

SOUTH PINELLAS COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION



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President's Message



Mark These Dates

Greetings SPCREA Members, Supporters, & New Retirees

Hello again! I can't believe it is March already (Actually, I can't believe it is 2021 already.)

Things seem to be moving in a more positive direction. I hope that many of you who want the vaccine have been able to get an appointment. The numbers are going in a better direction lately and I hope they continue to decline.

We have decided to try a park meet up again at Northwest Youth Center, weather permitting. Information appears later in the newsletter. Bring a chair, your lunch, a smart phone if you have one and stories to share! If you do not feel comfortable doing an in person activity, you may request a zoom link from Paula Walker (email to the right.) Then you will be able to follow the program – Random Acts of Flowers -via zoom.

The Board is discussing possible meeting locations beginning in the fall. If you have any suggestions, please send me an email.

Please stay in touch with us- we miss you!

Cheryl



SPCREA MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS – 2020 – 2021

March 11th – Random Acts of Flowers – Northwest Park

March 18th – SPCREA Board Meeting via ZOOM.

April 8th – Cyber Security

April 15th – SPCREA Board Meeting

May 13th – Operation: Art of Valor

May 13th – SPCREA Board Meeting

Contact Paula Walker for Zoom information. Her email is pmcwalker1@mac.com and her phone number is 727-321-1788

OUR MEETING DATES are the 2nd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 11:00 AM

SPCREA Board Meetings – 3rd Thursday of the month. 10:00 am.

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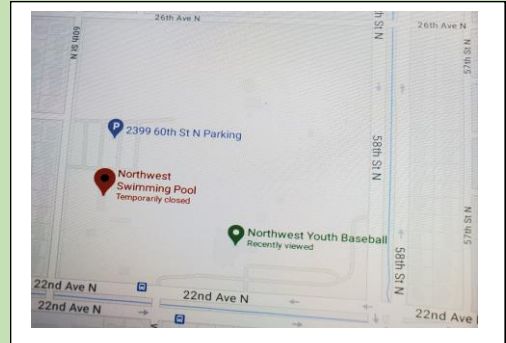
Terri Scott

Thank you, Terri Scott, for your remarkably interesting and informative presentation about the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum

NORTHWEST PARK

By the pool – 2331 60th St. N. St. Petersburg, FL

Bring a chair, lunch, or snack. Wear your mask. We have a portable PA System so hearing should not be a problem.



President Elect Report – Pat Davey & Jan Wallis Program Planning 2020 - 2021

| Date | Program | Project Cheer |
|------------------------|--|--|
| March 11 th | Random Acts of Flowers | Pet Supplies |
| April 8th | Cyber Security | Diapers for Dignity St. Vincent de Paul |
| May 13th | “Operation Art of Valor” by Morean Arts | Supplies for Veterans |

On March 11, Janette Donoghue will join us via ZOOM to present Random Acts of Flowers. Janette is the Executive Director for this agency. Some of our membership has experienced the loving acts of this agency. It will give us all an opportunity to learn about this unique organization. So please mark March 11th on your calendar and join us either by coming to Northwest Park by the pool or by ZOOM.

Members enjoyed an informative presentation by Terri Lipsey Scott on February 11th. Her overview of the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum introduced us to a rich resource in our community. Hopefully, we can follow up in the future with a cultural affairs trip to the museum and its gardens.



A Note from Your Program Planners, Pat Davey and Jan Wallis

Program planning for this year has been especially challenging and has adopted a sort of "fly by the seat of your pants" protocol. Combining the venues of meeting in the park with ZOOM presentations is an interesting project. But pandemics, hurricanes, and technology glitches have not fully stopped us from our defined commitment. Hopefully as more of us are vaccinated and guidelines reflect more normalized routines of living, we will once again convene as a group in a meeting room. In the meantime, the parks have offered a lovely respite from the confines of our living rooms. We are hoping many of you feel comfortable in joining us in our outdoor venue March 11th. If you cannot, please join us via ZOOM. We are working on getting a speaker to address the issues of cyber security for our April 8th meeting. Our May 13th meeting "Operation Art of Valor" by Morean Arts will once again highlight a program with focus on veterans. So, hang in there, gang. Your patience is very appreciated, and your involvement is most necessary.

