High School Men's Chorus**

**Please bring donations for The Russel Home**

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

**10:00 AM** Social gathering and refreshments  
**10:30 AM** Program and Business



**Refreshments—General Membership M-Q**

**Program:  
Motion is Lotion and Rest is Rust  
Speaker: Candice Mitchell  
General Election**

OCREA Website: [www.ocrea-fl.org](http://www.ocrea-fl.org)

## Message from the President

It is the holiday season even though by the time you will receive this newsletter, it will have passed. But, the fellowship and cheer always ever so evident at this time of year should embody our lives all year through. Dates on a calendar should not mark the beginning and the end of the holiday spirit.

As I sit in front of my fireplace writing this article and Ami is in the kitchen pursuing his cooking passion, I am reminiscing the past four and a half years since I retired at the end of the 2014 school year. I have so much to be thankful for. My daughter married a wonderful guy having survived a previous very abusive marriage. My granddaughter Kayla now has two sisters so that Ami and I now have 3 gorgeous granddaughters to be so proud of and watch blossom. My son has a wonderful, loving girlfriend of five years who is so much like me it is alarming. They adopted two Siberian Huskies so add two grand dogs to our blessings.

Ami and I joined OCREA, which has enriched our lives with incredible friends and wonderful opportunities to grow in immeasurable ways. We moved to a wonderful new house in a neighborhood that affords us a multitude of new activities, classes, and experiences allowing us to meet new people.

Ami and I want to wish you the happiest and healthiest future. I don't want to limit this wish to just this upcoming year. We also want and hope to see you at all of OCREA's events for the remainder of this year and the years to come. Think of all the people you know who could benefit from our wonderful organization and its inherent camaraderie. Invite them to a meeting and pick them up if you can. Even if they never worked in an educational environment, but they care about the future of education, they can join as an associate member. See Cathy Thompson for membership information.

Speaking about upcoming meetings, I hope to see you at the February potluck meeting beginning at 11:30. More details are in this newsletter in the article written by our Vice President in charge of programs, our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1610213105894274>), and our website (<https://www.ocrea-fl.org>).

Happy New Year and Many More,  
Sharon



## Message from our Vice President and Program Chair

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday season. It's hard to believe that we are halfway through our program year. After the break the group took in January, the year's theme "**OCREA Making a Difference**" starts up again in February with our traditional potluck luncheon; but with a small twist. We will still have the musical group from Winter Park High School Men's Chorus performing and the board is asking the members to bring a side dish to share. As was done last year, the board will provide the entree, but here is where the twist comes in: we will be celebrating the 90+ year old members of our group with a pseudo birthday party with dessert provided. The contributions that this group provided our profession and OCREA shows that they have made a great difference in their community. For March Candice Mitchell will give us information on how, "Motion is Lotion and Rest is Rust". She will be sharing information on how activity will make a big difference in your daily life. I hope that you will mark your calendars for these two great programs. The OCREA Board looks forward to seeing you all there.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Hodges, Vice President and Program Chair

## **VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

Joanne Canarelli

Please keep track of your volunteer hours and turn them in each month. Our unit submits our total volunteer hours at the end of each calendar year to FREA. You still have time to report your 2018 hours to me at the February meeting or you can email them to me at [jbc610@gmail.com](mailto:jbc610@gmail.com).

### **THE RUSSELL HOME**

510 Holden Avenue  
Orlando, FL

#[407 855-8063](tel:407-855-8063)

The Russell Home was the first nonprofit institution in the country for brain-damaged children with no government support. The home consists of a nursery, dorm, playrooms, living room areas, kitchen and large laundry room.

Please bring donations of home and office supplies, paper products, cleaning supplies and food items to our February Meeting. A list of items can be found on our website: [www.ocrea-fl.org](http://www.ocrea-fl.org).

### **RUSSEL HOME THRIFT STORE**

5517 S Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32809

[407 855-0027](tel:407-855-0027)

Donations are gladly accepted. Volunteer opportunities available.

