



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By June Townsend

March definitely came in "like a lion." The day of our Ice Cream Social was windy and unpredictable. However, that did not stop a large number of LWREA members from attending, participating in the Silent Auction (which raised over \$500), hearing from the winners of the fifth grade essay contest, and enjoying delicious ice cream sundaes.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the April 6 meeting with Dr. Fiorini, Chiropractic Physician, who will be speaking on how to prevent injury or death in automobile accidents. His presentations are always informative and entertaining.

Get your registration form in early for the annual luncheon on May 4th. You will want to personally meet our 2010 local scholarship recipients. Many individuals are working behind the scenes to make this a special event. Thank you to everyone who is making LWREA stronger every day. We are looking forward to seeing you on April 6th!



5TH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST

by Linda Presnell

LWREA sponsors a 5th grade essay contest each year for all 5th graders in Leon and Wakulla counties. This year all three winners are from Shadeville Elementary School in Crawfordville. The winners, their parents and their teachers were honored at an awards ceremony



Tuesday, March 2 at the Envision Credit Union. The first place winner, Brianna Pichard was from Debra Marsh's class and she received a \$50 savings bond. The second and third place winners, Madison Metcalf and Lucas Briggs, both from Miranda Hardage's class received Chick-Fil-A gift baskets. All students received a framed certificate. Holland



& Knight Law Firm provided the money for the savings bond and Chick-Fil-A donated the gift baskets. The students wrote essays describing an experience or experiences with a grandparent or a grandparent figure. The winning essay will be submitted to the state organization, the Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA). Many thanks to Mary Spencer, Literacy Chair and her committee.

MAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Your Board of Directors is pleased to announce the annual luncheon May 4th at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum. Lunch is being catered and the cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations must be made before April 23th. NO refunds will be given after April 23th. Complete the form below and mail it with your check to Nanci Hoffman, 1828 Wagon Wheel Circle West, Tallahassee 32317.

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LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Name of LWREA Member(s) Attending Luncheon: _____

Name of Guests Attending Luncheon: _____

Total Amount Enclosed for Luncheon: _____

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PREPAYMENT OF DUES FOR 2010-2011

For your convenience, we suggest you also pay your dues for 2010-2011. This will save us time this summer and help us update our Yearbook for next year. Often with family travel schedules, members are difficult to reach during the summer months. The cost for local and FREA dues is \$40 for the year. Complete the Membership Form below and send with your check to Nanci Hoffman.

Name: _____

My address has not changed _____.
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New Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

I am paying dues for the 2010-2011 membership year for the following member(s). _____

Total amount dues enclosed: _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 24th

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 6

FATE Symposium

Saturday, April 10

FREA Reports are due

Thursday, April 15

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 4,

TEEN MOM WORKSHOP BY MARY SPENCER

Saturday, May 8



REFRESHMENTS FOR APRIL 6TH MEETING

If your last name begins with S -Z, the hospitality committee requests that you bring refreshments for the April meeting.

Plan to arrive no later than 1:45 p.m., as refreshments are served before the meeting. Questions? Call Jerry Gilmore at 575-2410.



Financial Statement

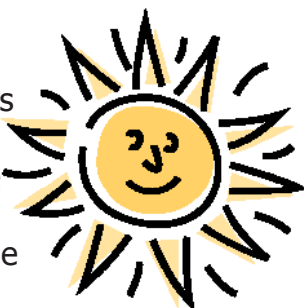
By Nanci Hoffman, Treasurer

Checking Balance	\$1281.17
Scholarship Balance	\$1404.00
CD Balance	\$3590.22
Total Assets	\$6275.39

Sunshine Notes

Margie Cash and Judy Cates

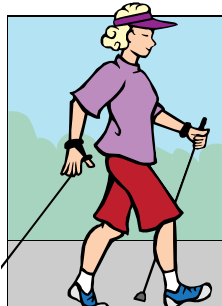
Keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers. Cards have been sent and calls made to Steve Roady, Florida Parker, Helen Keaton, Jane Teuton, Ida Manning and Nancy Thompson.



Health in Action.....

The Power of Walking Contest Reminder:

Turn in your walking log to Gladys F. Caswell by April 6th (Contact her if you would like a walking log).



**"Happy Birthday to You...
Happy Birthday to You...
Happy Birthday dear members..."**

by Nanci Hoffman

Wyneva Austin 4/13
Patricia Barrineau 4/23
Judy Cates 4/14
Janette Davis 4/3

Henry Murphy 4/27
Steve Roady 4/29
June Townsend 4/22

WHAT A SEMINAR!!

February 15, 2010, LWREA and the Leon County Schools co-hosted the annual Retirement Seminar for employees contemplating retirement, entering the DROP or completing the DROP. Flyers were distributed at all schools and participants registered online for one or more sessions. The presentations, refreshments and lunch provided were evidence of a solid partnership of all sponsors. Deena Howell and Donna Lackey, staff of the LCS Employee Related Services Department, coordinated registration, materials and presenters for the event. Over 75 registered participants attended.

LWREA provided the set-up, morning coffee, fruit and bagels and afternoon snacks; the box lunches were provided by Firehouse Subs and paid for with donations from several of the district-approved Tax Sheltered Annuity vendors and BENCOR. The TSA vendors and BENCOR provided information and resources for retiring employees.

The six sessions throughout the day covered many topics of interest to future retirees including: the FRS Pension Plan, the FRS Investment Plan, **Encore Ideas: Planning for Living, Giving, and Meaning**, a presentation by FSU professor, Jim Hinterlong, Leon County Schools Retirement Benefits, and BENCOR. LWREA president, June Townsend, introduced FREA and LWREA at the beginning of each session, by reminding everyone of the reasons they should join upon retirement. Kathy Carmichael provided the LWREA Membership information and Unit displays of the last two years.

In addition to covering the logistics of financially planning for retirement, it was suggested a plan for how to spend retirement time was also needed. Participants were reminded they have a unique opportunity to put their skills to work in another job (should they choose) or by volunteering – contributing to something meaningful and fulfilling for them.

Wyneva Austin and her LWREA committee coordinated all food and beverages and provided tremendous support throughout the day. Many thanks to them for helping to make the Retirement Seminar a success.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

ELDER ABUSE AND HOW TO REPORT IT

Florida Law requires that any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect that a vulnerable adult has been or is being abused, neglected, or exploited shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Abuse Hotline on the toll-free telephone number, 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873). The Florida Abuse Hotline accepts calls 24 hours per day, seven days a week. The Abuse Hotline counselor is required to let the person calling know whether the information provided has been accepted as a report for investigation.

Abuse may be physical, mental, emotional, or sexual. Neglect can be self-neglect or neglect by a caregiver. Exploitation means that a person in a position of trust knowingly, by deception and intimidation, obtains and uses or tries to obtain and use a vulnerable person's funds, assets, or property. This includes failure to use the vulnerable person's income and assets to provide for the necessities required for that person's care. Watching out for our friends and neighbors may be a life saving effort. Just as we were aware of the signs of abuse and neglect for our students when we were teachers, we have the same obligation for the vulnerable elders we know.

James M. (Jim) Croteau, Ph.D., Chair
Information and Protective Services Committee

EDITOR'S NOTES

The deadline for articles for the May newsletter is Friday, April 9. If you have upcoming events/information you would like included, send notices to Prince Lemons at:

pwl1115@yahoo.com

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."
Kathy Carmichael