An Invitation from Jane Lee from Pasco County

Pasco County invites District 6 members to our meetings on March 15 & April 19

On March 15, Sandy Lindberg will be our speaker. That meeting will be held at the Fox Hollow Golf Club in Trinity at 11 am.

Sandy has authored, 51 Shades of Online Dating: A Guide for People Over 50 is a book for anyone who is thinking about or who uses the Internet in search of love. Ms. Lindberg offers humor and insight by using her true-life experiences and lessons learned. She lived the information given in *51 Shades of Online Dating: A Guide for People Over 50*. The author's stories are funny, sad, baffling, moving, shocking, uplifting, and sometimes scary.

Ms. Lindberg offers guidance when writing a profile, posting photos, and when messaging potential and not-so-potential prospects. Can you separate the wheat from the chaff or spot a scam or a bot? This book will answer these and many more questions. Help make your story successful and keeping yourself safe in the process.

About the Author

Ms. Lindberg has an MA in Training & Development and is a retired corporate trainer, an artist, and now...an author. Before retiring, she spent years in corporate training traveling the U.S. Not much time was available to cultivate love interests. Upon retirement, she used Internet dating sites more extensively and has accumulated over 12 years' experience with cyber dating. Her experiences ran the spectrum as her stories and lessons learned will tell. This is Ms. Lindberg's first book, and she hopes to help others navigate this virtual world and learn from her personal experiences and research.

People can get a signed copy of *51 Shades of Online Dating: A Guide for People Over 50* by ordering from www.sandralindberg-writer.com (\$14.95) or e-book (\$5.99). Unsigned copies are also available on Book locker, Amazon (5-star reviews), and Barnes and Noble.

On April 19 we will meet at the Pasco History Museum for a tour and then go to Beef O'Brady's for lunch.

If anyone needs more information or would like to make a reservation, contact Jane Lee at wlee315695@aol.com.

SCAMMERS – Fast Growing Area of Fraud

Scammers are especially targeting Seniors!

Here are some good links for you to check out!

https://www.scamspotter.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI7JD_pueK7wIVFJWGCh11ig_eEAAY

https://www.scamspotter.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI7JD_pueK7wIVFJWGCh11ig_eEAAY

https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2019/phone.html?CMP=KNC-DSO-Adobe-Google-FRD-Seasonal-PhoneScams-NonBrand-Exact-PhoneScams&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI7JD_pueK7wIVFJWGCh11ig_eEAAYAAEgL7rPD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.dsAiAAEgLobfD_BwE

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0208-phone-scams>

Share this information with relatives and friends **and** check with them if you receive any call soliciting funds.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS – Phyllis Hand

Outside, distance experiences are my focus for now since we are having "Park Picnics". Sensing Nature could work well in a Park setting, but I also am interested in some hands-on craft led by artists with members spread out at picnic tables. Please call me or email me with your thoughts, interests, and/or ideas.

Gratefully, Phyllis

(727) 328-1410 or (727) 295-8475

handnhand90@gmail.com

PROJECT CHEER -- Kathy Drouin

This month, as is our custom, we collect pet supplies for our animal friends. Pet supplies needed include food, toys, treats, towels, wipes, and Clorox.



We are still collecting drink tabs for the Shriners Hospital for Children. We will have a donation jar at all meetings, so please save your tabs from drink cans, soup cans, tennis ball cans, or other sources. They will be taken to a local Masonic Lodge. They are then sent to the Shriners Hospital. They are sold and the funds are used to support children in need of care.



COMMUNITY SERVICE – VOLUNTEER HOURS – Pat Davey

FREA Mission: To encourage community involvement

through Volunteerism and Literacy Projects

Have you submitted your hours yet?

SPCREA Volunteer Hours for:

Name: _____

Hours volunteering for SPCREA _____

Hours volunteering with children _____

All other volunteer time _____

Total volunteer hours _____

Send your volunteer hours to
Pat Davey at
stingraydavey@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP – Paula Walker

Even though we are continuing to have meetings in various parks, I am going to try to have our future meetings on Zoom also. If you would like to attend the meetings, please email me at pmcwalker1@mac.com or call me at 727 321-1788 and I will email you instructions plus the link to the meeting. Please type Zoom in the subject box so I will be sure to find your email.

