

You can choose to live life in

the first row...

or the third row.

# Living Life in the Front Row



Anne M. Fagan FREA Executive Director

Congratulations on living life in the front row this year FREA Members! You did it. SB84, the bill that would have basically gutted the Florida Retirement System (FRS) by not allowing any

new
employees,
with the
exception of
high risk, to
join the
Pension Fund,

never made it out of the House of Representatives. *And* we heard that Governor Ron DeSantis was against it also. Your voices were loud, your voices were strong, and your voices were heard! What a good feeling. So pat yourselves on the back, bask in the victory, and then...get ready for Son of SB84 coming to a Legislature near you in 2022.

I know, I know, what does it take to convince these politicians to leave the FRS alone? Why do they persist in trying to destroy one of the healthiest pension funds in the

country? Don't they have enough to do? I guess not. So here we go again. This time FREA is not playing defense. We are already going on the offensive. Our Legislative Committee and Board are working hard on 2 different Training Tool Kits to help FREA Members get the word out to both politicians, and newly hired teachers, about the benefits of the FRS. Both as a pension fund and as a solid financial future for Florida. Part of the problem we have is that because of term limits, we have a new group of Legislators to educate every 2 years. This is why we need our members, our retired *Educator* members to jump back in and educate

# 2021 Proof Positive: FREA Members May Be

Retired, But This Year, They Were Definitely Re-Fired.

Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are here! Summer is special for those of us in the field of education. During my working life, I

always looked forward to summer. Rest and relax time. Family



Nancy Hosie FREA President

time. Catch up time. Vacation time. And, I will admit, more than a little planning for the next year. Retirement has somewhat changed my attitude toward summertime. Except the planning part. Recent summers have involved quite a lot of FREA planning. I am asking members to join me in thinking ahead. Use this summer hiatus time to prepare for FREA fall activities.

As you know, during the 2021 legislative session, the Florida pension system was challenged by

SB-84. This bill proposed to close the FRS defined benefits pension plan for newly hired employees, giving them only the choice of a 401(k) option. This change has the potential for many harmful economic and workforce impacts. I am so proud of the actions taken by FREA to oppose this bill. Although the bill did pass in the Senate, it failed to progress through the House. I believe the concerted efforts of FREA and our partners brought about that stoppage.

Kudos and deep gratitude to...

Our partners from AARP/NRTA. Al Campos, Jasmine Vazquez, and Zayne Smith; and Dan Noonan from NIRS, for their knowledge and support.

Consultant Kelly Kenneally for her knowledge,

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not only the newly (Fagan-continued from page 1)

elected legislators, but also the newly hired state employees as to why the FRS is better for them, and for the State of Florida.

In the coming months we will be sending you emails with more information and calls to action on upcoming legislative moves. Why so soon? The legislators start choosing their committees in September, even though the Legislative Session does not start until January 2022. This is why we are not resting on our laurels at having defeated SB84. It, or its successor, is still a major threat to the FRS Pension Fund.

We will make reaching out to your legislators as simple as possible by including email links, and letters you can slip their names into and send to them. Don't use email? We will also have phone numbers. We are asking Unit officers to make sure that all their members are involved in this process. And on a growing-your-membership-note, this is a great way to attract new unit members. There is strength in numbers, and when FREA goes to Tallahassee in March to talk with your legislators, and represent you, the more members we have, the stronger our voice. We are FREA and We Vote!

The below graphic may seem frivolous to some, but your FREA leaders are incredibly serious about letting you know the danger that is looming in front of us. We are not trying to create fear or panic, but we do want you to know that this situation is one we need to be in front of. Educate yourself, and then educate all of those around you on why:



Hosie: Continued from Page 1 expertise, and ability to put thoughts to paper.

Linda Edson for her personal work in Tallahassee. for providing up-to-the-minute reports and for coordinating with the FREA Legislative Team for our email campaigns.

The team of District and Unit Legislative Chairs for acting and for encouraging FREA members to

Anne Fagan for tirelessly coordinating zoom meetings, emails, Constant Contact messages, and each step of the process.

Our members who stepped up to contact legislators through numerous emails and phone calls.

Why am I writing about what DID happen in a column about planning? Because legislative session 2021 was just Round One. This bill will return and FREA needs to be ready ahead of time. The Florida Legislature's Committees meet and plan in the Fall. FREA units need to be proactive, contacting local Senators and Representatives and the legislative leadership in the next few months, educating them about FREA's legislative priorities and specifically the facts about FRS pensions. FREA's Legislative Committee is making plans and building resources for our legislative advocacy goals.

