

# SOUTH PINELLAS COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER



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Gail Weston, Editor

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Paula Walker, Labels



### President's Message



### MARK THESE DATES

#### Greetings SPCREA Members, Supporters, & New Retirees

Welcome back SPCREA members! I hope and trust each of you had a summer full of wonderful memories and fun rewarding experiences! Two years have gone by and we say thank you, again (because it can't be said enough times), to our retiring President, Gail Weston. Gail, I look forward to building upon the guidance you provided, along with the support of our membership these next two years. I am thankful to know that whenever I may stumble there are many willing hands to help me regain my balance! On the Board, we have new members, returning members in new positions, and returning members in the same positions. We welcome Cheryl DiCicco as President-elect and I look forward to the programs she has orchestrated for this year. Katie Sistar will be stepping in as Recording Secretary, an important position, to me especially, since I am an "in one ear and out the other" type of girl. Kathy Drouin will be doing Project Cheer this year and Gloria Drouin has volunteered to decorate the tables. Yahoo, to the newbies! Other positions, on the Board, have remained the same which is great for transitioning purposes. Welcome back, Paula Walker (Membership), Jim Moore (Treasurer, the man with all the money 😊), Anita Shoby and Pat Crooks (Corresponding Secretary), Pat Davey (Volunteer Services – "get those hours in"), Nancy Merada (Information Services), Jan Wallis (Retirement Services and techie extraordinaire), Wanda Dudley (FREF), Phyllis Hand (Cultural Affairs – with a great one coming up), Alan Blessing (Legislative), and Joyce Walters (Publicity). Thank you, Gail Weston for continuing the Newsletter.

#### Remember the District meeting is October 8, 2018 at the Bay Island condominium complex in South Pasadena!

This year we have a new meeting place, *the American Legion Post 14 building* on 4<sup>th</sup> Street North, St. Petersburg. With that comes a **roomier, quieter, place for us, facility**. There is a different menu, which you will place an order from, when you check-in. The offerings are a Cuban sandwich, a turkey sandwich, a hot dog (each with chips) or a chicken Caesar salad (\$8.00 each). By the way, the Cubans are fantastic! Drinks are an additional (\$1.00). Server tips are another addition. A facility fee of \$2.00 will be charged of *each member in attendance* at the meeting. There is parking behind the building where the building entry (labeled as the Commander Room) is located or in a side, fenced-in lot. Someone will be at that lot to direct you or get your attention. The door officially opens at 10:30. The building is located at 1520 4<sup>th</sup> Street N, St. Petersburg. The first time, it is tricky to locate. First, I am thinking we can find 4<sup>th</sup> Street N, St. Petersburg.

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#### SPCREA MEETING DATES AND PROGRAMS - 2017 -2018

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** - District 6 Workshop, 8:30 – 2:00 PM

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Backroads of Paradise (Florida travel) Author Cathy Salustri

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** - Executive Board Meeting at St. Pete. College Library at 10:00 AM

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** – Cottee River Trip

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Give Thanks for Community Expo

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** - Executive Board Meeting at St. Pete. College Library at 10:00 AM

OUR MEETING DATE is the 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 11:00 A.M.

**SPCREA Board Meetings** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. 10:00 am SPC Library, 750 66<sup>th</sup> St. N.

#### SPCREA Executive Board

Vicki Coleman, President

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Gail Weston, Past President and

Nominations [westong65@yahoo.com](mailto:westong65@yahoo.com)

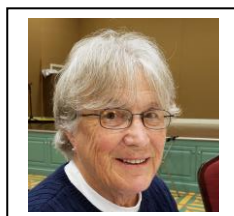
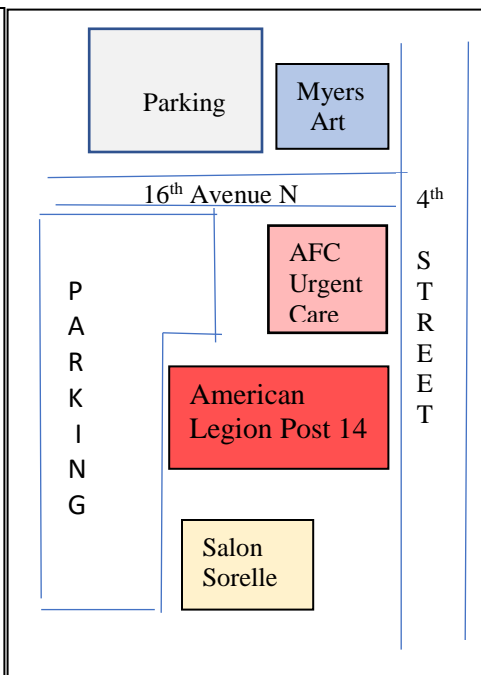
Paula Walker, Membership

