



Brevard Federation of Teachers Retired Chapter News "Retired, Not Expired"

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The President's Missive

--Joan Taddie

It's hard to believe that Spring in the Northern Hemisphere began on Sunday, March 20th, and we will soon be celebrating Easter, Passover, and Ramadan. Families are making plans to get together, some for the first time, knowing that everyone in the family is now vaccinated!

The BFT-R Executive Board is also excited to have our union family once again face-to-face outside under a pavilion at the Spyglass Jack Mahon Park, thanks to our treasurer, Susan Vincent, a resident of Suntree. We'll start our April 7th General Membership Meeting at 11:30 am visiting with all our friends again as we enjoy our BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch)! The Executive Board will provide table coverings, drinks, ice, cutlery, and dessert!

After lunch, we will tell all of you our plans for May-December 2022!

I would like to thank Lin Herz for arranging to have her cousin, Joyce Rosenberg, Zoom into our March meeting from New York City and tell us lots of interesting things that she experienced as an editor for the Associated Press. She also is currently a practicing psychoanalyst, and she gave us lots of advice about self-care during retirement.

Can't wait to actually SEE all of you in person on April 7th!!!! It's time to celebrate us!!!!!!



Next Meeting--Thur, Apr. 7, 2022

Spyglass John Mahon Park

7550 Spyglass Hill Rd.

Melbourne (Suntree), FL 32940

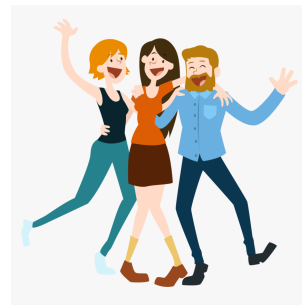
11:30 Brown Bag Lunch

BFT-R will provide drinks, ice, paper products, cutlery, & dessert

If you plan to attend our meeting on April 7, please email Joan Taddie at jtaddie@cfl.rr.com by Saturday, April 2 so she can buy enough dessert & paper goods for everyone.



Pavilion at Spyglass Jack Mahon Park



HAPPY SPRING!



Membership News

--Sheila Cootes

Members—I'm asking for your input. The "topic?" Membership "words:" life, lifetime, annual.

If I pay for "life" dues, it just seems logical that "that's it!" No more dues.

I believe we need some new words. All of us want to support our "local" Brevard Federation of Teachers Retired Chapter. I don't think any of us want to "not pay" \$30 to help BFTR fund Innovative Grants, support the 3R Book Program, buy food for our meetings, pay for a portion of our political and holiday luncheons, and help pay for members to attend state and national conferences.

The \$400 you pay for "life" dues goes to the Florida Education Association. They keep some and send the rest to the National Education Association. This amount lets you be eligible for perks like insurance and you only have to pay local dues of \$30 each year. If you don't become a "life" member, you pay \$76 each year: \$46 to the FEA and \$30 to BFTR.

Be sure to check the membership form on the last page of this newsletter. Nancy has made some very helpful changes.

One more important fact: 2022-23 dues are due in October, so please do not send me your check until then. Our October general membership meeting will be October 6th at the BFT office—IN PERSON! Yay! So if you're coming to that meeting, save a stamp and just hand me your check.

Membership questions? Just call or text (321) 427-7808 or e-mail (scootes@earthlink.net)



Read, Recycle, and Reward Program

--Rita Hewett



Our news is short this month. We are all set up in our large room. We love our space. Our biggest challenge now is cleaning and checking our books from the book drive. Our next book deliveries are to the central area.

Come and join us. **Contact Rita Hewett, Program Chair, at (321) 720-3683.**



L to R: Dee Cummings, Eileen Schaap, Carol Linton, Linda Guiles, Sheila Bollinger, Carol Post cleaning book

Directions to Spyglass Jack Mahon Park

From I-95: Take Exit 191 Wickham Road. Go EAST on Wickham (for the directionally impaired: East is the OPPOSITE way of Walmart & the School Board). Turn LEFT either on Murrell Rd. or Forest Lake Ave, then RIGHT on Spyglass Hill Rd. The park will be on your left. The entrance looks like this:



FROM US1: Go WEST at Suntree Blvd. (AWAY from the river). Turn RIGHT on Wickham Rd. Turn RIGHT at N. Pinehurst Ave. Turn LEFT on Spyglass Hill Rd. The park will be on your right. The entrance looks like this:



Address is: 7550 Spyglass Hill Rd.
Melbourne, FL 32940

Volunteer Hours

--Susan Vincent

Thank you to the people who sent me their volunteer hours. Send hours to snv1@cfl.rr.com. Please put volunteer hours in the subject line.

Notification of BFT-R Election of Officers

Every two years, during April, the Brevard Federation of Teachers-Retired holds elections for the following officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary (2).

These are the officers who served during the May, 2020 – April, 2022 term and are seeking reelection for the May, 2022 – April, 2024 term:

President: Joan Taddie

Vice-President: Nancy Johnson

Treasurer: Susan Vincent

Secretaries (2): Linda Guiles

JayAnn Preston has been nominated as 2nd secretary.

Please nominate yourself or another member for any of these elected positions. Please note that we need 2 Secretaries to ensure that minutes are taken at all meetings. The membership will vote for the slate of officers at our April 7 meeting.

As officers you are required to make a report at each monthly General Membership meeting. You are also required to attend the monthly Executive Board meetings, which occur approximately 2 weeks before the General Membership Meetings via ZOOM. Membership chair, Speaker/Field Trip chair, and 3R's Book chair are appointed by the officers and are also members of the Executive Board.

Please email Sheila Cootes at scootes@earthlink.net to nominate yourself or another member for any of the positions listed above by April 1, 2022.

FEA-Retired Elections

You may have noticed when you got your FEA-Retired ballot that there was no listing for the FEA-Delegate Assembly. Because FEA-Retired is allotted 35 delegates & only 33 people submitted their nomination forms, all were elected by acclamation. Congratulations to Joan Taddie & Nancy Johnson on being elected delegates.



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**Thur, Apr. 7 - BFT-R meeting at
Spyglass Jack Mahon Park
7550 Spyglass Hill Rd, Melbourne
-11:30 Brown Bag Lunch
BFT-R will provide dessert & drinks
RSVP to jtaddie@cfl.rr.com by Sat, April 2**

Next meeting - May 5

Membership Application

I want to join BFT/R for the 2021-2022 school year and receive membership benefits. Enclosed please find a check payable to BFT/R for:

New Member

____ Annual dues \$76.00
____ Lifetime dues \$400.00
(state and national)

Renewing Member

____ Annual dues \$76.00 (For non-life members)
____ Local dues for Lifetime members **\$30 each year**
____ Lifetime dues \$400 (BFTR pays local dues 1st year)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
E-mail _____ Phone _____ Cell _____
Former School _____ Subject /Grade Level _____
Interests _____
Signature _____

Please complete this form and mail it and your check to **Sheila Cootes, 3737 Sunward Dr., Merritt Island, FL 32953.**