Planning is also underway for the District Fall Leadership Symposiums in October. I look forward to seeing many of you at these meetings. Look for information from your District Director and Unit President. I hope that you will join us for training, sharing, and friendly visits. We are continuing the "Happy Days" theme from convention; we are so happy to be returning to person-to-person meetings. Dates and other details can be found on the FREA website and later in this bulletin.

Please keep an eye out for communications from your Legislative District and Unit Chairs and join us in our summer planning, as we prepare for our fall activities. Use those communications to educate yourself about the threat of Son of SB84 to the pension system. Plan your personal and unit contacts with legislators and with the public. Save the date in your calendar for the Symposium in your area.

Thanks to my friend Sue H for posting the meme (original source unknown). I want to see you in the first row for FREA! Join us with our legislative actions! Register and attend your District Symposium! Become more active in your unit by volunteering for a committee or other leadership Nancy Hose

role!



# Never Let Them See You Sweat

Chairing a convention is never easy, but FREA President Nancy Hosie made it look that way. Conventions don't start with **Opening Session for Board** members and Trustees. They were in meetings starting Monday. From the Opening Session on Tuesday, May 25th, through the Closing Session, May 27th, Nancy kept all the parts and pieces and personalities working together and on time. Photos: Top left: At the podium. Nancy gets ready to kick off the 2021 FREA Convention. Top right: Presenting the FREA President's Award to Linda Edson, State

Great Convention Madam President

Legislative Co-Chair, along with Larry Carmichael, State Legislative Co-Chair. Lower left: Reading a poem at the FREA Memorial Service held each Convention, to honor those FREA members who left before us. Bottom right: Closing Session. Jody Scruggs, State Membership Chair announcing winner of Membership Contest (Orange CREA), while Anne Fagan, Executive Director places the next item up for Nancy's attention on the podium. It takes a team, and with the help of the FREA Office, the Board and the Trustees, Nancy created a successful and memorable experience for the attendees. Well done Madam President!





Thanks to our wonderful FREA members, our 2021 Convention fundraising was a huge success. Surprisingly, even through the pandemic, FREF 's Extravaganza ticket sales brought in approximately \$10,000. Baskets for the Dollars for Scholars program were so creative and generous and they brought in approximately \$2000. And the Winners Are...!



# **Extravaganza Winners 2021**

\$200—Shirley Swartz—Broward (D10) \$300—Debra Dykes Kornhaus—Orange (D8) \$500—Linda Prescott—Hernando (D6)

	\$100 District Winners
District 1	Beverly D. Reinschmidt—Escambia
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District 4	Corine Lofton—Columbia
District 5	Lee Gartside—West Volusia
District 6	Wanda Dudley—South Pinellas
District 7	Kathy Corona—Sarasota
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# What is 'Green Screen' Photography? Magical Fun!



FREA extends a heart-felt Thank You to Ed Wainwright of Osceola CREA for taking our 2021 FREA Convention attendees' experience to the next level. In addition to taking the green screen photos, Ed took most of the Convention photos in this bulletin and on the website. Ed definitely brought out the Happy Days in all of us, whether we wore a costume or not. Lots of smiles and laughter as Ed made sure that everyone was inside Arnold's Diner. Below and left: District 9 attendees gather for a group shot. L-r: Harry B. Williams, Jr., Belinda Williams, Nancy Hosie, Harriett Jenkins and Felicia Bruce, seated.





Above: Getting their Fonzie on: Anne French, Anne Fagan, Jody Scruggs, and Diane Lynch. Right: North Pinellas CREA members styling their poodle skirts. Below: Hernando CREA members were ready for any occasion be they masked or not masked.



Cecelia Solomon

# Are you a 76%er, a 9%er, or a 15%er?

Cecelia Solomon, FREA State Information Services Chair

Between June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>, researchers at the University of South Florida conducted a statewide survey of 600 Floridians to better understand the preparedness of Floridians for disasters and the impact of COVID-19 on their household readiness. The 14-page *Emergency Preparedness Survey* reports that **76% of Floridians** are certain they could manage for three days without assistance if a hurricane left their community without electricity and running water. 9% said no, and 15% were unsure. Many other questions were asked and results can be read at Hurricane Results Campaign.

FREA does not encourage or suggest that any of you should take risks during Hurricane Season, so, continuing the Information Services series on Safety, we offer an excellent resource from the state of Florida, and then some great advice from FREA State officers to keep all of you safe this season and many more.

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs has released a 16-page guide with topics such as "Protect Your Valuable Documents", "Special Needs", "Build Your Kit", "Protect Your Pets", and many, many more. The DOEA guide can be found at <a href="Elder Affairs.org Hurricane Guide">Elder Affairs.org Hurricane Guide</a>. I strongly suggest you review this guide <a href="mailto:and-share-with members">and-share with members that may not have Internet access.

