



April, 2024

CCREA of Port Charlotte



Treasurer's Report

Al Rozier, Treasurer

Date: April, 2024

Checking: \$ 4,877.15

Savings: \$ 10,390.61

Reminder:

Callers: don't forget the
Telephone Tree

Happy Birthday



Gloria Pearse 4/8

Louise Ratliff 4/26

Joyce Powell 4/29

Mark Your Calendars

Apr 8: General Meeting: Zach Souser

FPL Home; Discussion on Saving money

April 29 Board Meeting

May 6: Scholarship Luncheon

FREA Live Webinar Series. Did you miss it?

On Wednesday, March 13th, at 1:00 PM EST we discussed practical steps to make your living space a forever home. We also explored ways to protect your savings and organize your important documents. Click the link below to watch the webinar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJ-rTzpETUU>

Had a wonderful time!!!



CCREA is now accepting memberships for 2024. Complete the attached application or see Sonja Rozier for an application.

Convention Time

Margaret Poppell Literacy for Life Project: Convention

FREA is asking each FREA Unit to bring **only 5** books to the FREA Convention. These books will be donated to a Veterans facility near the convention site. FREA has labels for each FREA unit so that the recipients will know where the books come from. They can be either for adults or for children.

CCREA will need any donation by the May 6th Scholarship luncheon. Karen Owens will deliver the books to the convention site. If we have more than 5 books, CCREA will donate them to either the Charlotte County Boys and Girls Club or the local Veteran facility.

Scholarship Luncheon

Plan to attend the Scholarship luncheon on Monday, May 6th. We will also be honoring Arlene Kincaid. She was a friend, leader and innovator of our organization. The family has made a memorial gift to our scholarship fund because this fund was a strong love of Arlene's.

Help make the luncheon a great memory for all attendees. Put the date on your calendar. We will be making plans at our April meeting.

Possible FREA State Dues increase

Reminder to all FREA officers and members: At the 2024 Delegate Convention, FREA delegates will be asked to approve the FREA State dues increase of \$10.00, to take place as of July 1, 2024. Please realize that this was not an easy decision, knowing the inflation struggles we are all living with. Inflation does not discriminate, and FREAs costs have risen too. The FREA Office still runs with only two paid personnel to administer to over 11,000 FREA members. Our all-volunteer Board and Membership continue to work tirelessly for our members. We appreciate your support. Pay your dues early to avoid the July 1 increase.

Extravaganza Tickets

Last Chance...on April 8th meeting
only 2 tickets left @\$10/each.
1st prize: \$500 Cash
2nd prize: \$300 Cash
3rd prize: \$200 Cash
10 District Prizes: \$100 each

FYI

Anyone interested in holding a position on the Board to help us move CCREA forward?

Contact any Board member. The Board welcomes all support.

Emma Hawes

Congratulations Emma HAWES. Emma has been awarded a FREA scholarship in the amount of \$1000 per year, renewable for four years.

Emma is a graduating senior from Charlotte High School with Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement credits. She is ranked 8th in a class of 446. She is a member of Honor Society, VP of the Tarpon Leadership Academy, Captain of the Variety Football and Basketball cheerleaders. Emma has been able to work at Sallie Jones Elementary as a teacher assistant, and as a planner for the afterschool program. She is also a teacher assistant at Charlotte High School, and a dance instructor at a local studio.

Emma will enter the University of South Florida in Tampa pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. She deserves the honor of a FREA scholarship.



2024-2025

CHARLOTTE COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOC. (CCREA)
FLORIDA RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOC. (FREA)

Membership Application

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

Year Retired _____ State retired _____ Date of Birth _____

Check payable to CCREA

* CCREA \$ (Local unit CCREA - Individual \$15; Family \$25)

* CCREA \$ _____ Dues

\$ _____ (optional) Donation Future Educators Scholarships

FREA \$ _____ (State Unit FREA \$35)

\$ _____ (optional) State Legislative Advocacy (requested \$4.00)

\$ _____ (optional) FREF Scholarship

Total \$ _____ check # _____) Payable to CCREA

Mail to: Sonja Rozier
26050 Olla Court
Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Referred By _____

CLOSING NOTES

Times monthly supplement has an article on decluttering and six great tips:

1. Determine what you are downsizing to.
2. How big is the new storage space?
3. What items will you really use in your new "rightsized" lifestyle?
4. Take a critical look at what you REALLY use in your bathrooms.
5. Pare down bedding and towels for what you really will need in your new space.
6. Digitize family photos and gift them so all can be shared.

<https://issuu.com/timescreative/docs/lifetimesfeb2024>