



The Retired Educator

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**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.

Thursday, February 6, 2020 11:30 AM

**Pot-Luck Luncheon & 90+ Birthday Celebration
Members, please bring a side dish to share. Chicken, ham and dessert will be
provided by your OCREA Board. Bring your dish by 11:00.**

As usual, we will have wonderful entertainment by students from OCPS.

At each meeting we will collect items to benefit The Russell Home.
Thank you for your generosity! See the list of needed items elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thursday, March 5, 2020 10:30 AM (Social time begins at 10:00)

Program: Prescription Drugs with Over the Counter Medication Safety

**Refreshments: Members whose last names begin with N–S
(please bring your items by 10:00)**

OCREA Website: www.ocrea-fl.org

Message from the President

I have been contemplating for several weeks what to write for this newsletter and over and over again, the word light as a theme kept coming to me. Then ironically, one of the songs that the children sang during our holiday music program on December 5th was about light of the season. I know that the holidays will be over by the time you are reading this, but we must be sure that the lights of the season continue to shine throughout the new year. Light comes from fire, electrical devices, lightning, the sun, and the stars. I believe it also radiates from people. We are living through a very derisive time in our country. However, families have just reunited to celebrate the joyous holiday season and we have ushered in a new year. Hopefully the light of love we have for our family and friends will prevail. It always has as represented by the hundreds of songs written about light and love. Just look at a small sampling of song titles about light:

Light My Fire: The Doors and Stevie Wonder
Blinded By The Light: Bruce Springsteen
Shine a Light: The Rolling Stones
Ray of Light: Madonna
The Inner Light: The Beatles
The Light That Has Lighted the World: George Harrison
Light Up the Sky: Van Halen
You Light Up My Life: Debby Boone
Travelin' Light: Eric Clapton
2,000 Light Years From Home: The Rolling Stones
Believe in Light: Eric Clapton
Run Through the Light: Yes
Let There Be More Light: Pink Floyd
Light Inside: Aerosmith
Light Up: Styx
Turn on Your Light: Judas Priest
Sky Light: Journey
Lover's Light: Paul McCartney, Brian Hines
Dancing Through the Light: Yes
We're All Light: XTC
Light a Candle: Neil Young
You've Got a New Light Shining in Your Eyes: Johnny Cash
I Saw the Light: Willie Nelson, Leon Russell
Winter Light: Linda Ronstadt
Love is Eternal Sacred Light: Paul Simon
Into the Light: Prince
Light of a Clear Blue Mountain: Dolly Parton
You Light Up My Life: Whitney Houston

I know that some of the above songs have struck a chord with all of us throughout the years. Thus, as the new year launches, let the inspiration of these songs lead us into the future as we go "Dancing Through the Light", Let's "Run Through the Light", and "Shine a Light" by being there for those that matter in our lives, and by giving back to our community. I am looking forward to a bright future for OCREA and for all of you. I want you all to know that, "You Light Up My Life".

Sincerely,
Dr. Sharon Kochlany
OCREA President

Yearbook Update

Information for members who joined or renewed after the yearbook printing date of July 15, 2019. Please remove this page from the newsletter and insert it into your copy of the yearbook. Thank you!

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Volunteer Services: Joanne Canarelli

As we enter a new decade, may your life blossom with ASK:

Any Simple Kindness, our volunteer motto.

Wisdom is born from life’s rich experiences. Scholars, poets, and theologians agree that losing oneself through benevolence is a way to find our life’s true purpose.

Any community involvement through volunteerism offers people the opportunity to self-fulfillment, self-esteem, and greater joy in your life. (DM Lawson, Ph. D.)Do not worry about your little volunteering! Mother Teresa said, “In this world, we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great care.”

Please continue to report your generous time to volunteer services for reporting to the Great State of Florida.

Use the report form on the right or fill out a form at a general meeting. Hours for 2019 must be reported NOW!

Additionally, please congratulate our 2019 Volunteer of the Year: Anne Gardepe. Her photo appears on the right. At our October meeting she portrayed Sarah Charleton, a woman of Colonial America. Congratulations Anne! Your contributions to the entire organization have been outstanding.



