

**"Coming together is a beginning,  
Staying together is progress,  
Working together is success."**

*Henry Ford*



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**MAY 24 TO MAY 26, 2022**

## FREA Executive Committee 2020-2022



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FREA State Office  
Diane Lynch  
Accounting and Membership Specialist

## Welcome Back FREA Members & Welcome to the 2022 FREA Convention!

Monday, May 23, 2022

Time	Event	Presenter	Room
12-6:00	Registration	Tower - 2nd Floor - Lobby	
12-5:00	FREF Trustees Meeting Nominees and Current all attend	Karla Brogdon, FREF Chair	Tower 1st Floor Nautilus A
2:45-4:00	Benefits Committee Meeting	Kim Stutsman, Benefits Chair	Tower 17th Floor Suite
4:30-5:30	Executive Committee Meeting	Nancy Hosie FREA President - Edwinna Williams, President-Elect	
6:30-9:30	FREA Board of Directors Dinner Meeting Nominees & Current all attend	Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams	Tower 1st Floor Flamingo

### Florida Retired Educators Foundation Trustees

District 1	Melanie Waite, Secretary
District 2	Gilles Gamache
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District 5	Stephanie Manwell
District 6	Robert Stephens, Vice Chair
District 7	Karla Brogdon, Chair
District 8	Debra Dykes-Kornhaus
District 9	Harriett Jenkins
District 10	Judith Mager

### National Day Of...Baskets

Each Unit was requested to put together the most creative and unusual gift basket they could create using one, or multiple, 'National Day of...' themes.

### When and Where do I Buy Tickets?

- Tickets for the Baskets may be bought at the FREF Tables in the Harbor Tower Foyer near Registration on the Tower 2nd Floor. They will be open during non-meeting hours with the baskets available for viewing and selection.
- Basket ticket sales end at 5:00 Wednesday. Drawing that evening, with results posted.
- Pickup after Wednesday Dinner or after Closing Session.
- Awards for best themed baskets on Thursday morning.



**Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

Time	Event	Presenter	Location
8-4:00	Registration	Tower - 2nd Floor- Foyer	
9:00 - 12:00	District Directors Meeting Nominees/Current attend	Kim Stutsman, State Director	Tower 1st Floor Nautilus A
9:00 - 12:00	State Committee Chair Meeting	Edwinna Williams, FREA President-Elect	Tower 1st Floor Flamingo
11:00 - 1:00	Past Presidents Council Meeting	Laguna Restaurant	

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**Opening General Session - Harbor Ballroom**

1:00 to 1:30	Call to Order	Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams	FREA President
	Presentation of Colors - Pledge of Allegiance General Gayle Hodges, US Air Force, Retired		FREA Treasurer
	Thought for the Day	Felicia Bruce	District 9 Director
	President's Opening Remarks Convention Announcements	Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams, Anne Fagan	FREA President, President- Elect, Executive Director
	Introductions: Past Presidents, Benefits Providers, FREA Office Personnel, Photographer, Ed Wainwright, and our 10,000th FREA Member: Carol Mauro of Palm Beach CREA	Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams	FREA President, FREA President- Elect
	Secretary's Report	Phyllis Omilak	FREA Secretary
	Treasurer's Report 2021-2022 Budget 2022-2023 Budget presented for a vote on Wednesday	Gayle Hodges	FREA Treasurer

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

**What Do Potato Chips Have in  
Common With The Wizard of Oz?**

**1:30 to  
3:00**

Travel the Yellow Brick Road with 'Toga Chip Guy' Alan Richer, The History Channel's Potato Chip Expert, as he explains the Potato Chip's fascinating impact on American History, Culture, and Industry. (A Pop Quiz may happen.)

Alan B. Richer is a noted historian and collector on the potato chip, and is known as the "Toga Chip Guy." Alan is available for presentations on this tasty topic with an interactive, educational and entertaining presentation that includes almost 400 photos of his extensive collection of chip memorabilia. He will discuss the origins and chronology including the mythology surrounding the invention and share his presentation of his extensive collection of memorabilia and collectibles.