Nancy Hosie, FREA President, Edwinna Williams, FREA President-Elect, and Jody Scruggs, FREA State Membership Chair, have some useful tips for us. First, Jody shares this easy-to-do hint on how to check if your freezer has lost power the contents thawed and then refroze. (This is useful if you evacuate, don't know if you lost power for any length of time, and when you come back home, the power is on.)

- 1. Freeze a cup of water, then place a coin on top of the frozen water.
- 2. If the water remains frozen, the coin will stay on top of the ice.
- 3. If it melts, then the coin will begin to sink into the cup.
- 4. Check the coin to confirm if there was melting and refreezing!

Edwinna, who lives in Pensacola, can definitely speak to this topic and shares the following for hurricane survival from her personal experiences. First: "Buy flood insurance now – before there is a hint of a storm in the Atlantic or the Gulf. A strong thunderstorm can cause thousands of dollars in damage." She has survived hurricanes, but with damage to her home, and just recently her home was hit during just a strong thunderstorm and this is the result:



Photos from left to right: "The truck had steel belted tires and they were melted to the concrete. The truck was totaled- it had a hole in it next to the gas tank from the lightning. The lightning blew a hole in the doorway of the garage and burned the frame.

The flooding resulted from the lightning hitting the water pipes under the house. Red clay was forced up from the foundation through the walls into the floors. It sounded like a water fall in the walls until my husband turned off the water coming into the house. A full 5 gallon bucket of red clay was removed from behind that wall. The plumbers worked 2 weeks re-plumbing the house from the ceiling down."

Edwinna continues: "I strongly suggest you have an emergency plan in place with friends/relatives aware of your plans and contact numbers and encourage you to **evacuate** when told to leave.

#### If you are staying for a level 1 or 2 hurricane:

- Write your name and next of kin in **permanent marker** on your arm.
- Solar lights that can be recharged and brought inside for light at night during electrical outage.
- Have a PAPER map or atlas: After a bad storm street signs and familiar sightings are often gone. A map will help you find a location, as GPS may not work.
- Keep extra medicines available for yourself and your pet in original containers. First aid kit is checked and ready, (someone will cut themselves.) Keep a list of all of your meds and why you take them, as well as the doctor's name prescribing the medicine. I keep a list in my phone. (NOTE: Have a "hard copy" in case the phone battery runs out.) Continued on next page bottom-Hurricane.



# FREA Summer 2021 Membership Moment

Orange County Won the Membership Award Drawing! \$100 to their Treasury.

Also at Convention, FREA Delegates voted to simplify State Committees and allow the State Committee Chairs to decided how many, if any, District Chairs they would have. The State

Membership Committee is streamlining, and there will no longer be District Membership Chairs. Technology has simplified communication, and fewer layers are required to be efficient and timely. Membership information will now be sent directly to Unit member Chairs from the State Chair. I believe that Membership information will reach our units in a



Jody Scruggs FREA State Membership Chair

more timely manner through this direct route: FREA to State Chair to Unit. The FREA office will continue to be the goto contact for Unit Chair specific questions and concerns.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

**New and renewing members can complete registration online** securely with a credit card. They can even sign up for automatic renewal! Your unit will receive any local dues, if included, in a timely manner from FREA. You do need to have an email with FREA, to register on the <u>website</u>. Having trouble? Give the FREA office a call at 727-577-6400 and they will assist you.

The Office is happy to provide you with a Membership Application complete with your unit logo...just ask. And other Membership materials are available on the website. Just ask the Office to personalize them to your Unit to Grow your Membership!

Ask the Office to send you a "Unit Member Status Report". This report will let you know if a new or renewing member has paid dues directly to FREA. If they did not include local dues when they paid state dues, the system is not set up to always notify you...it's complicated, but may frustrate my detail oriented friends out there. I recommend you request this report at least once every couple of months. The official STATE COUNT as of Jan 31<sup>st</sup> each year for your unit is used to determine how many delegates you will have as well as your category for FREA/ FREF Awards.

This was a tough year for all organizations and Associations, but FREA continues to grow. Coming to you in the Fall Symposiums, a Tool-Kit with ways to attract FREA Members-At-Large to be your Unit Members. Are you welcoming? Do you do fun activities, not just hold meetings? Do you create teams to join a local Community Service Event? These are just a few of the ways to keep current Unit members, and attract new Unit Members.

