



### From the President - - -

Wow! It is hard to believe that my two year term as your President has already reached the end. I have so much enjoyed serving, and I certainly hope you were satisfied with my efforts. We do look forward to the leadership of **Thomas Ford**, and know he, too, will serve us well.

I still feel strongly that our membership number must increase. There are so many friends/former colleagues that could enjoy this organization. I encourage each person to reach out to someone you know and get them to become part of us. Our new **Membership Chairman Shirley Baker** will need your support to carry out her duties. I am confident that Shirley will be a driving force to help our membership.

And for one more time, I am urging members to attend the FREA State Convention, May 28 ó 30, in St. Augustine. If you feel it is not possible to attend the whole convention, perhaps you can come down for at least one day. The Thursday would be a better day to attend, and if possible, stay for the banquet. Your registration must be sent in right away.

Now for one more final comment ó NCREA is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year this year!! We will have a few fun things to celebrate this anniversary at our May and September meetings. And of course, you all realize that FREA is 60 years old this year. Time does fly by, eh?



Here is one of hundreds of photos from my Italy trip ó missed you all, but really, enjoyed my time across the big pond a bit more.

*My son, his wife, and child, with me in a Gondola riding around Venice, Italy!* My trip was indeed grand. I will surely tell you all about it when you ask anytime ó! (yes, it was a little chilly ó hence the jacket attire)

*Blessings, Dotti W.*

### NCREA TID-BITS

**SAD NEWS:** Our dear friend **Frances Partin** has passed. She was a faithful member and will be remembered for her many years of education service as a caring, sweet person. Please remember her family.

**DUES:** **Treasurer Stephanie Manwell** is still collecting dues. The **\$45** fee for the 2014 fiscal year will be past due April 30, 2014. Stephanie's address is 1601 Nectarine St., Apt. H3, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

**FREE EXTRAVAGANZA TICKETS:** If you still need to purchase your \$10 Extravaganza ticket, contact **Marion Grant** or **Dotti Williams**

## NCREA DISPATCH

NASSAU COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION  
"Growing Futures - Learning for Life"

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### NCREA 2014 - 2016 OFFICERS ELECTED

Our NCREA Unit is blessed with many wonderful members, including several who are very dedicated in their service to the organization. THANK YOU for agreeing to serve in leadership. The following listing is your new officer line-up for the next two years. Each member is strongly encouraged to willingly help support each leader any time you may be asked to assist in some activity or event. When many folks work together, tasks are completed more effectively and with much less stress.

*President ó* **Thomas Ford**

*Pres. -elect ó* **Dotti Williams**

*Secretary ó* **Linda Jones**

*Treasurer ó* **Stephanie Manwell**

*Chaplain- ó* **Nancy Thornton**

*Historian ó* **Nancy Johnson**

*Volunteer Services ó* **Joyce Patten**

*Information Services ó* **Charles Albert**

*Retirement Planning ó* **Joan Itak, Linda Jones**

*Membership ó* **Shirley Baker**

*Communications ó* **Dotti Williams**

*Scholarship ó* **Dotti Williams**

*Sunshine ó* **Stephanie Manwell**

If any member realizes they are ready to serve in specific leadership roles for NCREA during the next term, please let your president know. Volunteers are always invited to help at any time.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY NCREA**



**Nassau County Retired Educators Association**, established in 1984, is **30 years old this year!** Special celebration fun will be presented at the May and September meetings ó don't miss them!

MEETINGS REVISITED - - - -



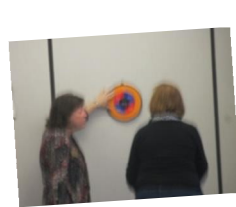
Christmas at Slider's Grill



Presentation from Nassau Volunteer Center, January



FEBRUARY: Ms. Davis, Linda J., Joan I. lead Retirement Seminar ; "FUN FITNESS" program at Feb. meeting



Cummer Museum April Outing

[SEE MORE PHOTOS ON WEB SITE – [www.nassaufrea.org](http://www.nassaufrea.org) ]

FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE FRS

Once again, any changes in the state retirement system (FRS) have not been approved. That is, yet. It seems our legislators are still bent on closing the current system to new employees and forcing them to choose between a special investment plan or a cash balance plan, neither which will offer the same security and benefits as the current system.

Some legislators, however, continue to hold firm and support efforts to keep the current system in tack. Recently, **FREA President Thelma Moseley** and state **Legislature Chair Larry Carmicheal** presented awards to some of the political leaders for their steadfast support.

As members of FREA, you are encouraged to regularly check the legislature information on the website, [www.frea.org](http://www.frea.org), and email your local politicians letting them know of your own concerns.

"SUNSHINE RAYS"

BIRTHDAYS



MARCH

Lauren Clough	Kay Stephens
Thomas Ford	Nancy Thornton
Marion Grant	Courtney Tyson-Shelby
Nancy Johnson	Bettie Williams
Willie King	

APRIL

Thomas Blue	Stephanie Manwell
Willie Ina Harper	Shirley Taylor

MAY

Willie Mae Ashley	Ben Isaac
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PRAYERS for  
COMFORT & HEALING

Family of Florence Partin  
Mamie Hill (ill spouse)  
Nancy Johnson (passing of Father-in-law)

Stephanie Manwell  
Nancy Thornton



MEETING SCHEDULE 2013-14  
9:45 – 10:15am 'Social Time'  
10:15am Business meeting begins

April 15 – Cummer Museum of Art,  
Jacksonville; 'Social Outing'

May 20– Cedar River Restaurant,  
Fernandina; 'Wrap-Up Dining', 11:30am

May 28–30– Renaissance Hotel, World Golf  
Village, St. Augustine; 2014 FREA Convention

Sept. 16 – 'Welcome Back', place TBA