Best sunshine,

*Joanne Canarelli*

[jbc610@gmail.com](mailto:jbc610@gmail.com)

## **FREF Scholarship: Janice Quint**

The Florida Retired Educators Foundation (FREF) awards scholarships to graduating seniors across the state who have decided that they want to become teachers. The Foundation also gives grants to retired teachers in need. One of the ways that FREF raises money for these scholarships and grants is to sell tickets for something called Extravaganza. Members of FREA (and if you are reading this you are an FREA member) are asked to donate at least \$10 by buying an Extravaganza ticket. Each ticket you buy enters you in a drawing which is held in the spring. The first prize is \$500 in cash. Second prize is \$300. And third prize is \$200. In addition, one ticket holder in each District will receive \$100. Tickets will be available at the general meeting in February or by contacting me. Please help sell all our tickets. Bring your checkbooks to the February meeting. By writing a check, you will have proof of your tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation. Of course, cash will also be accepted.

Thank you for your contribution to the future of education in the state of Florida.

Janice Quint

FREF Scholarship Chair

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## **Information Services: Debra Dykes Kornhaus**

Salutations! A new year reflects changes. FREA has made changes to its membership benefits website. The website has been renovated, but the discounts and savings remain the same. Access the FREA website at: [www.FREA.org/benefits](http://www.FREA.org/benefits) or [www.frea.org](http://www.frea.org)

Use your FREA membership card to take advantage of free benefits for you and your extended family. Hear In America Hearing Plans offers annual hearing screenings. Research suggests that adults who experience hearing loss may face higher risks for dementia.

Register for free hearing benefits.

Call [1-800-286-6149](tel:1-800-286-6149) or access

the website at:

[www.hearinamerica.com](http://www.hearinamerica.com)

Have a wonderful new year!

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

### **In Remembrance**

James "Chief" Wilson, a founding member of Retired Educators Foundation of Orange County (REFOC) and former member of OCREA died on December 5, 2018, at the age of 90. He will long be remembered for his leadership as legendary band director for Jones High School and an important contributor to the Central Florida community. He was inducted into the OCPS Hall of Fame in 2015 and honored by the Historical Society of Central Florida with the Donald A. Cheney Award in 2018.

### **Correct Information Needed**

If you have found in the yearbook that your information is wrong, or we don't show an email address for you please help us correct the situation. Email your corrected information to [OCREA2018@gmail.com](mailto:OCREA2018@gmail.com), so that the data base can be fixed. Remember we will be going digital, so email addresses are important for you to continue to receive information from the organization.

### **Cultural Affairs: Anne Gardepe**

Save the date: Wednesday, February 27. OCREA will gather to tour the Howey Mansion, an old estate newly restored in Howey-in-the Hills, Florida. Starting at 10 AM we will have a guided 1 hour tour of the house and grounds and learn about the history of the property. Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased on line. No cash is accepted at the mansion.

<http://www.thehoweymansion.com/historic-tours.html>

Afterward, let's enjoy lunch at LaHacienda, Mission Inn Resort, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-in-the-Hills. A sumptuous Buffet is \$18 and ala carte prices run @ \$10.

**Rollins College STARS Senior Enrichment Program—Spring Term**  
**Course title: Celebrating Women’s History Month: Eight Great of the Sunshine State**

Instructor: Anne Gardepe

Proposed days and time: Fridays, March 8, 15, 22, 29; 10:00-11:30 AM

Description:

Some are well-known and some not so much, but these eight women have had a significant impact on the state of Florida. Among them are authors, educators, activists and a politician. With first names like Zora and Marjorie and last names like Tuttle, Stoneman Douglas, Owen, Bedell and Bethune, all have contributed their wisdom, passion, talents and energy to the enrichment of the Sunshine State. Come learn about and be inspired by these eight remarkable women of history!

<https://www.rollins.edu/evening/senior-enrichment-courses/>



**Nominations**

Here is the slate of nominees for officers of **OCREA** to serve for **2019-2021**:

**Director: Christie Woods**

**Director: Anne Gardepe**

Our President, Vice President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, three directors and our treasurer were elected last year and are currently serving our organization until 2020.