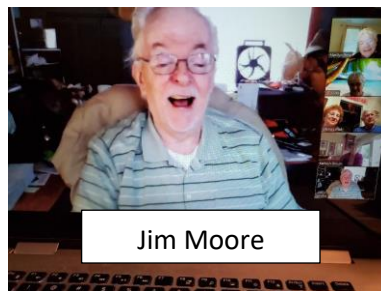
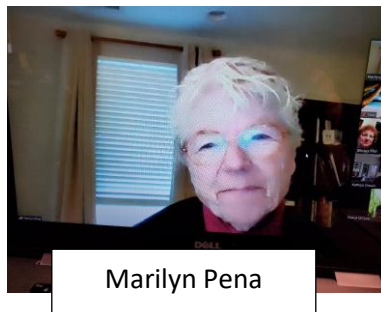
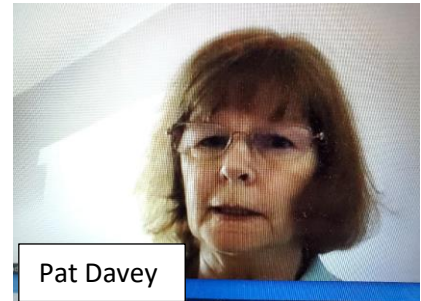
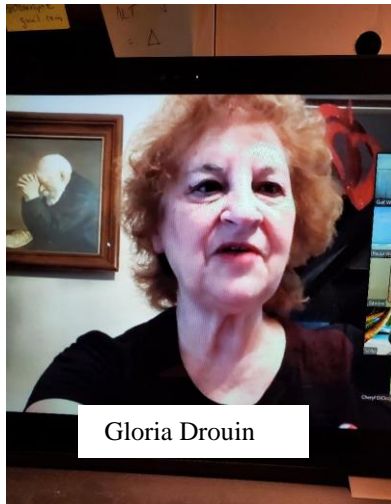
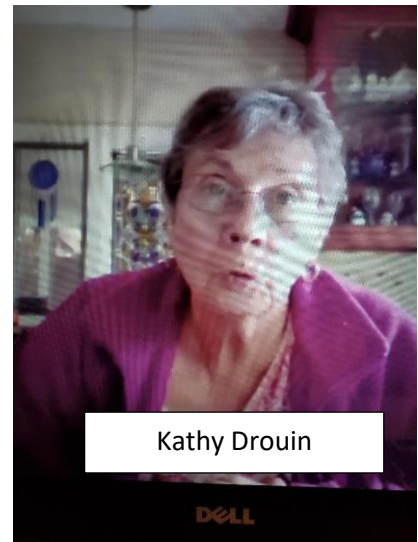
Dues are now due for the 2020 – 2021 FREA/SPCREA Year:

I am sending out reminders to members who have not renewed their dues yet. Please let me know if you are not planning on renewing for 21 -22. A copy of the membership form is in the newsletter. Please send your membership to Jim Moore at the address on the form. He will apply dues to your membership and then forward the form to me. I will change your status in the database. You may contact me via email at pmcwalker1@mac.com or by phone at 727-321-1788.

Thank you for your assistance.
Paula Walker, Membership

Change of Address Form: Have you moved lately or changed your phone number or email? If so, please let us know so we can send newsletters, information, and the directory.
If you know of a member who is ill or has passed, please contact Paula.
(727-321-1788)
Name: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
Phone # _____
Mail to Paula Walker, 3600 15th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713 OR send to
pmcwalker1@mac.com

SPCREA Pictures --- February 11th via ZOOM



Try to be the
rainbow in
someone else's
cloud!