[pmcwalker1@mac.com](mailto:pmcwalker1@mac.com)

With that said, if you are coming down 4<sup>th</sup> St. N from the 9<sup>th</sup> Ave N side you are coming from the St. Petersburg side. Continue toward 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. (Three Birds Tavern is on the corner), look **left**, the building is between Salon Sorelle and an urgent care facility. Next to the urgent care building is an alley. You can go down the alley to the back of the building and parking, if there is no median at your turning point (I can't remember). Otherwise, go to 16<sup>th</sup> Ave N and turn left to catch a side street that will go left to parking or do a U-ie (for the alley). If you think fast enough a left onto 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. will hook up with a side street that goes to the right behind the buildings to parking. If you see Bob Lee's and/or Sunken Gardens on your right, turn around. Now, if you are coming from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N side continue toward 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. You will pass Sunken Gardens and Bob Lee's on your left. Just beyond 16<sup>th</sup> Ave N. is the alley on your **right** next to the Urgent Care facility, turn there for parking. Otherwise use 15<sup>th</sup> Ave N, and go right. Or, just use GPS!

I look forward to our new year together! Be there or be square, on **October 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM!**

Vicki Coleman, President



## Meet Your New President – Vicki Coleman

The oldest of six living children, I am always, always introduced as “This is my oldest...” While I guess there is some good in being the “est” of something, although you never hear about the middlest of anything, there are times I think I would prefer something a bit more dignified. Even my name, Vicki Lynn, is from the name on a blouse mother saw when in the hospital delivering me! I grew up a “military brat” with every summer spent travelling from one Civil War battlefield to the next. When we were younger, dad would tell us to be careful where we stepped because “some brave soldier may have died there.” I think those jerky, erratic movements have something to do with the way I dance today! Although I have always loved education, it took years to finally get my degree and then a job in second grade, which I relished my whole career. Along the way, the love and support of my husband, Dick, and then also our daughter, Kerry, kept me focused and sometimes moving forward. Now, the years have gone by and I am retired here in Florida and in Des Moines, Iowa. I will never stop supporting my Cyclones, Packers, or Rays no matter what comes out of my mouth. I will never stop loving thin-crust pizza or breaded chicken, no matter how fat I get. I will never stop enjoying diet cherry coke, no matter how many things are written about fake sweeteners. And, I will never stop being a fan of Xena, a true warrior princess, no matter what. I am looking forward to this coming phase of my life, with you.

## INFORMATION SERVICES -- DISTRICT 6 WORKSHOP

**ATTENTION: YOUR PRESENCE REQUESTED**

**WHEN: MONDAY OCTOBER 8, 2018 8:30 - 2:00**

**WHERE: BAY ISLAND CONDOMINIUM CLUBHOUSE  
7500 SUN ISLAND DR.  
SOUTH PASADENA, FL 33707**

**CASUAL ATTIRE! CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

**COST: \$16**

**QUESTIONS? BRENDA GUINN, DISTRICT VI DIRECTOR [moebrend@live.com](mailto:moebrend@live.com) 727-360-3735**

Mail your check to Jim Moore, 4688 Eighth Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713 Make check to SPCREA\*

## Registration for District VI Workshop - - - October 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$16.00            Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to SPCREA:

Mail your check to Jim Moore, 4688 Eighth Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713

