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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin a new year with OCREA I want to let you know that I am honored to be your president for the next two years and I promise to do my very best to build on the great work done in our organization by our past leaders. As retired educators, most of us enjoy staying active and connecting with other educators. OCREA provides you opportunities to do just that.

Recently I have been reflecting on the current state of affairs in our community, state, nation and world. I believe that we can very well become discouraged, disillusioned and depressed by what we see and hear from the media. On the other hand, we can join together, inspired by the “Orlando Strong” movement and commit to making our community better, touching lives in a positive way. The members that I have met in our local unit, as well as FREA members from around the state, are generous and caring individuals. They give unselfishly of their time through volunteerism, supporting local organizations such as the Adult Literacy League, Ronald McDonald House, Great Oaks Village, local schools, hospitals, animal shelters, and churches. Many of us care for family members and friends on a regular basis. Still others find ways to commit “random acts of kindness” each day to make our world a better place.

Our theme this year is “Travel Our Way with OCREA.” The OCREA Way is one of giving, generosity and community service. Won’t you join fellow educators over the next several months to celebrate the good we do as retired educators. You will connect with those with common goals and interests, meet new friends and have fun along the way. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Most sincerely,
Kim Stutsman, Ed. D.
President OCREA

WHOs WHO in OCREA

Credit Union Representative Mary Lynn Williams	Legislative -Richard Gomer	Publicity Frank & Patricia Johnson
Cultural Affairs -Anne Gardepe	Membership -Cathy Thompson	Telephone Tree Fleur de Lys Healy
FREF Scholarship Chair Gary Moser	Name Tags -Marie Hernandez	Volunteer Services Joanne Canarelli
Historian -Susan Brown	Necrology -Tom Ard	Website -Sharon Kochlany
Hospitality -Madelyn Gaston	Nominating -Ann Winn	Retirement Waiting for YOU!
Information Services Lilly Vincent	Parliamentarian -Ellen James	
	Programs -Sharon Kochlany	

OCREA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

College Park United Methodist Church

(located at corner of Edgewater & Harvard across from Publix)
Due to limited parking, please carpool if possible.

Thursday, September 1, 2016



10:00 a.m. Social time and refreshments

10:30 a.m. Program and Business

National Anthem from Edgewater H. S.

Hosts & Hostesses:

Refreshments — Board Members A-J

PROGRAM:

“Travel Our Way With OCREA”

Welcome reception for new retirees and returning members.



Thursday, October 6, 2016

10:00 a.m. Social time and refreshments

10:30 a.m. Program and Business

Hosts & Hostesses:

Refreshments—General Membership A-C

PROGRAM:

League of Women Voters

information regarding amendments on November ballot



Members sign up to bring snacks and supplies for Ronald McDonald House each month.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Anne Gardepe. Cultural Affairs Chair

Fellow OCREA members, are you lifelong learners? Have you heard of the Rollins College Center for Lifelong Learning? If the answers are YES and NO, you would likely enjoy an information session, described below.

Rollins College Lifelong Learning Center Information Session

WHO: Open to the public — anyone who is interested in learning about class offerings for adults (ages 50 or better).

WHAT: Come hear what classes we have coming in the fall and other benefits available to you as an RCLL STAR from our faculty & students. We will also provide free desserts, dozens of door prizes, information about teaching, & scholarship opportunities. Over 100 classes offered each semester & no tests or finals! Our non-credit courses range from history, art, languages, technology, fitness, finance, cooking, psychology, and many others (including field trips and study abroad in Venice)!

WHEN: Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 6:30pm. Doors open and desserts will be available starting at 6:00pm.

WHERE: Rollins College Bush Auditorium, 1st floor.

PARKING: Park in the SunTrust garage off of Park Avenue and bring your parking stub to the event to be validated.

RSVP: Seating is limited so please RSVP to rclevents@rollins.edu by August 15th. We will provide directions and a campus map via email prior to the event.