Alan has consulted for and appeared on the History Channel show "The Food That Built America" in episodes about Burgers, Frito-Lay, and Pringles. He has been interviewed on ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, the German TV show GALILEO, the Boston Globe, various radio, television stations, books, newspapers, magazines and podcasts, and he and his collection have been featured in a Vice Media produced commercial. He publishes a weekly blog entitled "My view of the world through the prism of the potato chip." Together with the Saratoga Springs, NY Lions Club, he put on the Chip Festival where most of the major domestic chip companies displayed their products and attracted thousands of attendees. The products were judged in various categories by a panel of chefs including the Dean of the Culinary Institute of America. He has addressed universities, museums, historical associations, cooking competitions, private parties, and senior groups. See his website, TogaChipGuy.com or his blog on his Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/TogaChipGuy/>.

His business has expanded into consulting. Alan's experience in documenting the history of many companies has provided him with a rich background on which he draws to help others identify issues and create solutions. He receives calls and emails from all over the world.

Mr. Richer is retired as Senior Tax Counsel-Global Tax Initiatives Leader for General Electric Company based in Albany, NY. He is the recipient of a GE Tax Lifetime Achievement Award as well as a Charter Member of the GE Tax Value Added Tax Hall of Fame. He is a graduate of the Syracuse University School of Management, summa cum laude with Honors, and the Syracuse University College of Law, magna cum laude. Mr. Richer is a Charter Member of the Arthur L. Johnson High School (Clark, NJ) Hall of Fame.



## Tuesday, May 24, 2022

3:00 - 3:20	Break		
3:20 -3:25	Proposed Legislative Priorities	Linda Edson, Legislative Co-Chair	
3:25 - 3:30	Call for Nominations Upcoming Voting Procedures Proposed FREF Bylaws	Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams, Pam Schwartz, Nominating Chair, Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams,	
3:30 - 3:35			
Adjourn General Session - Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams Attendees please go to District Meetings - Time Duration is up to each District			
3:35 -	District Meetings - All in the Tower unless otherwise noted. Use as much, or as little, time as needed.		
District 1	17th Floor Hospitality Suite	District 6	Nautilus B - 1st Floor
District 2	Flamingo	District 7	Cypress C - In main Conference Center
District 3	Harbor B	District 8	Nautilus A - 1st Floor
District 4	Nautilus C - 1st Floor	District 9	Harbor A
District 5	Cypress A - In main Conference Center	District 10	Cypress B - In main Conference Center
5:30- 6:30 Welcome Reception (Drink Ticket in your Registration Envelope) Hosted by  Association of Member Benefits Advisors			Harbor Lobby And Terrace

6:30 -9:00

Harbor Ballroom

### Picnic Dinner and a Movie

Join us as we go "Off To See The Wizard" in a REALLY BIG Screen presentation of The Wizard of Oz. Call it a refresher for the Wednesday night Costume Contest. Popcorn Machines, Movie Candy, Trivia Quiz and a Picnic Dinner complete with soft drink or iced tea.  
Must have sticker to attend.

## Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Time	Event	Presenter	Room
Breakfast On Your Own			
General Session 2			
9:30- 9:35	Open Session - Welcome	Nancy Hosie- Edwinna Williams	Harbor Ballroom
	Thought For the Day	Linda Edson	
9:35 - 10:00	FREA President Vote Budget Vote Legislative Priorities Vote President-Elect Vote FREF Bylaws Vote	Nancy Hosie, Karla Brogdon, Edwinna Williams, Pam Schwartz, Past President	
10:00-11:20	Your Pension Fund: How's it Doing? The world is pretty crazy right now. Wondering if your Pension is safe? Ask Lamar		

### Lamar Taylor

#### Interim Executive Director/Chief Investment Officer Florida State Board of Administration

Lamar Taylor is the Interim Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer of the State Board of Administration of Florida (SBA), a state constitutionally-created \$250+ billion investment management organization providing investment and trust services to certain Florida governmental entities. Lamar most recently served as the SBA Chief Operating/ Financial Officer.

