

# the NCREA INSIDER

NASSAU COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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## FREA 2014 CONVENTION

Celebrating 60 Years - -

Our NCREA was represented this year at the annual 2014 FREA State Convention by **President Thomas Ford**, **Past-Pres. Dotti Williams**, and **Historian Nancy Johnson**. This year's event was held at the World Golf Village Renaissance Hotel in St. Augustine, with a record attendance of just over 300. Of course, one reason for many



Six Past Presidents of FREA !

folks attending was to help celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FREA.

There were some special activities and remembrances to mark the occasion, with the culminating highlight Banquet. Six Past-Presidents of FREA were special guests, with musical entertainment to accompany delightfully fun dancing.

## NEW FORMAT FOR FREA BULLETIN

NCREA Newsletter changes --

It is evident that your NCREA Newsletter has a different look, with a new title and general format. Suggestions for content articles, photos, etc. are always welcomed from members.

Another 'newsletter change' is the state FREA BULLETIN. It can be accessed from the website, [www.frea.org](http://www.frea.org). The new

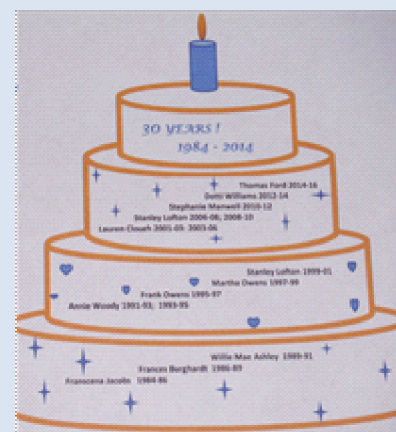
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY NCREA

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Don't miss our special  
30<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION

at the September 16<sup>th</sup> Breakfast meeting. There will be fun and memories to enjoy. Members are encouraged to be prepared to share some favorite moments from personal experiences in NCREA.

This 'cake sketch' shows names of all NCREA Presidents since 1984. It will be part of some commemorative displays at the September Celebration meeting.



format is larger in size, text font, more colorful, and informative. And this particular issue has a lot of great articles which portray who the new state officers are, as well as the Volunteers of the Year for each District. There is much more information, of course, and the Bulletin is easy to navigate.

So be sure to check out the new FREA Bulletin !



### MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

*Shirley Baker, Membership Chairman*

### EACH ONE BRING ONE

Our NCREA Unit is an active group of folks who enjoy fellowship times together, informative program opportunities, and significant discount benefits from membership. We should therefore each become more involved in getting new members to also receive benefits.

With 'Each One Bring One', every member should invite and bring someone new to the next NCREA meeting. You certainly should have friends or former colleagues you can be in touch with to invite.

**SO come on – bring someone new !**

### "SUNSHINE RAYS"

#### BIRTHDAYS

##### JUNE

Charles Albert	Rosa Jones
Nancy Ashe	Mary Libby
Lillie Isaac	Barbara O'Conner

##### JULY

Shirley Baker	Mary Ann George
Eleanor Simmons	

##### AUGUST

Joyce Bowman	Laura Morris
Sherry Mathews	June Smith

#### PRAYERS for COMFORT & HEALING

Lauren Clough [loss of wife]



#### YOU KNOW YOUR'E A FLORIDIAN IF:

Anything under 70 degrees is chilly-

You have to drive north to get to The South-

'Down South' means Key West -

You know why flamingos are pink -

You know the four seasons really are: almost summer, summer, not summer but really hot, and February.

## NCREA TID-BITS

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Our **June Smith** was the District 5 'runner-up' for Volunteer of the Year ! Way to go, June. Let's all continue to shine with our volunteer service.

REMEMBER TO BE RECORDING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS ! 😊

**DUES:** Treasurer **Stephanie Manwell** is still accepting dues. The \$45 fee covers the fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

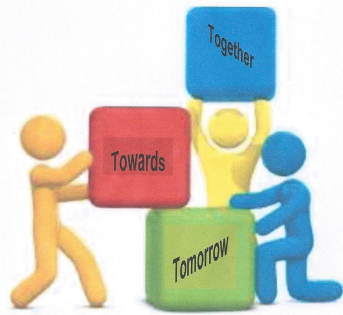
## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

FREA's voice needs to be strong in order to protect the future of the Florida Retirement System. We must continue to support the FREA not only with dues but also by inviting one other person to join us in growing into a voice to be reckoned with politically. Friends and family can be FREA Associate Members. Tallahassee needs to understand that we are a strong voice, and growing. We have over 300,000 retired FRS educators and school personnel in the state of Florida. Florida school system retirees make up almost half of FRS members.

The Legislature seems to continue its resolve in wanting to change the current FRS, when there is no credible need. The FRS is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest public retirement plan in the U.S. and yet is also one of the lowest in operating costs.

Approximately \$2 out of every \$3 of today's Pension Plan benefit payments is funded by investment gains and not from taxpayers. The FRS has more money to invest than half of the countries in the world.

With even more numbers in FREA adding increased persuasive clout, your individual help is critical to acquiring new members. Do your part as the new FREA state logo indicates:



Together Towards Tomorrow

## FUN MEMORIES TOGETHER . . .



May 2014 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Winner  
Is our special guest !



FREA State Convention 2014

[See more photos on our web site:  
[www.nassaufrea.org](http://www.nassaufrea.org) !]

Life is short, so  
Forgive quickly,  
Believe slowly,  
Love truly,  
Laugh uncontrollably.

And have a wonderful  
journey !

## NEW NCREA TERM, NEW PLANS

Our new Unit President and officers are excited about offering varied programs and Unit plans for the next two years. *The Executive Board needs member input specifically for this year's Christmas Holiday Luncheon site, and also for our special April Social Outing activity.* Please be thinking of possibilities and let your president or any officer know your thoughts.



### MEETING SCHEDULE 2014 - 15

**9:45 - 10:15 AM 'Social Time'**

**10:15am Business meeting begins**

<b>Sept. 16</b> – Full Service School, Yulee; 9:30am	<i>'Pot-Luck' Breakfast Dr. John Ruis</i>
<b>Oct. 9</b> - Quality Inn Conference Center, Commonwealth Ave. , Jacksonville	<i>District 5 Workshop</i>
<b>Oct. 21</b> – FB Police Dept. Community Room	<i>'Information Services' Sen. Aaron Bean</i>
<b>Nov. 18</b> – Full Service School, Yulee;	<i>Sheriff Bill Leeper</i>
<b>Dec. 16</b> – TBA	<i>'Holiday Luncheon'</i>
<b>Jan. 20</b> - Full Service School, Yulee	<i>'Volunteer Services'</i>
<b>Feb. 17</b> – Full Service School, Yulee	<i>'Scrumptious Surprises &amp; Crafty Co-ops'</i>
<b>March 17</b> – FB Police Dept. Community Room	<i>'Membership'</i>
<b>April 21</b> - TBA	<i>'Social Outing'</i>
<b>May 19</b> - Cedar River Restaurant Fernandina Beach, 11:30am	<i>'Wrap-Up Dining'</i>
<b>May 27 – 29</b> - DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando, Seaworld	<i>2015 FREA Convention</i>

### 2014-2016 NCREA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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