OCREA member Anne Gardepe has taught 3 different classes for RCLL related to history and literature. In September, she will be teaching “Florida’s Three Marjories,” on Wednesdays, 1-2:30 PM. Related to this class, Anne and Joy Dickinson of the Orlando Sentinel will lead a field experience by chartered bus to Cross Creek and Micanopy on October 19. If interested you can register online at <https://registration.xenegrade.com/rollins/checkoutsignin.cfm> or call 407-646-1577.

Once again this year, we will have a few field trip experiences. Tentatively there will be one in September, one in February and one in April. Sites are to be determined but will be chosen from local museums/historic places, gardens and theaters. Look for details in coming weeks.

VOLUNTEERING

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Joanne Canarelli,

your Community Service Volunteer Chairperson

The hours you spend in the volunteer world enhance the lives of others as well as ourselves. Please submit your time on the sheets provided at the meetings or give me a call.

Recently we received a note from the Orlando Museum of Art about their upcoming Docent Training Session. Unfortunately this training has passed however OMA offers many different opportunities for volunteers to get involved throughout the year. If you would like to volunteer contact the Volunteer Department at 407.896.4231 ext. 232.

If you would like to...

- Vary your routine
 - Offer assistance at special events
 - Learn marketable skills and gain valuable experience
 - Use your expertise for a worthy cause
 - Nurture creativity in children
 - Talk with interesting people from around the world
 - Experience art first-hand
 - Exercise your mind
 - Recruit new OMA members and volunteers
- ... then volunteering at OMA may be right for you!

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

POPTABS...POPTOPS...PULLTABS

You’ve been saving them up during the summer. So, bring them to the September meeting. Ronald McDonald Houses (now there are three)! benefit from this recycling.

EARLY SHOPPING

Did you take advantage of those back-to-school specials? November is the time for our collection for the Adult Literacy League. Copy paper, 8-count crayon boxes, kids’ scissors, etc., are among the items needed.

OCREA’S BIG THREE CIVIC PROJECTS

November -- Adult Literacy League
December -- Great Oaks Village children’s residence
February -- Pet Alliance

OCREA’S YEARLONG PROJECTS

pop tabs, eyeglasses, household items
for RMcdHouse



Have you renewed your membership or joined OCREA for the first time? If not don't delay. **September 1, 2016** begins our new year. For just \$45.00 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 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 "Travel our way with OCREA" **September 1**, Welcome Reception. Membership Applications will be available. Bring a friend!!! Let's do this and bring our membership to 300

Cathy Thompson, Membership Chair

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**ORANGE COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Unified Dues - \$45

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Date of Birth (Only needed for 90's club membership)

E-mail address: _____

All of our committees are active and welcome new people, ideas and /or suggestions. The work of the committees listed below will be explained more fully at our September meeting.

Have questions? Contact Membership Chair Cathy Thompson at cthompson13@cfl.rr.com.

OCREA has many active committees. Please indicate your interest in one or more of them by checking the line by the committee. The chair will contact you personally. I

_____ (name) am interested in learning more about the committees checked.

_____ Volunteer Services

_____ Hospitality (food)

_____ Sunshine

_____ Phone Tree

_____ Cultural Affairs

_____ Information Services

_____ Legislative

_____ NameTags

_____ Membership

_____ Nominating

_____ Newsletter

_____ Photography (Historian)

_____ Retirement Planning

_____ PublicityWebsite



CFE Federal Credit Union News By Cassie Roach

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- East Orlando (1823 N. Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL 32826) - Tuesday, September 20, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Winter Garden (950 9th St., Winter Garden, FL 34787) - Thursday, September 22, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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CFE ARENA DISCOUNTS

CFE members are able to purchase discounted tickets to select CFE Arena events. To learn more about upcoming events eligible for discounted tickets, visit ticketmaster.com/cfe or call the Member Service Center.

CFE Holiday Closing Dates:

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day
Monday, October 10 - Columbus Day

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