

SEMINOLE COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

THE SCREA NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...*Ms. Kerry McRae*

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*Hello Fellow **SCREA** members!*

*I am so very ready for the Fall season! This upcoming **SCREA** year should bring many new adventures. Our meetings will not only be fun, but also informative. Guest speakers will include The League of Women Voters keeping us abreast of political happenings in Seminole County. Also scheduled are various School Administrators who will be updating us on new developments in our school system. As always, we will be keeping an eye on the Florida Retirement Fund and options, the State Legislative actions and the needs of our educational community.*

MEETINGS: As most of you are aware, we meet on the second Tuesday of every other month starting with September and ending in May. Thus, our first meeting will be September 11th at the Patio Grill Restaurant (2900 S. Orlando Dr. Sanford, FL 32773). You may order lunch starting at 12:00. Time is given for socializing followed by a guest speaker. Of course, don't forget our fabulous door prizes and 50/50 drawing!!

Our guest this month will be a representative from the League of Women Voters who will give us bipartisan information on the more than a dozen new amendments that will be on the ballot in November. ALL members of the community are welcome as guests. SO GET THE WORD OUT!!!!

WORKSHOP: MARK YOUR CALANDERS!! Friday, October 12th is the annual FREA District 8 Leadership Workshop. Last year, the 12 of us that attended had a wonderful time and found it well worth our time. It will be from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Barney Veal Center (700 Generation Pt., Kissimmee, FL 34744).

MEMBERSHIP: To stay relevant any organization needs members and SCREA is no different. I am asking that each of us brings a guest to our September meeting. They will be getting important information and meet our fellow members at the same time. Let's fill the room!!

DIVIDENDS: Don't forget to complete your Dividend Application if you are planning to volunteer this year! It can be found at www.scps.us.

FYI: Facebook Group – Seminole County Retired Educators Association

Join us for Lunch and our Meeting!

Tuesday, September 11th

In support of the nearly 4,000 Families In Need (FIN) in Seminole County, we will gladly collect and transport any food, hygiene, or clothing items at each meeting and transport them to the appropriate agencies. We who are blessed, can do MORE!

YEAH FOR US!!: At the FREA State Convention, our district was awarded some special honors. We were recognized as a “FREA UNIT OF EXCELLENCE” which indicates that we are among the best in the state. We also received the “FREF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION” for our contributions to the Foundation. Most exciting of all, our treasurer, Ruth Gaines won \$100 in the FREA Extravaganza Drawing!! Congratulations to all of us!!

SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVIDEND PROGRAMS: In addition to monitoring the State and county activities concerning our pension fund and getting like-minded retired educators together, SCREA also encourages its members to take an active part in present day education by volunteering in local schools. Below is a list of current Dividend Programs.

- ❖ **RAP-** A reading Acceleration Program designed to help students who struggle in the classroom and are working below grade level. Volunteers meet one-on-one with a first or second grader for 30 minutes once a week. No experience is necessary and training is provided.
- ❖ **MENTOR-** Serves as a positive role model to students who need another adult in their lives to help them set goals, attend school regularly, realize the importance of a high school diploma, and get their lives on track. Volunteers offer encouragement and a listening ear, usually meeting a half hour once a week with the same student. Training is provided.
- ❖ **SUPER SCIENTIST-** Volunteers are trained to do science experiments in elementary classrooms. Experiments correlate with the State Standards of Excellence in Science. Training is provided.
- ❖ **MEDIA SUPPORT-** Designed to provide support in the media center by reading to classes, helping students locate books, checking books in/out as needed and reshelving books.
- ❖ **CLASSROOM ASSISTANT-** Volunteers work in the classroom assisting teachers in a variety of ways, including providing extra support for students who require additional support to complete an assignment.
- ❖ **HEALTHY HANDS-** A new partnership with the Health Department and Seminole County Government. Volunteers teach the proper way to wash hands during a 30 minute lesson. Training is provided.
- ❖ **MASTER GARDENER-** A new program in partnership with the 4-H and Seminole County Government. Volunteers support local gardens on elementary campuses working outside teaching basic skills to students from Pre-K to 5th grade.
- ❖ **FINANCIAL AWARENESS-** A new program in partnership with F-H and Seminole County Government teaching financial basics in fun, 30 minute lessons for Middle School students. Training is provided.



Families in Need Wish List

PLEASE bring items to our meetings and we will deliver them.

<u>Food Pantry</u>	<u>Hygiene</u>	<u>Uniforms</u>
<p>Microwaveable meals- (mac & cheese, noodle cups) Canned Protein-(chicken, tuna, ham) Canned beans & soups Canned Beef stew, chili, ravioli Peanut & other nut butters Shelf stable milk & cheese Instant breakfast drinks Crackers & chips Breakfast cereal & bars Rice & pasta Jelly & Jams Microwaveable popcorn Canned vegetables & fruits Canned tomato & spaghetti sauces Apple sauce Fruit snacks Utensils & plates</p>	<p>Full-sized conditioner & shampoo Variety of tampons, sanitary napkins Full-sized toothpaste Toothbrushes (adult & child) Deodorant (male & female) Full-sized lotions Laundry detergent, PODS (smaller packages) Body wipes Body wash & bar soap</p>	<p>Collared short & long sleeve shirts (navy blue, white, red, green) Khaki shorts, skirts & pants NEW underwear (varied children, adult sizes) NEW socks (varied children, adult sizes)</p>