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## **PBCREA SUMMER BLAST**

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June 2021

Greetings PBCREA Members,

It certainly feels good to be emerging from a worldwide pandemic. As we slowly and carefully emerge, our hope is to have "in person" meetings for our 2021-2022 year. With this in mind, we already have five speakers and programs confirmed for next year (yes, this includes the Hullabalooza). Many thanks to the folks who submitted program suggestions: Ron, LaSelle, Ray, Marie, Debbie, Vivian, Floria, and Yours Truly.

We are pleased to be returning to the Fountainview for our luncheons. We continue our search for a Board meeting location as GCFCU is doing massive renovations this year and cannot accommodate us as they have since....forever! Hope to return 2022-2023 and wish them the best with the new renovations.

Please find the following attachments: Schedule for PBCREA Board Meetings and Luncheons for 2021-22 and Field Trip suggestions.

More later....

Have a safe and healthy summer.

**Germaine Richards, PhD, President, pro tem**

Floria Garbutt, Program Chair

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# PBCREA 2021-22

Members at large are invited to all board meetings.

## Board Meetings

### ~~Gold Coast~~ TBA

August 10, 2021  
September 7, 2021  
October 12, 2021  
November 9, 2021  
December 7, 2021  
January 11, 2022  
February 8, 2022  
March 8, 2022  
April 12, 2022  
May 10, 2022

## Luncheons

### Fountainview

October 14, 2021  
**November 11, 2021 (Veterans' Day)**  
December 9, 2021  
January 13, 2022  
February 10, 2022  
March 10, 2022  
April 14, 2022  
May 12, 2022

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## Suggested PBCREA Field Trips 2021-22 Other ideas are accepted and appreciated!

### Kravis

Russian National Orchestra-Feb.6  
Cats-Feb. 8-13  
Anastasia-March 9-13  
Sir James Galway, Flute-April 3

Mounts Botanical Garden-Group tours start in January; \$10

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary; No charge; open 10-4:30

### Sports

Florida Panthers  
Florida Launch LaCrosse  
Palm Beach Cardinals  
Miami Dolphins Train-Davie

Putt-Putt/Mini Golf

Norton Museum of Art

Maltz Jupiter Theatre

Mizner Park Amphitheater

PBSC-Duncan Theatre

Ballet Palm Beach

A.E. Backus (Art) Museum, Ft. Pierce



## 2021 FREA STATE CONVENTION REPORT

The overall headcount at the Convention was about 135 strong from across the state. Most people felt the Doubletree by Hilton at SeaWorld this year was a better venue than the last FREA Convention event at the Plaza in Daytona Beach. Therefore the Convention in May next year will return to the Doubletree by Hilton at SeaWorld. Thousands of dollars were raised for FREF between the Unit Baskets and Extravaganza tickets that were sold. The virtual guest speakers spoke on topics ranging from a focus on the value and need of growing our membership; the important role of Care Givers; strengthening our legislative priorities regarding FRS; Florida public education and our renewed legislative strategies going forward. There promises to be another attack on the defined benefits program (pension) of FRS in the 2021-22 legislative session, so speakers from AARP, the Florida Business Management Office, and Pension Consultants shared the facts, the need to define our key talking points, and how our public relations campaign with elected officials should be starting now. Organizational business included some changes in state officers and amendments to FREA bylaws. Earning grants and volunteerism was celebrated and there was enough time for reflection, socializing, and some fun including a little dancing to the 50's and 60's hits.

The next big District 10 calendared event will be the October 27th Symposium. So save the date for the District 10 Symposium (leadership workshop). It be hosted this year by the Broward Unit at **John Knox Village located at 651 SW 6th Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33060.** We will want to talk it up over the summer and an RSVP date will be set later to determine the number of unit participants, specific times, costs, etc. The host unit will organize the program and take care of logistics.

Watch for your FREA BULLETIN for further information about the convention.



## THANK YOU, CALLERS!!



As we have finished this academic year of PBCREA meetings via Zoom, it is appropriate to recognize the callers who each month contacted members via phone and/or email informing them of the monthly PBCREA BLASTs being emailed and about the details of the zoom PBCREA meetings available to members throughout the year.

Our PBCREA callers in the 20-21 year were:

**Vivian Black --- Dottie Daley --- Josephine Eaves --- Janet Ford --- Floria Garbutt --- Connie Gonzalez --- Linda Hipol --- Flora Jackson --- Raye Johnson --- Martha P. Jones --- Kenneth Long --- Udessa Lovely --- Lisa McRea --- Sharon Purce --- Germaine Richards**

The callers commitment to maintaining contact with members through the past pandemic year when virtual meetings replaced our in-person luncheons is greatly appreciated.

Watch for caller contact again in early October prior to our first meeting of the 21-22 year on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Let's hope for a return to the luncheon format for PBCREA meetings in the fall! Your callers will be in touch with details.

Best wishes for a safe summer for all!



If you have maxed out on Netflix movies and if you missed the PBCREA video link sent with the April mid-month BLAST, here is your chance to view the "Journeys with PBCREA" video over the summer.

**CLICK on the link below**  
**then CLICK on the arrow in the middle of TRIBUTE page to play immediately ---**  
**AND/OR CLICK on DOWNLOAD in lower corner to save file to your device.**

<https://www.tribute.co/pbcrea-members/>

**Sit back, and enjoy about 20 minutes of PBCREA memories!**



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**ONE LAST REMINDER  
2021 - 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES  
ARE BEING COLLECTED NOW**

**PBCREA dues are still only \$45 - \$35 goes to state, \$10 stays with your unit.**

**Send your check made out to PBCREA for \$45 to Janet Ford 715 Beech Road West Palm Beach FL 33409.**

**If you pay directly to the state, please remember to include the \$10 unit membership. If you only pay the \$35, we have no way of knowing that you are still a member. We are only notified when the \$10 unit dues are paid.**

**THANK YOU** to those members who have already taken care of this!

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**Have a HEALTHY, SAFE and HAPPY summer!!**

Stay in touch -- [FREA.org](http://FREA.org)

[Palm Beach Co Retired Educators Association](#) (Facebook)

**\*\*\*\*\*THAT'S ALL FOLKS!! YOU MADE IT TO THE END!!\*\*\*\*\***