Since joining the board in 2002, he has served in key roles throughout the organization, including the Division of Bond Finance. In each instance, he has executed on key operational and investment initiatives and worked to build excellent relationships and credibility with External Managers, the Investment Advisory Council, and the Audit Committee.

Key accomplishments include: leading SBA's strategic planning efforts, recruiting a dedicated cyber security team and overseeing a cloud-centric IT strategy as Chief Operating/Financial Officer; leading process changes and on-boarding central clearing counterparty relationships in response to regulations issued under the Dodd Frank Act as Deputy Executive Director; and negotiating numerous contractual terms and relationships with private and public market managers and key financial intermediary service providers as Deputy General Counsel. With the Division of Bond Finance, Lamar helped design and structure key terms for the issuance of bonds by the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

Lamar is an attorney and CPA with private and public sector experience. He received his law degree and masters in accounting degree from the Florida State University and his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Florida. He also holds an LLM in taxation from the University of Florida.





## Wednesday, May 25, 2022 - Harbor Ballroom

Time	Event	Presenter
11:30-11:55	<b>5th Grade Essay Volunteer of the Year Awards</b> (Winners please gather at end of session for photos)	Harriett Jenkins, Volunteer Services Chair
11:55-12:00	<b>Afternoon Agenda Overview</b> Bring your Memorial Service Program with you to Memorial Service	Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams
12:00-1:00	<b>Lunch: Think 'Outside the Box' Lunch:</b> Choose at lunch 1 of 3 kinds of gourmet sandwiches with chips, fruit, a cookie, plus additional surprise snacks and gifts included. <b>Must have sticker to attend.</b>	
1:35 - 2:00	<b>FREA Memorial Service</b>	Carolyn McLaughlin, Necrology Chair



### *FREA Memorial Service*

1:35 to 2:00

Doors close promptly at 1:35 to eliminate any disruption of ceremony.

2:00	<b>Breakout Overview - Adjourn Session</b>	Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams
<b>Pick 2 Sessions to Attend.</b> <b>Session 1 is from 2:15 to 3:00</b> <b>Break</b> <b>Session 2 is from 3:15 to 4:00</b>	<b>Legislative/Pension Workshop - Planning and Strategies for Future Legislative Successes, plus Grass Roots Strategies to get your message heard by Legislators</b> Larry Carmichael, Legislative Emeritus; Linda Edson, George Ellis, FREA Legislative Co-Chairs; Zayne Smith and Ann-Marie Flannery, AARP	Nautilus A Tower - 1st Floor
	<b>Age in Place:</b> Did you spend your whole life working just to lose control of it when you grew older? We thought not. Jon Green will show you how to <b>Age in Place</b> during a fun and interactive presentation.	Nautilus B Tower - 1st Floor
	<b>Did You Know Medicare does not cover some emergency transportation?</b> True. Join Alexander Williams as he debunks the myths that exist about that "simple ambulance ride" that could end up costing thousands out-of-your-pocket.	Nautilus C Tower - 1st Floor

### Mix and Mingle Hospitality Hour Cash Bar

5:30-6:30

Photography with Ed  
Green Screen Emerald City background.  
Get your group together, and let's go to Oz!