**Hurricane**, continued from previous page.

- Extra cash because ATMs are often not working and local businesses won't be able to take credit cards.
- I make sure all laundry is done and I vacuum, as power may be out where I live for a week or a month.
- Before the storm, gas up the car and (if you have one), fill the propane tank on the grill.

### If you evacuate:

- Pack an emergency suitcase for all evacuations and leave early. If you wait you may not make it to safety in time.
- Take your insurance papers, list of meds, and contact information.
- Do not leave your pet! Take them with you in a kennel/carrier. Remember their meds, food, and feeding dishes.
- Take the paper map!
- Finally, pack your patience as traffic will be horrible and people are fearful.
   One year I evacuated and Interstate traffic moved at 20 miles an hour in certain sections

HURRICANE FORCASTERS
SHOWING THEIR PREDICTIONS...

Not in the track, but in 'the cone'? Get ready anyway. Hurricanes are unpredictable, and a 2 degree move makes all the difference in where devastation lies.

Finally, Nancy Hosie submits a tip that is related to one of Edwinna's. "One of my husband Andy's biggest things when hurricane season comes around, is to always keep the gas tanks filled in our vehicles. Then, if we do evacuate, we won't have to line up for gas."

Thank you Edwinna, Jody, Nancy, and Andy!



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Harriett Jenkins State Volunteer Services Chair

# Presenting the FREA 2021-2022 Volunteers of the Year

It is always an honor to personally recognize and thank the District Volunteers of the Year at the FREA Convention. This year President Nancy Hosie and State Volunteer Services Chair

Harriett Jenkins, were able to present the awards in person to (Clockwise): Diane Bassett, D7-Sarasota CREA; Norman Wilderson, D8-Polk II REA; Charlotte Schipman, D1-Escambia CREA; Harriett Jenkins, D9-St. Lucie

CREA; and Mary Blackmon, D6-North Pinellas REA. For those VOY's who could not attend, your contributions were not overlooked, and your presence was missed.











# 5th Grade Essay Winners, 1st and 3rd Place, **Attend Convention**



Our thanks to all the Units who participated in the 5th Grade Essay Contest and sent in their entries. A special thank you to our 3 judges: Lead Judge Marjorie Ayers; Judge Thelma Mosley; Judge Josephine Reddick. We were especially pleased this year to have 2 of the winners attend the Convention and participate in the program. You can read the top 3 Essays on the FREA website.

# **District Volunteers of the Year Unable to Attend Convention**

L: Gracie Powell-Jones District 2 Gadsden CREA

R: Jean Anderson District 10 Broward CREA

L: Lucille Dav District 3 Madison CREA

R: Sandra Thompson District 5 **Duval CREA** 









https://www.frea.org/5th-grade-essay-contest/

















# NAEP IS HIRING

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is seeking retired educators who would like to work with a team to proctor digitally based assessments on tablets with fourth- and eighth-grade students in schools. You must be available for online and inperson training during the month of January 2022 and able to proctor between January 24 and March 4, 2022, when work is available. NAEP offers paid training, hourly wages paid weekly, and mileage reimbursement for local driving. This is a part-time, temporary position.

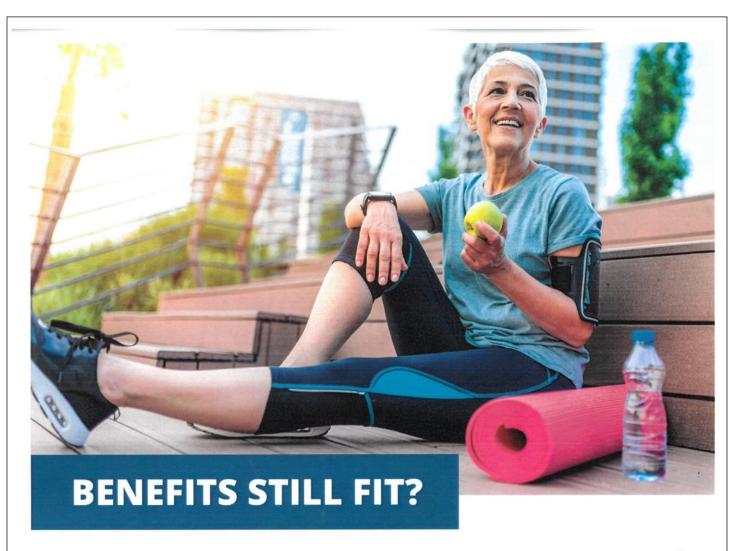
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Save the Date!	2021 Fall Symposiums							
Are you a Unit or District Officer with	Week 1		10/1					
FREA?	October	11	12	13	14//	15		
Do you remember the virtual		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Symposiums of Fall 2020 and		District 4	District 5	District 3	District 2	District 1		
he amount of information and knowledge that you gained from those meetings?	Host Unit	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	Taylor	Leon/Wakulla	Bay		
Fall 2021 we are repeating the format, only this time in all 10 Districts, in-person, more, and better!	Event location	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	Tallahassee	Grace Presbyterian Church 1415 Airport Rd Panama City, FL		
There will be training sessions				g Hande in		32405		
tailored to each Unit position, along with materials and all	Week 2	10/25/2021 to 10/29/2021						
ools necessary to help you with your position in your Unit.	October	25	26	27	28	29		
We will have a fun and entertaining Interactive Presentation on Fraud and		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Scams from AARP.		District 9	District 8	District 10	District 7	District 6		
There will be <b>Legislative Training and a ToolKit</b> to take back to your Units to help fight	Host Unit	Highlands	Orange	Broward	Manatee	North Pinellas		
to save the FRS and your pension.		Inn on the Lake,	Church on the	John Knox Village	Manatee Community	Clearwater Country Club 525		
And More!	Event	3101 Golfview Rd, Sebring, FL 33870	Drive 1914 Edgewater Dr. Orlando, FL 32804	651 SW 6th Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33060.	Foundation 2820 Manatee Ave W Bradenton, FL 34205	N Betty Ln, Clearwater, FL 33755		
Please save the date in our District and join us!	Location							

