

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By June Townsend

Spring has definitely sprung.... And, it hardly seems possible our work year is fast coming to a close. This will be our final newsletter before we break for the summer.

I'd like to personally thank all the members who have worked with me to make this a very productive year. There are so many accomplishments... too many to list, but here are a few highlights of 2009-2010.

- Recruitment efforts have yielded many new and returning members
- 111 members contributed 25,259 community service volunteer hours
- Committees provided high quality programs/speakers at meetings
- 34 members contributed 7,298 literacy hours
- Retirement seminar was outstanding thanks to the committee
- Thanks to Nanci Hoffman, we have a very effective website
- The literacy committee provided books and two reading workshops for the teenage mothers of the Even Start Project at Lively
- Partnering with the Area Agency on Aging is benefiting us mutually
- Two silent auctions generated funds for local scholarships
- New LWREA brochure with membership application and a bookmark with meeting dates for all members and prospective members were developed.
- Special Spring Luncheon on May 4th at 11:30 a.m. is being planned

Your executive Board will be working over the summer to plan for next year. We request you give us feedback and suggestions. This is your LWREA! Let's all set a goal to be more involved in the future.



NEWS FLASH!!!

Our 5th Grade Essay Contest winner, Brianna Pichard won both District and FREA State competition!

COLLECTING CELL PHONES

Refuge House still is in need of old cell phones. We will have a box designated for them at the luncheon on May 4.



Old Dogs Can Learn New Tricks: Seniors in the Digital Age --May Annual Luncheon

By Evelyn Florence

You won't want to miss this year's luncheon on embracing technology - at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum on May 4 at 11:30 a.m. We have a dynamic speaker, Dr. Bernadette Kelley from FAMU, and you will be entertained by students from the Lincoln High School chorus, under the direction of Scott Leaman. You'll also have the opportunity to meet our scholarship recipients, and enjoy the fun and fellowship. You may register on our website at: www.lwrea.com

Don't forget, you also may tour this fascinating museum at a discount—only \$5 instead of the regular fee of \$13. There is an elevator and two wheel chairs available for use during the tours if needed. Before going upstairs for the luncheon remember to purchase the tour ticket.

See you at the LWREA Annual Luncheon!

WE APPRECIATE OUR MEMBERS

by Kathy Carmichael, Chair Membership Committee

Thank you to all of our dedicated members who have been demonstrating support for LWREA and FREA. With the legislative agenda being what it is, we are proud that 96 % of LWREA members are also members of FREA. The number of members in FREA and LWREA is important. Legislators consider the number of retirees in organizations when determining the strength of those organizations. Anytime there is a bill which will affect retirees, let your Senators and Representatives know what YOU want them to do.

Our May 4th luncheon at the Antique Car Museum is a great time to invite visitors who might join us next year. Remember there are new retirees being announced. Extend an invitation to them to join LWREA, and then follow up before the first fall meeting.

BREAKFAST FOR ENVISION CU STAFF

by June Townsend

Without the support of the CEO of Envision CU and his staff, the LWREA could not accomplish all that it does. To thank them, we will be hosting a breakfast for all staff at the main offices on April 28th. Food items are to be brought to the office by 9:00 a.m. that morning. If you have not signed up to contribute items or help in serving and would like to, please contact June at 544-6300.

Whenever you drop by to conduct business at ECU, take a moment to thank any staff members you see. We don't do this often enough. Let them know everyday how much we appreciate them.

EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM MARY SPENCER

May 7, 2010 the literacy committee will present our second workshop to the teen moms in the Teenage Parent Program (TAPP). The workshop will be held at Lively Technical Institute's Early Childhood Building at 1:00 p.m. Please donate books for the children ages birth to 5 year old. In December, we made a great contribution of over 100 books. The moms truly appreciated the books.

LWREA 5th Grade Essay Contest Winner

by Mary Spencer

Congratulations and Good Luck to Brianna Pichard. Her entry entitled, "My Gram and I" won the 5th grade essay contest held by LWREA. She was given a \$50.00 savings bond and a certificate of participation. Her essay was sent to the district II competition and was chosen district II winner. Now, it has gone to state competition. Brianna is a student in Mrs. Marsh's 5th Grade Class at Shadeville Elementary in Wakulla County.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

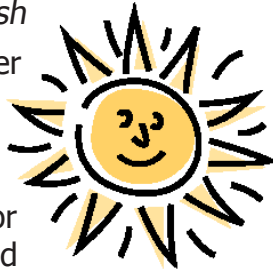
by Nanci Hoffman, Treasurer

Total Checking Balance	\$1380.42
Scholarship Balance	\$1388.52
CD Balance	\$3590.22
Total Assets Balance	\$6359.16

SUNSHINE NOTES

by Judy Cates and Margie Cash

Cards were sent to Liz Gardner (leg injury), Jo Bourgeois (husband died), Carriemae Marquess (who has been ill) and to Eddie Moore (caring for sick family members). You and your family are in our prayers.



