

PBCREA MARCH 2025 BLAST

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**PALM BEACH COUNTY
RETIRED EDUCATORS**



MARCH 2025

BLAST

MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025
10:30 AM**

Volante of Delray Beach



Meeting registration: 10:30-11:00am

PLEASE BE ON TIME

LUNCH begins at: 11:00am

Meeting ends at: 1:00-2:00pm (varies by program)

Luncheon cost: \$18.00

Menu: salad, entrée and veggie(s), dessert, drink

No TIP expected



PROGRAM & SUCH



SCHOLARSHIP BINGO

LET'S PLAY BINGO!

1 SET OF CARDS EQUALS 5 GAMES

FOR

**1 SET - \$10
2 SETS - \$20
3 SETS - \$25
CASH ONLY**

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE

**GAME 1 - BLUE - \$10
GAME 2 - ORANGE - \$10
GAME 3 - GREEN - \$10
GAME 4 - YELLOW - \$10
GAME 5 - PINK - \$50**

CASH

**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ ALL MONIES COLLECTED GO INTO THE UNIT SCHOLARSHIP
FUND \$\$\$\$**

THANK YOU!

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FREE EXTRAVAGANZA TICKETS

Our Palm Beach County Unit has 60 tickets to sell. Each ticket is \$10 and this money benefits the Foundation for state awarded scholarships. When you buy a ticket - or MORE!- your name is entered in for \$100 District Drawings. There are Large Group Drawings of \$200, \$300, and \$500 also! Let's make sure we sell all 60 tickets! More chances to win!!



FREA - District 10 5th Grade Essay Winner

Congratulations! **Micah Bartolini's** essay *"My Inspirational Uncle Apple"* was the 5th Grade Essay winner for District 10, soaring over entries from Broward and Miami Dade Counties! His essay has gone on to State competition. We should know by the end of March if Micah has placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the state competition, which is composed of essays from 10 districts! Last year, our district winner went on to win 2nd place.

We will invite Micah - his family and teacher to our April meeting.



Municipal elections-March 11, 2025 at the following locations:

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- 1. [Boynton Beach](#)
 - 2. [Golf](#)
 - 3. [Highland Beach](#)
 - 4. [Jupiter](#)
 - 5. [Lake Park](#)
 - 6. [Lake Worth Beach](#)
 - 7. [Lantana](#)
 - 8. [Loxahatchee Groves](#)
 - 9. [Pahokee](#)
 - 10. [Palm Beach Gardens](#)
 - 11. [Riviera Beach](#)
 - 12. [Royal Palm Beach](#)

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Need more information? Contact the
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections
561-656-6208



Social Security

National Slam the Scam Day

March 6, 2025

On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year, we give you the tools to recognize Social Security-related scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information.

Help protect your loved ones and people in your community this Slam the Scam Day by:

- Learning about the latest scams. Information can empower you to quickly recognize a scam. Signs of a scam include:
 - An unexpected problem or offer of a prize or benefit increase,
 - Pressure to act immediately, and
 - A request for an unusual payment like cryptocurrency, gift cards, gold bars, and wire transfers, even with the promise of keeping your money “safe.”
- Reporting scams as soon as possible. Victims shouldn’t be embarrassed if they shared personal information or suffered a financial loss. We are all vulnerable.
- Sharing our [Scam Alert](#) fact sheet and helping educate others about how to protect themselves.

Report Social Security-related scams to the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

[Report a Scam](#)

Visit www.ssa.gov/scam for more information and follow SSA OIG on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to stay up to date on the latest scam tactics. Repost #SlamtheScam information on social media to keep your friends and family safe.





Why Do YOU Need Cola Reinstated?

Just see the photo below. Add in the high cost of car insurance, house insurance, gas, and almost everything and those are the reasons why you need COLA Reinstated.

Please write your Legislators to add your voice to ours.

Click the boxes below to send an email to your Representative and Senator. Our Legislative Team will be in Tallahassee March 24–March 27. Our goal? Visit every legislator and relay the message of why COLA is so important. We represent every FRS retiree (including First Responders) in the State of Florida. Help us Help You!

Find Your State
Senator

Find Your State
Representative

What I paid for groceries from Walmart in 2022 versus the current prices at the same store in 2024	April 13th 2022 prices versus March 9th 2024 prices Total price in 2022 = \$27.89 Total price in 2024 = \$48.30 An increase of 75%*
<p>Pepperridge Farm Whole Honey Wheat Bread 24 oz</p> <p>2022 \$1.98 2024 \$3.84</p> 	<p>Great Value Chicken Thighs Frozen 4lbs</p> <p>2022 \$4.86 2024 \$8.76</p> 
<p>Great Value Yogurt 6 oz - 12 count</p> <p>2022 \$3.62 2024 \$5.33</p> 	<p>Great Value Zesty Italian Dressing 16 oz</p> <p>2022 \$0.92 2024 \$1.97</p> 
<p>Great Value Orange Juice w/ Calcium and Vit D 64 Oz</p> <p>2022 \$1.74 2024 \$3.98</p> 	<p>Yellow Mango</p> <p>2022 \$0.50 2024 \$0.98</p> 
<p>Lay's Kettle Cooked Mesquite BBQ Chips 8 oz</p> <p>2022 \$1.33 2024 \$3.00</p> 	<p>Hershey's Chocolate Bars 6 pack - 9.3 oz</p> <p>2022 \$3.48 2024 \$6.48</p> 
<p>Maxwell House Breakfast Blend 25.6 Oz</p> <p>2022 \$6.28 2024 \$8.98</p> 	<p>Degree Advanced 72 Hour Deodorant 2.6 Oz</p> <p>2022 \$3.18 2024 \$4.98</p> 

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR YOUR COPY OF
FREA MARCH E-Newsletter**



!!!! TOP TEN UNIT VOLUNTEERS FOR 2024 !!!!

(VOY)	Josephine Eaves	Annette Gilbert
	Belinda Gilbert	Janet Ford
	Nancy Gerace	Maxine Griggs
	Flora Jackson	Barbara Otto
	Margaret Quinlan	Ron Scharnweber

**Note: VOY is the Volunteer of the Year
Total hours reported for 2024 : 9610
Awards will be presented at the April Meeting**



PBCREA --- Positions Available ---Apply now!

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of President in the event of the President's inability to execute the assigned duties.

The Vice-President serves as President-Elect and shall be installed as President upon expiration of the President's term in office.

The Vice-President organizes phone callers, sends reminders, contacts restaurant with count and makes

arrangements for meetings as needed. Also, the Vice-President shall perform such other duties as the President may assign.

Newsletter Editor

Prepares and disseminates copies of the newsletter; prepares the directory and meeting agendas.

Please contact Flora Jackson (561-358-2571) for details.



FREA and UNIT Dues

April and May will be collection months for Dues.

\$55 - \$45 goes to the state / \$10 stays in unit

Can pay by cash or checks made out to

PBCREA

Palm Beach County Retired Educators Association

If you pay directly to the state, please remember to include the local dues and advise unit treasurer of your payment.

Record keeping is less confusing if you pay directly through the local unit.

THANK YOU!



FEBRUARY MEETING PHOTOS ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️









**More are posted on the Facebook page
*Palm Beach Co Retired Educators Association***



May the dreams
you hold dearest
be those which
come true
And the kindness
you spread
keep returning
to you