# **Technology at Convention Allows Reaching Across the Miles.**

Our Keynote Speaker Lily Liu, was introduced by Al Campos, Executive Director of NRTA. They broadcast in from Washington DC to open our first ever hybrid Convention. Bottom right, Larry Carmichael carried the President's Award to Ash Williams in Tallahassee a week after Convention. Ash broadcasted in, along with Kelly Kenneally and Dan Noonan, at Convention for the Pension Fund Roundtable. Ash is retiring this year. FREA will greatly miss him.





# \*\*Body \*\* \*\* Happy Times with our FREA Friends!

These pictures and many more available on the FREA Facebook page. Click here to view.



Bonnie Justice shines in her best Female Costume. Carolyn McLaughlin, Santa Rosa CREA and Edwinna Williams, Escambia CREA.



Polk II REA: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Huckabay. Norm and Ella Wilderson. Mr. Norm styled his way to Best Male Costume.



Jody Scrugs, Nassau CREA aka Mr. PotatoHead and Kathy and Larry Carmichael, Leon/Wakulla REA



Anne and John Gardepe, Orange CREA - took home the



Mary and Michael Ferger of Central Brevard REA



Martha and Larry Howell, Martin CREA.



# Legislative Breakout Sets the Table for Action in Fall of 2021 and Spring of 2022

Attendees at Convention participated in a hybrid breakout session with 3 expert panelists in the fields of Communication, Outreach, and Legislation. Zayne Smith, AARP-FL Associate State Director of Legislative Affairs, Kelly Kenneally, of Kenneally Communications Consulting, and Ann-Marie Flannery, Associate State Director Community Outreach, presented materials for discussion and also worked with FREA Convention attendees in how to frame a successful strategy for the upcoming legislative year. These strategies are being turned into the Tool-Kit that will be fine tuned, with the help of the Unit and District Legislative Chairs, at the Fall Symposiums.



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# In Memory

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As is a tale, so is a life:

Not how long it is, but how good it is, is what matters.

Seneca

FREA Unit Members				FREA Unit Members			FREA Members At Large	
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Mike	Baxley	Santa Rosa CREA	Barbara	Coto	W Hillsborough REA			
Each year at Convention, FREA District Directors and the Executive Committee take		Homer	Underwood	West Jackson REA	Ellen	Cantor		
		Joette	Register	West Jackson REA	Harry	Bell Jr		
		Chrystelle	French	West Jackson REA	Evelyn	Anske		

part in the Memorial Program hosted by the

Necrology Chair. Last year, Helen Shaw of North Pinellas REA retired from that position, and Carolyn McLaughlin of Santa Rosa CREA succeeded her. FREA members will always remember that we are following in the footsteps of honorable and giving people and carrying on the tradition of Ethel Percy Andrus. 'To Serve, Not to be served."



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# **Lots of Treasures on Tuesday Night at Convention**



We wish we could show all the treasures that people carried in for the Tuesday night event. Everyone had really interesting and fun stories about their items. The Ming Dynasty vase on the right, brought in by Lonnie K., was one surprise of the event. Let's just say lots of zeros on the price. And Missy C., definitely had one of the most unusual items. It was longer than she was tall, and also valued higher than she thought it would be. Thank you all!