Nominations for three directors to serve from **2019-2021 on the REFOC** (Retired Educators Foundation of Orange County) Board are as follows:

**Brenda Alston**

**Robin Matthes**

**Nancy Pelser-Borowicz**

Additional nominations can be made from the floor with prior approval of the nominee. Election of officers will take place at the March General Membership meeting. Installation will be held at our May Luncheon.

# News from CFE

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

With joy and gratitude, I would like to thank you for being a part of our credit union family. I hope this message finds you well after the holiday season, and as we embark on a brand new year, I would like to wish each of our members a happy and healthy 2019.

We accomplished quite a lot in 2018, all while our emphasis on education remained strong.

Rather than focus on all of the new products or services we created, I want to highlight that we are enhancing our decision process. This past year, we launched a Member Experience department to allow us to utilize even more member input in decision-making going forward. This, coupled with our increased focus on business intelligence, will allow us to utilize data analytics to make important choices for the credit union, while putting our members at the forefront. 2018 was a successful year for CFE, but we have an even brighter future ahead.

Established by Orange County teachers in 1937, we have a rich heritage in education in Central Florida. We have always been passionate about empowering our members with the financial knowledge they need to achieve their goals. As a strong, secure credit union, we are ready to grow beyond the counties where we have branches today, in order to welcome more members and become more accessible to our community. To do so, CFE will pursue a state charter, while maintaining federal insurance. This provides flexibility with security, while simultaneously allowing the opportunity to change our name to lessen confusion. This new name will better encompass our mission and purpose, while reflecting the fact that all are welcome to join.

We have changed our name previously in our history when growth led to confusion. More than 80 years ago, we were founded as Orange County Teachers' Federal Credit Union. After that, we evolved to Central Florida Educators Federal Credit Union as we grew, which was later shortened to CFE Federal Credit Union when our charter changed. As we continue to grow, educate, and serve our members, I am pleased to announce that our next evolution is coming this spring.

In May 2019, CFE Federal Credit Union will become **Addition Financial**.

Addition Financial reflects our mission as a credit union on multiple levels. At its simplest level, the word "addition" is a math term that ties into our legacy of teaching and learning. Our new name also reflects our commitment to adding value for our members, enriching their lives, and doing more to serve our community. By changing our name and our charter, we are unlocking new opportunities to provide even better service and additional benefits for more people.

As Addition Financial, we will remain true to our proud heritage; our dedication to education, to our partners, and to our members is not changing. We have not merged with another entity, and our Board of Directors, management team, and employees will remain at the credit union. Partnering to serve educators and providing financial education will remain at the heart of all that we do. We will continue to partner with the school districts, higher education institutions, and nonprofit organizations that support children and education. We will do so while working for you. We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2019. Thank you for your membership.

Kevin Miller

## **MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS™ FINANCIAL SERVICES ADVISOR**

CFE is pleased to introduce our newest MEMBERS Financial Services representative, Rob Mazur, who recently joined the partnership. Rob is based in our Clermont Branch and is available to help CFE members in Pine Hills, Forest City, Fern Park, Leesburg, Longwood, Orange City and MetroWest.

With over 20 years' experience in the Financial Services Industry, Rob is a welcome addition to the CFE community. Please join us in welcoming Rob! To make an appointment, call 407-228-7600 during normal business hours.

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## **JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING SHRED-A-THON EVENT**

If you have documents that need to be shredded or electronics that need to be recycled, visit our Operations Center (1000 Primera Blvd., Lake Mary, FL 32746) on Saturday, March 30, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please keep the following in mind:

- Document shredding containers should not weigh more than 35 lbs. or contain foreign objects
- CFE is unable to accept CRT monitors and tube-style televisions
- All hard drives in equipment will either be erased or shredded by Orlando Recycles, Inc.

Visit [mycfe.com/shred](http://mycfe.com/shred) for additional details.

## **CFE Holiday Closing Dates:**

Monday, February 18 – Presidents' Day



**Reminder:**  
**February Meeting is a Pot Luck Luncheon.**  
**Time for this meeting only is 11:30 .**  
**Hope to see you all there.**



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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.