MEMORIES

by Nanci Hamilton-Hoffman

I wonder how many years we've all taught if we added it up, altogether. Even if we only say 30 years for each member, that's over 5490 years. Can you imagine all the tales to be told over those 5490 years? Wouldn't you love to have a book of stories put together of your LWREA friends? What a wonderful keepsake. That's why I'd like to gather as many stories as I can over the summer. While we are all resting during June-August, I'd like each of you to write down at least one story you find amusing or heart breaking. It can be an incident about a student or a teacher or a situation in the classroom or at a conference. If you include a teacher's name in your story, please get permission from them to use their name. I'm thinking of a great story about Kathy Carmichael and me at a League of Environmental Educators in Florida Conference one summer. I'll need to ask her permission to use her name, too. It's just as funny without the name, but it makes it much more interesting to the group if I include the name. I bet Larry doesn't even know this story! PLEASE help us tap into your brain and gather all the memories you have stored. Jot them down and send them to me at 1828 Wagon Wheel Circle West, Tally, 32317. You can always email them, if you prefer. Remember I have a new email address: n.hamilton-hoffman@nettally.com. When we get together again in August, I'll share the stories I've gather so far. Have a great summer and jot down all those memories.

Scholarship is an On-Going Project

by Evelyn Florence and June Townsend

We are proud to introduce our 2010 LWREA Scholarship recipients, Devon Lynn from Lincoln H.S. and Holli Elliot from Wakulla H.S. Also invited to the luncheon are our two FREA Scholarship recipients, Andrea Ichite, and Kristin Spyker. You will want to be present to meet these young women and wish them well.

The fund-raising committee has worked diligently this year, with two silent auctions and monthly raffles for scholarship. Let us all remember to keep in mind that wills, gifts in memory of someone, or living honors, as well as birthdays or special occasion donations are ways of raising money for Scholarships. If each of us made a contribution once to the Scholarship Fund annually, we would be able to award more scholarships each year.

LWREA Past President Honored

by June Townsend

On April 10, several members of LWREA participated in the 2nd Annual FATE Symposium (Florida Association of Teacher Educators) at the Florida State University. The entire day was inspirational and informative. Presenters and responsive speakers represented educational programs from all over Florida and the nation. Each shared their particular ideas of where universities and school systems could improve their practices. Participants included students, interns, teachers and administrators—from all levels of education—university, PK-12 systems, and retired educators. Jim Croteau served as one of the facilitators.

A highlight of the day were the awards given to two "Hidden Treasures"—retirees who continued to contribute to education throughout their retirements. Our own Evelyn Florence was the PK-12 honoree. We were so excited to see her recognized in this manner. **Congratulations, Evelyn!**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**“Happy Birthday to You...
Happy Birthday to You...
Happy Birthday dear members...”**

Submitted by Nanci Hoffman

Birthdays for

June

Annie Allen 6/22
Barbara Dixon 6/10
Al Farmer 6/28
Rolhala Hargrett 6/16
Carol Hedtke 6/14
Emily Millett 6/21
Sara Neely 6/28
Camille Park 6/29
Florence Pierce 6/25
Nancy Thompson 6/12
John Word 6/24

July

Dorothy Binger 7/20
Bernice Deterding 7/17
Eveline Duhart 7/5
Liz Gardner 7/28
Louise McMullian 7/26
Eddie Moore 7/29
Emily Ruddell 7/20
Lessie Sanford 7/23
Barbara Stewart 7/27
Jane Teuton 7/4
Beatrice Williams 7/29

August

Art Adams 8/20
Elsie Burton 8/1
Barbara DeVane 8/18
Jerry Gilmore 8/6
Elizabeth Hubbard 8/1
Freeman Lawrence 8/29
Claudia Nelson 8/13
Doris Payne 8/26
Linda Presnell 8/31
Johnnie Belle Taylor 8/19
Sara MacElwee 8/30
Sylvia Warner 8/27

**“Ambition is the path to success, persistence
is the vehicle you arrive in.” -William Eardley**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 28, 2010

MAY LUNCHEON
Tuesday, May 4, 2010
11:30 a.m.

TEEN MOM WORKSHOP BY
MARY SPENCER
Saturday, May 8, 2010

FREA ASSEMBLY
May 26-28, 2010

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to all of the contributors of the newsletter for your interesting and informative articles. I appreciate everyone's cooperation in getting your information to me in a timely manner. Have a restful and enjoyable summer!