

SCREA 2022 Winter Newsletter

March 15th Meeting—Mark your calendar—we are planning your next meeting for Tuesday, March 15th. We will meet at the Kenny Dixon Sports Complex in Bushnell at 11:00 am. Please bring a chair. Your chair will be much more comfortable than the hard benches at the park. As discussed at the December meeting it will be a hotdog cookout. The date and time are not our usual day and time but because of the daylight-saving time change, the spring break of the Sumter County School District and the Sumter County Fair, it was necessary to schedule this to a later date. At the meeting we will have our annual Necrology Program for deceased members. We will be honoring Rosa Lee Tomberlin, Glenn Stephens, Gladys McCoy and Mildred Stephens. If the weather would be undesirable for a picnic, it will of course be cancelled and rescheduled. We will notify you by email if we have to cancel due to weather conditions. If you do not have email and make plans to attend let me know and we can make limited phone calls that morning. Please RSVP by emailing frea.screa@yahoo.com or calling 793-4555 and leaving a message on the answering machine. We need an approximate number so we have enough food.

Mildred Stephens--We recently read about the passing of Mildred Stephens, wife of Glenn Stephens who preceded her in death. At the time of her death, she was living in Naples with her daughter. Many of us

remember Mildred and all the work she did for SCREA. She will be missed by all who knew her. We regret we did not know of this in time to notify you by email and allow members the opportunity to attend her service in Webster.

Volunteer Service Hours—We need your total volunteer hours for a state report. Your name is never revealed, just a total of all our members who complete the report and a grand total of hours for all our members. Our state motto is “To serve, not be served.” Volunteer hours are almost everything you do for others that are unpaid. You may bake a cake for a sick neighbor or for a sale, take people to doctors appointments, volunteer at church by singing in the choir or teaching at Bible School or at a school tutoring a student. There are too many ways to volunteer to list here. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us and we will answer your questions.

Please total your volunteer hours for the 2021 year and either bring the total to the meeting or email your total hours to frea.screa@yahoo.com

You may also mail your total hours to:

Mary Simmons,
10132 SE 24th St.
Webster FL 33597

Your totals are needed by March 15th.

May Meeting—The May meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church in Bushnell. We have not yet set a date but it will be discussed at the March meeting. We want to thank Jackie Peterson and Josephine Strong-Simons for securing the church for our meeting. We want to ask all attending to bring items for the church foodbank that will be distributed to needy people in the community. At the meeting we will recognize the scholarship winners and the Fifth Grade Essay Contest winner. Deborah Barnes and Mary Simmons have been working hard on these projects.

Community Service Projects—During the Christmas season we provided gifts for the annual Laura Vickers Christmas program at Thomas Langley Medical Center for children of Sumter County. Gifts were donated at our November meeting. We also continued our support for the former SCARC (Sumter County Association of Retarded Citizens) residential group homes and the work program. We provided gifts for the residents of the two group homes and the desserts for the Christmas meal of the workers in the work program. The work program and the residential program have been transferred to other organizations but their goals remain the same as when they were under the operational control of the SCARC personnel.

Officers and Committee Chairpersons Are Needed—It is the time of year when we need to elect new officers for the following two years. We desperately need a new treasurer because Larry Shuyler is at the

end of his term limit according to the SCREA Constitution. In fact he is one year overdue but because of COVID we had no elections, etc. last year and the Executive Council let it stand. We also need committee chairpersons. Everyone has been “hanging on” with the COVID situation but as COVID winds down we need to move into the future. We will take nominations from the floor for offices next year at our meeting. Fresh ideas will come with new officers and they will be able to lead us into a new future. The new officers will serve from July 2022 to June 2024. If you are willing to serve as an officer or committee chairperson let us know.