## President Elect Report – Cheryl DiCicco

Month	Program	Project Cheer	Cultural Affairs
October	Backroads of Paradise (Florida travel) author Cathy Salustri	School supplies New Heights	District Workshop- promote October trip
November	Marilyn Brownlee St. Vincent de Paul	St. Vincent de Paul food pantry	Nov 5-Cotee River trip- all units invited
December	Silent Auction-local scholarship	Scholarship \$\$	Plant Museum at Christmas??
January	Resolution: Paper Perfect- Get Your Act Together! Expo: ** Bonnie Hough -Aging in Place Memorial Park Cemetery/Funeral Home Rosie Slater, William Slicker Attorney, Chris Johnson, Banker's Life	School supplies	Technology: Investigate student/senior event at TASCO at Crescent Lake Cheryl will contact Rob Martin, pass on contact info to Phyllis
February	Celebrate Black History Month Jan- Storyteller John Williams, The Charismatic Conjurer	Happy Workers Day Care	Woodson Museum And lunch
March	Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital – Child Life Department	Children's toys	Abilities tour in March or April and lunch Dinner theater- March or April
April	Therapy pets/Animal related-	Humane Society	See above
May	Vet speaker from the American Legion	Vets/ Abilities	



## Project Cheer

Our October meeting will feature New Heights Elementary School, which is located at 3901 37<sup>th</sup> St N. Angela Mccooy is their community liaison and she received a rapid and overwhelming number of requests from her teachers for supplies. They are very grateful to SPCREA for considering them and donating supplies. Here are their requests: **Lysol wipes, 30 one-inch white binders (10 for a new teacher). Dry erase markers, sharpies, small dry erase boards, clear shoebox sized bins with lids, Sticky-Tack/Poster Putty, crayons, regular markers, notebook paper, colored pencils, highlights, tape, glue sticks, white out, scissors, stickers, sticky notes, pocket folders, paper clips, magnets, small rulers, colored pens, clipboards, flash cards, erasers, 10 composition notebooks, card stock paper, pencil cases that go into binders, Velcro dots, Velcro strips, foam poster board, 500-800 straws that don't bend, 200-300 pipe cleaners.** NOW THAT SHOULD KEEP YOU ALL BUSY!!!



We are collecting drink tabs for the Shriners Hospital for Children. We will have a donation jar at all meetings, so please save your tabs from drink cans, soup cans, tennis ball cans, or other sources. They will be taken to a local Masonic Lodge. They are then sent to the Shriners Hospital. They are sold and the funds are used to support children in need of care.



We are also collecting Box Tops for Education for our schools. If you have Box Tops on items you buy, they will benefit our children. There will be a container for you to drop them into.

**Thank you Kathy Drouin for taking over the Project Cheer Committee!**

## ***Come Enjoy a Day at the Cottee River!!! -- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>***

**All retired school personnel now living in Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, & Hillsborough Counties are welcome.**

- **Miss Daisy River Tour** will begin our day **at 11:00am**. Feel the world melt away as you cruise down the historic Cottee River, once famous as the “Hollywood of Florida”, learning about legendary actors who lived on the river. Miss Daisy tours is narrated by Captain Ray and welcomes passengers’ drinks and snacks. They also provide beverages and snacks on the 2-hour tour. **\$25.00** Miss Daisy Boat Tours: 5419 Treadway Dr. Port Richer, FL 34668.
- Only five minutes away is a premier restaurant overlooking the Cottee River waiting for our group **at 1:30pm**. Catches Grill offers both lunch and dinner items on their impressive menu.



Because we are limited to 33 people on the boat tour, please sign up early. Each unit can gather names and give me a count, or individuals can call me directly to secure a spot. I will be gone until October 7<sup>th</sup> but will be at the workshop by noon on October the 8<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see and/ or hear from many of you soon.

Phyllis Hand (727) 295-8475  
[Handnhand@gmail.com](mailto:Handnhand@gmail.com)

## For Your Information: SPCREA Committees

Membership - Paula Walker  
 Volunteer Services (Community Services & Literacy) – Pat Davey  
 Information Services (Information, Protective Services, & Health Care) – Nancy Merada  
 Retirement Planning – Jan Wallis  
 Legislative – Alan Blessing  
 Nominations – Gail Weston  
 Bylaws – Vicki Coleman  
 Benefits Committee (Insurance)  
 Newsletter – Gail Weston  
 Publicity – Joyce Walters  
 Historian -  
 FREF – Wanda Dudley  
 Sunshine (Hospitality) –  
 Cultural Affairs – Phyllis Hand  
 Thought for the Day – sign-up  
 Project Cheer – Kathy Drouin  
 Music – Jackie Thornton and Nadine Johnson



September board meeting showing our new much roomier meeting place.