For Your Information: SPCREA Committees

Membership – Paula Walker

Volunteer Services (Community Service & Literacy) – Pat Davey

Information Services Information, Protective Services, & Health Care) -Marcia Lork

Retirement Planning – Jan Wallis

Legislative – Paul Drouin

Nominations – Vicki Coleman

Bylaws – Vicki Coleman

Benefits Committee (Insurance)

Cultural Affairs – Phyllis Hand

Newsletter – Gail Weston

Publicity

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| Historian- Newsletters & Minutes |
| Thought for the Day – sign-up |
| Project Cheer – Kathy Drouin |
| Music – Jackie Thornton & Nadine Johnson |
| Hospitality/decorations – Gloria Drouin |
| FREF – Wanda Dudley |
| Sunshine |

SOUTH PINELLAS COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS TREASURER REPORT

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| CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE as of 12/31/2020 | | \$2181.13 |
| INCOME | | |
| State Dues | 70.00 | |
| Local dues | 20.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME: 12/31/2020 – 1/31/2021 | | \$90.00 |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| Newsletter printing | 19.98 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 12/31/2020 – 1/31/2021 | | \$19.98 |
| CHKNG ACCT BALANCE on 1/31/2021 | | \$2251.15 |
| Savings account balance 12/31/2020 | | \$1962.13 |
| Interest earned | .08 | |
| BALANCE on 1/31/2021 | | \$1962.21 |

Present funds for local scholarship: \$1230.69

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Moore, Treasurer

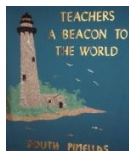
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| If you have money for Jim Moore, Treasurer, please put it in an envelope or attach a note to it so he knows who it is from and what it is for. |
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Shown below is the application for SPCREA. Please complete the entire application.

All information is CONFIDENTIAL

THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS JULY 1ST THROUGH JUNE 30TH

PLEASE CHECK THE LABEL ON YOUR NEWSLETTER WHICH INDICATES YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS



South Pinellas County Retired Educators Association Membership Application



2021 - 2022

Unified Dues: **\$45.00 Annually** – July 1 to June 30

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Membership | General Member - Circle One: Retired School Teacher/School Administrator/Support Staff/Other: |
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| FREA Benefits are fully available to ALL FREA members be they Regular or Associate. | Associate Member Associate: Any person supporting the mission of the Association may apply for associate membership. (Associate members may not vote as a delegate.) |
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| Circle One: Miss, Mrs., Ms., Mr., Dr., Other | Date: |
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| Your Name: | Spouse's Name |
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| Mailing Address | Apt./Condo | Telephone—Cell phone preferred () |
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| City | State | Zip | County |
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| E-mail address: | Your Month/Day/of Birth: |
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| School District Retired From: | Year Retired | Position Retired From |
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SPCREA and FREA are your advocates regarding your pension and the future of education in the State of Florida. Would you like to support our efforts on behalf of all present and future Retired Educators, and other beneficiaries of the Florida Retirement System like First Responders, etc.? This money will be used in a non-partisan way.

Yes, I would like to support FREA's Legislative Advocacy: \$ 4.00

Yes, I would also like to make a tax-deductible donation to Florida Retired Educators Foundation: \$ 5.00

Unified Dues for July 1—June 30: **\$45.00**

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: SPCREA (South Pinellas County Retired Educators Association)
Mail to James Moore 4688 8th Ave N St Petersburg, FL 33713-6115

Have questions? **Contact Membership Chair Paula Walker at pmcwalker1@mac.com**

SPCREA has many active committees. All of our committees welcome new people, ideas and /or suggestions.

The work of the committees listed below is explained at our meetings.

Please indicate your interest in one or more of them by checking the line by the committee. The chair will contact you personally.

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| Volunteer Services | | Information Services | | Newsletter | |
| Hospitality/Sunshine | | Legislative | | Photography (Historian) | |
| Project Cheer | | Name Tags | | Retirement Planning | |
| Phone Tree | | Membership | | Publicity/Social Media | |
| Cultural Affairs | | Nominating | | | |

South Pinellas County Retired Educators Association
4688 8th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33713-6115

Hope to see you at our next meeting!

Thursday, March 11th

Northwest Park by the Pool

2331 60th Street North

**Encourage your retired educator friends
to join our group!**

Bring a friend to our next meeting!

Want to know more? Visit the FREA website at www.frea.org



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Facebook**