

Newsletter

West Volusia Retired Educators Association



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Yesterday, my four year old grandson was musing that his mother never make pies. He would like to make a pie. Little pies. I love to make pies and we have had a “cook-over”. So it looks like we have a plan for a future weekend!

We have a **Fling** slated for Wednesday, November 8, 2017. We will be taking a 2 hour boat tour of the St. John's River via Blue Heron Tours. It is located at 2999 W. State Road 44 just before the river on the right hand side. Lunch to follow at the St. John's Marina Inn at the same location. The price of the trip is \$20. Arrive at 9:40 for a departure at 10:00 am. RSVP Carolee at Kent at 738-5641 or by email kentcarolee@yahoo.com by October 28. Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars:

There will be a **Happy Hour Bowling Social Membership Drive** on October 30, 2017 at the Bowling Alley from 4 – 6 pm. The cost is \$10.99 which includes shoe rental and bowling for one hour. Feel free to bring a spouse for an evening of fun. Guests can bowl or just relax in the bar area. Invitations can go to anyone associated with the VCSB, in the FRS system—custodial, clerical employees as well as Daytona State College. Perhaps there is someone you know who will retire in the next couple of years. Invite them! Let them know we exist!

We will participate in the **Me Strong 10K Race** in Downtown DeLand. Participation means one can run, jog or walk. It will be February 3, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. We will be entering as a group. When registering on line write in WVREA as our team. The donation is \$25 which is to support cancer patients. The money is used to assist them with any need they may have beyond what insurance will cover.



To the left is a picture of a badge that was created for us. This will be very useful in identifying us when we are out in the community and for our meetings and flings. It gives the wearer a professional appearance. It adheres to clothing via a magnet, so there will be no rips or snags that are common when wearing a pin type of badge. The basic cost is over \$13, but because we are a group and will order at least 10, the UPS Store agreed to an \$11 price, plus tax. If you would like to order one, you can call the UPS Store at 386-748-4086. Mention that Joe originally worked on the design and that will direct them to the file. Give them your name as you would like it to appear on the badge. Allow a few days to prepare it and they will call you when it is done. It can be picked up at the UPS Store across from Walmart at 1702 N. Woodland Blvd., #116.

Volunteer hours for this calendar year will be turned in at our December meeting. Start organizing your hours by month to be submitted at that meeting or mail them in if you are not able to attend. Time taken to drive to these activities count as well as your attendance to our meetings. Keep track of the time it takes to knit the baby hats, and any volunteering you do at your church and in the community. This is an important tool to inform the governor and the legislature about how vibrant and relevant our organization is to the State of Florida. The FREA sends a large cardboard check for the amount of dollars retired teachers and FRS employees contribute to our communities through our volunteering. Our district's check alone was for over \$833,000. It also shows that we are a large group that needs to be respected and heard when legislative items are debated.

Wednesdays: December 13, 2017. This is our Silent Auction fundraiser. Keep an eye out for some fun items to donate.

In 2018, February 14, we will be creating a slate of officers for the next two years. Think about what office or committee you would like to work on, as well as whom you would like to nominate. **On March 14,** we will vote. **April 11,** will be our second Fling, and **May 9,** will be our installation of officers.



We were fascinated with the information our own Louise Cacamise shared with us about the research she did in writing her book, Memory Lane. She discussed the history of DeLand and the background of names of our streets. In her PowerPoint presentation, we were able to see the faces to the names of our streets and documents signed by presidents for land deeds in our area. Thank you, Louise, and congratulations on your book release!