Russel Home Teacher Wish List:

- Construction Paper (Colors)
- Poster Boards small and large any colors and white
- Canvas Boards small so kids can paint on them
- Washable Paints
- Brushes
- Christmas and all Holiday craft kits for 25 kids
- Any type of craft for the kids to make: 25 kids
- Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Sharpies medium and wide black
- Plastic magnetic letters
- Double sided tape
- Pompom's for craft projects
- Small food scale for cooking class
- Rhythm sticks for music class
- White Card Stock Paper
- Blank Bingo Cards
- Bingo Markers
- Wide Craft Sticks
- Computer Paper

Volunteer Hours Report Form

Name _____

Month (s) _____

Religious _____

Literacy _____

Environmental/Ecology _____

Library _____

Personal Help _____

Hosp/Nursing Home _____

OCREA/FREA _____

Shopping _____

Schools _____

Other/Project Name _____

Total: _____

Youth Hours _____

Reminder: February Pot-luck Luncheon begins at 11:30.

Cultural Affairs---What's going on away from our College Park United Methodist campus? Add some enjoyable and educational dates to your calendar.



February 13, 2020

Orlando Science Center, 777 E. Princeton Street, Orlando 32803
More details including meeting time to be announced
Senior admission (55+) \$19
Parking garage across Princeton, \$5 (free for members)
Firebirds Wood Fired Grill, 1562 N. Mills Ave, brunch/lunch/dinner dependent on meeting time



Possibly March 13, 2020

Canine Companions for Independence Southeast Training Center
8150 Clarcona Ocoee Road, Orlando, 32818
Meeting time TBA

Anne Gardepe would like you to know she is teaching two classes at Rollins, one in February and one in March. They are as follows:

Florida: A Land Remembered

Description: This class will cover 100 years of Florida history using Patrick D. Smith's award-winning novel, *A Land Remembered*. We will read and discuss the novel in 4 sections as we follow three generations of the fictional Mac Ivey family. Each week's lecture will relate to one theme of the book, including early pioneers in Florida, Seminoles, the cattle and citrus industries, and the cost of progress.

Dates: Fridays, **February 7, 14, 21, 28** 1-2:30 PM Rollins campus

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

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.

Dates: Wednesdays, **March 4, 11, 18, 25** 1-2:30 PM Rollins campus

To sign up, go to <https://www.rollins.edu/evening/senior-enrichment-courses/> or call Peggy Smith-Clayman 407-646-1577

Message from Vice-President and Program Chair, Dr. Gayle Hodges

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: Our Past Builds the Future* starts up again in February with our traditional potluck luncheon; with the second year of celebrating our 90+ members. Tentatively, we will have the musical group from Winter Park Choral 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 entrée and dessert. We will be celebrating the 90+ year old members of our group with a pseudo birthday party. The contributions that this group provided our profession and OCREA show that they have made a great difference in shaping their community. **Reminder: the February meeting begins at 11:30.**

For March Jessica Daly, Reference Librarian for Orlando Health, will be talking to the group about "Prescription Drugs with over the Counter Medication Safety." She will be our last speaker on the present; from here we move to the future.

I hope that you will mark your calendars for these two great programs. The OCREA Board looks forward to seeing you all there.

Greetings, OCREA General and Associate Members!

While the year 2020 progresses, annual resolutions are reviewed, omitted, or changed. OCREA members reflect on changes to benefit their lifestyles in the new year.

Did you know that FREA has changed its technology to provide all members with more discounts, savings, and benefits? To learn more visit: info@frea.org MyAMBAbenefits.info/frea
Have you filed your income taxes? AARP Foundation TAX-AIDE offers a beneficial change with free tax preparation service. Visit: AARP.org/taxaide.

Are you concerned about banking fees and finances? OCREA members may open an account with Addition Financial to receive online tools and resources for financial decisions. For more information access: additionfi.com

OCREA members may make changes for healthier lifestyles. Access the website: STAYINGSHARP.AARP.org to boost memory and utilize resources to aid brain health.

Monitor your heart health. Changes to controlling your blood pressure may reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, and slow down or postpone Alzheimer's. Charts, videos, and guidelines are online: heart.org/hbp.

As you spring forward this year, may you continue to reflect and make changes from the past to build a beneficial future.