### SOUTH PINELLAS COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS TREASURER REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE as of 6/2/18		\$2155.73
<b>INCOME</b>		
State dues	420.00	
Local dues	365.00	
FREF	33.00	
Legislative advocacy	13.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b> 06/02/18 –8/31/18		<b>\$831.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
State dues	350.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b> 06/02/18 –08/31/18		<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>BALANCE on 08/31/2018 (Checking)</b>		<b>\$2636.73</b>
<b>BALANCE on 08/31/2018 (Savings)</b>		<b>\$730.32</b>

Present funds for FREF member donations is \$127.00

Present funds for local scholarship is \$607.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Moore, Treasurer

If you have money for Jim Moore, please put it in an envelope or attach a note to it so he knows who it is from and what it is for.





# COMMUNITY SERVICE – VOLUNTEER HOURS -Pat Davey

**FREA Mission: To encourage community involvement through Volunteerism and Literacy Projects**

**Have you submitted your hours yet?**

### Report Your SPCREA Volunteer Hours:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ **2018**

#### Schools

- \_\_\_\_\_ Clerical, class assist, café, clinic, media center, Fundraising, maintenance, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ SAC/PTA, speaker, club sponsor, field trips
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mentor, direct work w/ children, sm. grps, etc.

#### Church

- \_\_\_\_\_ Administrative
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visiting shut-ins, collecting food/clothing, work with adults, maintenance
- \_\_\_\_\_ With children: education, choirs, child care

#### Medical

- \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation to and from
- \_\_\_\_\_ With children, (care for non-relatives)
- \_\_\_\_\_ All Children's, Ronald McDonald House, etc.

#### Community Service

- \_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Children's sports leagues, (coaching referee, etc)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food banks, thrift shops, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Clothes for Kids, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Museum or theater docent, tour guide, advisory boards, Neighborhood Watch, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Charity work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Manning "hot lines", serving in jails/detention ctrs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental, community clean-up, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Animal shelters, wildlife sanctuaries, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Voter registration, voting center work, etc.

#### Personal Help to Others (DO NOT include family members

- \_\_\_\_\_ Shopping, personal care, housekeeping, transport,
- \_\_\_\_\_ Babysitting, "foster" grand parenting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Banking, bill paying, correspond, companionship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Translating, bureaucracy navigating, etc.

#### Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*\* Please bring to the meeting or e-mail the info to Pat Davey at [stingraydavey@gmail.com](mailto:stingraydavey@gmail.com)**

**Change of Address Form:** Have you moved lately or changed your phone number or email? If so, please let us know so we can send newsletters, information, and the directory. If you know of a member who is ill or has passed, please contact Paula. (727-321-1788)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Paula Walker, 3600 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713 OR send to [pmcwalker1@mac.com](mailto:pmcwalker1@mac.com)

Please complete this entire application. All information is CONFIDENTIAL.  
THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS **JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR LABEL ON THE NEWSLETTER WHICH  
INDICATES YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$45.00

Please check: New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ General Member \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member \_\_\_\_\_

Who encouraged you to join? \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Lot \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(9 Digit Zip Code Please)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter preference:

Regular Mail \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMER ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE) What Months? \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Box/route \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date Retired: \_\_\_\_\_ Retired from: \_\_\_\_\_

List Special

Interests/Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

SPCREA Dues \$10 + FREA dues \$35 = \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FREF Scholarship Donation (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FREA Legislative Advocacy (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **SPCREA**

AND MAIL TO:

Jim Moore, 4688 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713-6115

**LIFE MEMBERS--PLEASE SEND AT LEAST \$3.00 "FREF DONATION" TO SUPPORT FREF  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

SPCREA & FREA: Honors Your Yesterdays  
Enriches Your Present &  
Secures Your Future

**SOUTH PINELLAS COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION**  
4688 8th Ave N.  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713-6115

**Hope to see you at our October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting!**

**NEW EATING PLACE**

**American Legion**

1520 4<sup>th</sup> Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33704



**Encourage your retired educator friends to join our group!**

**Bring a friend to our next meeting!**

Want to know more? Visit the FREA website at [www.frea.org](http://www.frea.org)



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