



Polk County Retired Educators Association Unit II

January – June
2019



“PCREA News”

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October, 2019... WOW... We are kicking off another exciting year in PCREA. 2019-2020 is going to be one of our best years EVER!!

We started off 2019 with a presentation about the FREA State Convention. The members who attended, participated.

PCREA Unit II President's Message

Greetings from the President,

Well, the sound of school bells (remember those) school buses churning down rain soaked streets, backpacking kids waiting at bus stops on their way to your classroom. You waited with bated breath in anticipation of your class size, new goals and objectives and an answer to the question...can I make another year.

Needless to say, you persevered, completed the course and volunteered to be a member of Polk County Retired Educators Association Unit II, a focal point for education, teacher's retirement and uplifting others struggling in the education process in the state of Florida. Thank you so much for your service.

When I was serving in the Army, the familiar story of recruitment is that of the Army sergeant who lined up his company and said, "I need three volunteers," pointed his finger at three hapless privates and roared, "You, you and you!" If only I had that power here today.

Void of such powers, I'm asking you to look within yourself, find a committee, office, and or cause within PCREA II that you will commit to serve and encourage others to serve. You will see your names on the various committee lists. If that's not enough let me know and you will be placed where you can best serve. You are not without influence let's use what we have to recruit others to this noble cause.

I look forward to working with you in this new organization year. We are stronger when we work together.

Sincerely,

Norm Wilderson

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Our January winners celebrate.

**Polk County Retired Educators Association
Unit II
Norman Wilderson-President
Twanna Davis-Vice President and Program Coordinator**

*Meeting Place: Hurst Chapel A M E Church, 875 Avenue O, NE, Winter Haven, Florida
Breakfast at 9 A.M. Meeting: 9:45 to 11:30 A.M.*

<i>October 7, 2019</i>	<i>FREA State Officers Report/FREA State meeting Report-Delegates/School Supplies/Books</i>
<i>October 25, 2019</i>	<i>District 8 Area Workshop-Barney Veal Senior Center, Kissimmee Florida</i>
<i>November 4, 2019</i>	<i>Health Initiative- Marian Casey /Wanda Harrison-Florida Ombudsman Program Toy and Food Drive.</i>
<i>November 5, 2019</i>	<i>ELECTION DAY-VOTE!</i>
<i>November 17, 2019</i>	<i>Retired Educators Day –CELEBRATE</i>
<i>December 2, 2019</i>	<i>Holiday Luncheon – Norman and Ella Wilderson/coordinators-Georgio’s-Lake wales.</i>
<i>January 6, 2020</i>	<i>Presentation: Dr. Carolyn Pass-Internal Medicine-Twanna Davis</i>
<i>February 3, 2020</i>	<i>Black History Celebration – TBA. Extravaganza Tickets available.</i>
<i>March 2, 2020</i>	<i>PCREA FUN AUCTION! Please bring Auction Items and baked Goods for the Auction.</i>
<i>April 6, 2020</i>	<i>Necrology Service/ Ms. Freddie Robinson, coordinator</i>
<i>May 4, 2020</i>	<i>End of Year Luncheon / Officer Installation.</i>
<i>May 12-14 , 2020</i>	<i>FREA Convention-Daytona Beach</i>
<i>June –September 2019</i>	<i>Have a Great Vacation!!!</i>
<i>Norman Wilderson, President</i>	<i>Twanna Davis, Vice President</i>

In February we had a presentation by Harvey Luster. He is the Curator of the Black History Museum in Bartow. He introduced us to the Museum and the artifacts that they are preserving. It was very informative and interesting. Herb Woodard donated one of his beautiful paintings to the museum. Another skill that I did not know Herb had. The top of the insert shows everyone was dressed in their finest attire for Black History Month.





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Insert to January-June newsletter.
February



March

The District 8 Directors visited us in March. Jean Campbell reported on the initiatives that FREA is asking us to participate in and the amount of money our volunteer hours are worth. Judy Doeful reported on the Legislative session. There were several bills that will affect us and the public school system. We received several State awards at the District 8 meeting.



Look at those big smiles on the winners faces. Everyone enjoys the prize drawings. We held our annual "PCREA Fun Auction" at the end of the meeting. It is always fun and we raised almost \$200.

April

April brings us around to celebrating the lives of members who have passed this year. It is always a special time in PCREA Unit II. Members spoke about the members that they had known.



Of course it is always fun to win one of the prizes.



It is great to have a Talented musicians with us. Thank You.

WOW ...

What a beautiful breakfast buffet.



May

May is always special because it is the last meeting of the year and we have our annual Luncheon. This year we stayed at the church and had a great meal. We inducted our new Vice-President Twanna Davis. We also hosted our scholarship recipient and his family. Christopher Skoll is a Cambridge Scholar at Winter Haven High School.



The FREA State convention was also held in May. It was held at the Grand Plaza Resort in Daytona Beach. We attended business meetings and had fun activities. The hotel was beautiful and everyone

*had a great time.
Plan to go next
year.*



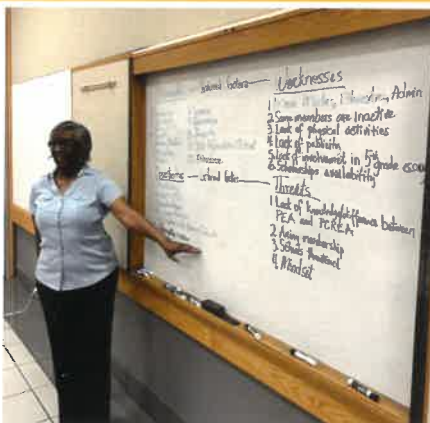


The Necrology Service at the FREA State Conference is always Special.



Ersula Knox Odom portrayed Mary McLeod Bethune. What a treat. She discussed her life and times.

Look at those costumes. We had a great time.



Norm asked us to try something new this year. We held a Summer planning meeting in June at Polk State College. The attendance was good. Everyone had input into the process. Pat did an excellent job of coordinating the activities and we came up with some great ideas to help PCREA grow and continue to have great programs and activities.





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Our Mission.....

Our Mission is to promote the well-being of retired educators; encourage community service by supporting public education; and to disseminate information to members and the public through publications, programs and projects at the state and local levels.

FREA Facts.....

We are a 12,000 member organization that welcomes all retired professional educators as well as active educators and other school personnel.

We are the State professional organization whose primary purpose is to represent retired educators.

We are affiliated with the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA), which is a division of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

What is PCREA Unit II?

The Polk County Retired Educators Association Unit II represents the retired educators of Eastern Polk County. We meet the first Monday of the month from October through May for breakfast/lunch and have friendly conversation and also meetings to discuss programs and topics of interest. Please come and join us for great food and interesting and informative programs. For more information please contact **Jeraleen Harris, Membership Chair** at harrisfrog45@verizon.net or **Gene Huckabay**, at genehuckabay@hotmail.com.

Come join us at our fun and informative meetings.

You may win a gift from your table host, the Mystery gift, or other prizes. You will meet dedicated retired educators, hear informative speakers and programs and make new friends. Join us and get involved in the various service projects such as Literacy for Life, collecting food for the folks in need in our area and supporting schools and educators.