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Slate of Nominees for OCREA and REFOC for 2020—2022

OCREA (2-year terms: July 1, 2020—June 30, 2022)

President: Dr. Gayle Hodges
Vice President: Christie Woods
Recording Secretary: Debra Dykes Kornhaus
Corresponding Secretary: Marie Hernandez
Director: Fran Burns (2nd term)
Director: Ellen James (2nd term)
Director: Judith Hayes (1st term)

REFOC: (2-year terms: July 1, 2020—June 30, 2022)

Director: Prince Kelley
Director: Ann Winn
Director: Cathy Thompson
Director: Kim Stutsman

Elections will be held at the March 5th General Meeting. At that time additional nominations can be made from the floor. Prior approval of the nominee must have been given. Officers will be installed at our May 9th End-of-Year Luncheon.

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The Retired Educators Foundation of Orange County (REFOC): Christie Woods, REFOC Scholarship Chair

The Retired Educators Foundation of Orange County (REFOC) scholarship committee met in November to discuss our success going to each of the twenty high schools to present two scholarships:

- The Educator's Scholarship for classroom teachers pursuing a master's degree due [February 1st](#)
- The FREF Future Florida Teachers Scholarship due the end of January

After we choose the winners for the two scholarships above, the committee will be promoting the Academic Scholarship for high achieving seniors due [April 1st](#).

During the summer, the Technical Scholarship is due August 1st for those students in one of the five OCPS Technical Colleges.

Please refer to our OCREA website to familiarize yourselves with our Scholarships so you can refer appropriate students and teachers.

FREF Scholarship Committee Report: Janice Quint, FREF Scholarship Chair

The Florida Retired Educators Foundation awards scholarships to students who are planning on becoming teachers in the state of Florida

These scholarships are funded in part by sales of tickets to the EXTRAVAGANZA, a drawing held at the annual convention of the Florida Retired Educators Association in May. Local units are assigned tickets to sell based on the number of members in the unit. Our unit has been assigned 40 tickets to sell this year. This will raise \$500 toward the FREF Scholarships. The tickets are entered into a drawing at the convention. The 1st prize is \$500, 2nd prize is \$300, and 3rd prize is \$200. In addition, there is a \$100 cash prize awarded to a winner in each of the ten FREA Districts. You do not need to be present to win.

I will have the tickets for sale at each general meeting and board meeting. The cost for each ticket is \$10 and is tax-deductible. I am hoping that we will be able to sell all 40 tickets this year. If you are not able to make the January, February, or March meetings, you may contact me at jlquint75@gmail.com about buying tickets.

Thank you for your continued support as we raise money for scholarships on the state and on the local levels.

News from Addition Financial Federal Credit Union

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You don't have to learn binary to become a master of online banking. Save yourself trips to a branch or an ATM and bank from the convenience of home.

In our online banking seminar, we'll give you the ins-and-outs of our online banking system so that you can log on in complete confidence.

Join us Wednesday, April 29, 2020 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. RSVP at AdditionFi.com/online-seminar.

JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING SHRED-A-THON EVENT

If you have documents that need to be shredded or electronics that needed to be recycled, visit our Operations Center (1000 Primera Blvd., Lake Mary, FL 32746) on Saturday, March 28, 2020 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 additionfi.com/shred for additional details.

Joseph A. Melbourne Jr. Annual Scholarship Program

Addition Financial's Joseph A. Melbourne Jr. Scholarship is open until March 1, 2020.

The Joseph A. Melbourne Jr. Annual Scholarship Program, named after Addition Financial's former President and CEO, will award six undergraduate scholarships - worth a total of \$10,000 each - to six lucky graduating high school seniors and two master's level scholarships - worth \$2,500 each - to student members with accounts in good standing.

To learn more about eligibility and to apply, visit AdditionFi.com/scholarship.

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Find an ATM close to you at [this link](#).

We've added more branches!

***New Branch* Merritt Island**

1380 N Courtenay Pkwy
Merritt Island, FL 32953

***New Location* Longwood**

901 E. State Road 434
Longwood, FL 32750

***Opening Soon* Downtown Campus**

617 Livingston Street
Orlando, FL 32801

Annual Meeting

Addition Financial's annual meeting will be on April 23 in the Joseph A. Melbourne, Jr. community room at our Lake Mary Operations Center, 1000 Primera Blvd., Lake Mary. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. and all members are welcome to attend.

Addition Financial's Holiday Closing Dates:

Monday, February 17 – Presidents' Day

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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.