2nd Floor  
Tower

Harbor Foyer -  
Terrace -  
Ballroom

### 6:30 - 9:30 PM We Travel to Oz

#### Down Home Kansas BBQ Buffet

**Plus so much More:** *BBQ Ribs and Grilled Pepper Chicken and Grouper with Salsa, Oh My! Texas Chili with Cornbread and Red Potato Salad and Molasses Baked Beans, Oh My! And More, Oh My! Name that Tune with Prizes, Plus Wizard of Oz Costume Contest, DJ, Sing-alongs/ Karaoke*

**Dancing: Ever line danced**

**with a Munchkin? Now's your chance!**

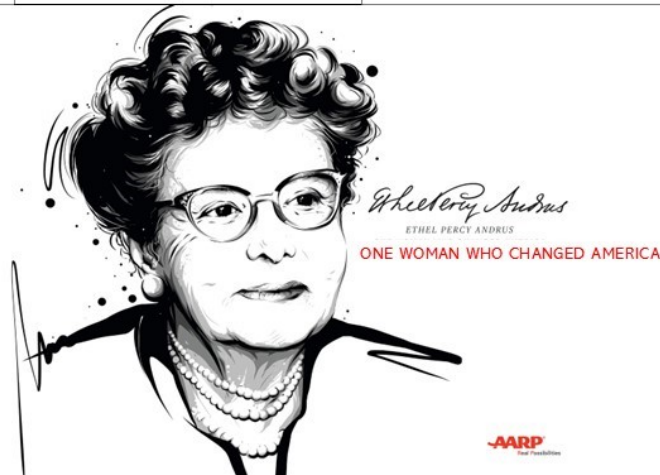
Must have sticker to attend.





Thursday, May 26, 2022

Time	Event	Presenter	Room
Breakfast on Your Own			
8:45 - 9:15	Closing Session		Harbor Ballroom
	Welcome - Opening Remarks	Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams	
	Thought For the Day	Marie Grein	
	Installation of District Directors	Edwinna Williams	
	Installation of President and President-Elect	Esther Twitchell, Past FREA President	
	Incoming President-Elect and President Remarks	Harriett Jenkins, Edwinna Williams	
9:15 Florida Retired Educators Foundation	Fundraising Results	Karla Brogdon, FREF Chair	
	Winning Baskets		
	Drawings for Extravaganza		
9:45	Convention 2023 Announcement	Edwinna Williams	
	Final Remarks and Adjourn	Nancy Hosie - Edwinna Williams	



**"Human contribution is the essential ingredient.  
It is only in the giving of oneself to others  
that we truly live."** *Ethel Percy Andrus*

75 years ago, in 1947, Ethel Percy Andrus formed the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA). 11 years later, in 1958, she formed the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

This year, NRTA and AARP are celebrating the amazing legacy of  
**"The Woman Who Changed America".**

**In the spirit of Ethel, FREA celebrates their  
2022 District Volunteers of the Year.**



District 1  
Linda Harris



District 2  
Carson Ealy



District 3  
Johnnie  
Mae  
Burgess



District 4  
Margaret  
Williams



District 5  
Ann W.  
Pearson

Escambia  
CREA

Gadsden  
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Madison  
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District 6  
Sharon  
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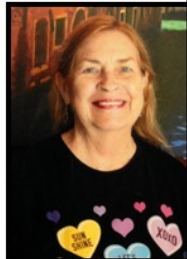
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Dr. Mona  
Jain



District 8  
Ralph  
Hewitt, Jr.



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Laverne  
Proctor-  
Harrison



District 10  
Valerie  
Proffer

Hernando  
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Manatee  
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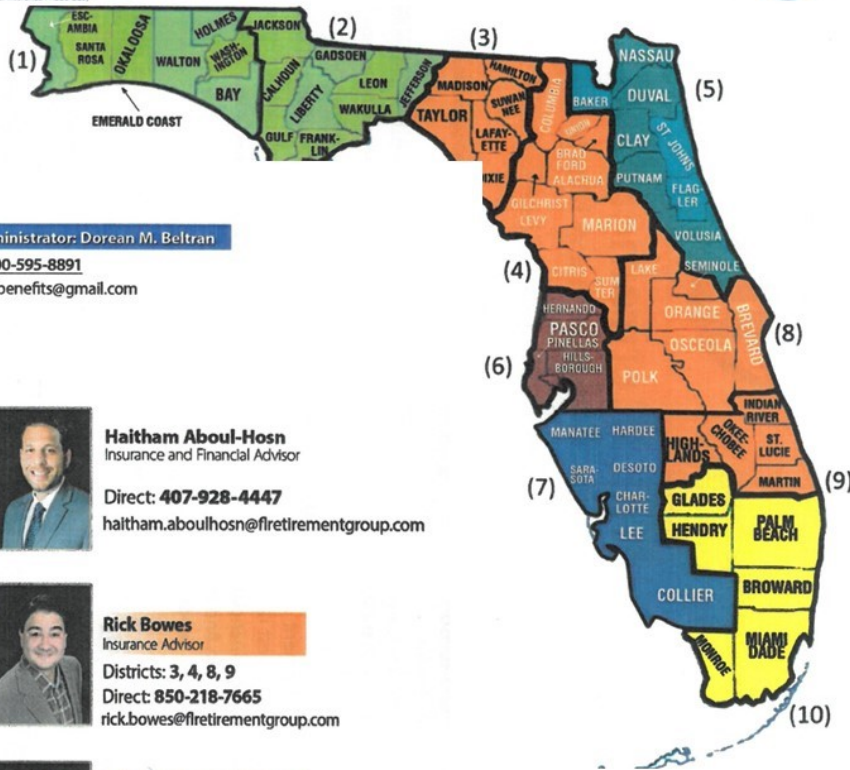
Orange  
CREA

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**District Meetings**  
Tower and Doubletree  
Conference Center  
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Wednesday Breakouts  
Tower, 1st Floor

**Tower Conference Center - Activities 2nd Floor**

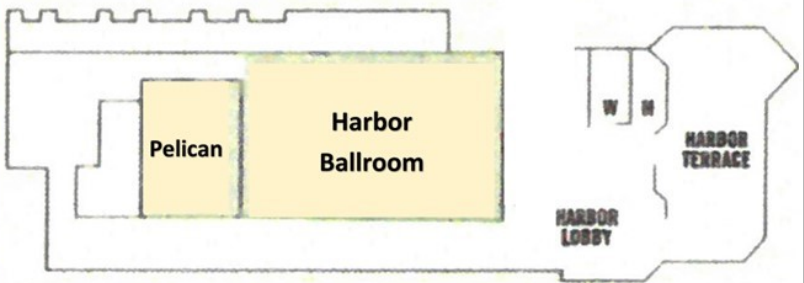
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**Harbor Ballroom**  
General Sessions  
Tuesday - Wednesday  
Events

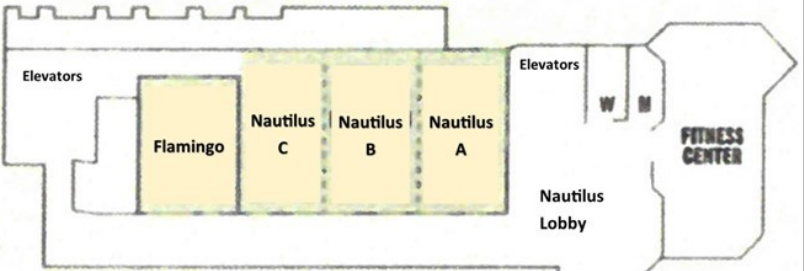
**FREF Baskets AMBA/FRG**  
Green Screen Photography



**TOWER CONFERENCE CENTER  
SECOND FLOOR**



**TOWER CONFERENCE CENTER  
GROUND FLOOR**



Restroom	ATM	Elevator	Hot Spot	Giant Checkers	Billiard
Fitness Center	Hot Tub	Guest Laundry	Dog Walk Area	Smoking Area	Fire Pit



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**To all of our partners who have supported  
us, and made this 2nd incredibly challenging  
past year successful in so many ways.**

**You Are Appreciated!**