

PBCREA APRIL, 2025 BLAST

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**PALM BEACH COUNTY
RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
BLAST**
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APRIL 2025



APRIL LUNCHEON MEETING

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025
11:15 AM**

**GOLDEN CORRAL BUFFET RESTAURANT
10100 Fox Trail Road S
Royal Palm Beach**

****SW Corner of Okeechobee Blvd. & SR 7**
behind Ruby Tuesday**

**Cost is approximately \$13 payable to the restaurant
If you are not eating, you must pay for a drink.**

When you come through the line to pay, please follow directions to come directly to the meeting room.

Remember to wear your red name tag.

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MEETING PROGRAM

We will be honored by the attendance of our District 10 5th-grade essay winner,

MICAH BARTOLINI.

He will read his essay, "My Inspiration".

Accompanying him will be his parents, Sunset Palms Elementary teacher, and the uncle who inspired his essay.

SUE COLTON, District 10 Director, will share news from the state FREA.

The top 10 volunteers and the Volunteer of the Year will be recognized at this meeting.

Please continue to record your volunteer hours monthly at our members' luncheon.

These hours will be collected at the end of the meeting.

Time Permitting

Unit members will participate in the "Share and Tell" activity.

If you're curious, please join us or miss the fun.

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MARCH LUNCHEON AT VOLANTES OF DELRAY

We missed YOU!!





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LAST CHANCE

EXTRAVAGANZA TICKETS

FREF Scholarship Extravaganza Tickets - Only \$10.00 Buy your tickets now for 2 Chances to win:

First, you will be in the District drawing for a \$100 winner in Broward, Dade or Palm Beach.

Second, you will have a chance to win: \$500 Cash – 1st Prize \$300 Cash – 2nd Prize \$200 Cash - 3rd Prize

****TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE APRIL MEETING****

All donations will be used to fund the general scholarship program as well as the operating expenses of the Foundation.

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FREA BULLETIN

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Dear Members,
As we welcome the beautiful season of spring, it's a perfect time to reflect on our past successes and look forward to the exciting events and initiatives ahead. Your dedication and passion continue to drive the Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA) higher and higher.

Thank You for Your Efforts! I am kicking things off with immense gratitude. Thank you to everyone who turned our four Regional Symposiums into a soaring success! Your passion and hard work lit up each event, and we couldn't have done it without every single one of you. Dive into this bulletin to catch the electrifying photos that capture our journey. Huge shoutout to the Southern, Western, Eastern, and Northern Regions for absolutely knocking it out of the park. Teamwork didn't just make the dream work—it made it a reality!

Let's carry this incredible momentum forward and continue to reach new heights together.

S.W.O.T. (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis Action Plan We are eagerly looking forward to hearing about the progress on each local Unit's S.W.O.T. Analysis Action Plan. Your insights and strategies are crucial in helping us grow and improve our association.

Cupid Crew Community Participation: A special thank you to Anne Fagan and Cecelia Solomon, our FREA Cupid Crew Liaisons, AARP's Wish of a Lifetime, and all the great local Unit members for their enthusiastic participation in Cupid Crew. Your involvement in the community has made a significant impact, and we appreciate your continued support. Enclosed in this spring bulletin are beautiful Cupid Crew community visitation moments captured and shared by our dedicated FREA leaders. (Continues on page 4)

Become an FREA Member today!
Click here for 6 Reasons to Join!

Register now for FREA Convention 2025
Planning Timeline is on page 14. Full Convention info: www.frea.org/convention

FREA Calendar	
March 17	FREF Scholarship Meeting
March 22-24	FREA Legislative Days
May 16-26	FREA Office Closed for Convention/Memorial Day
May 19-22	FREA Convention
May 20 1:30 PM	Convention Opening General Session
May 22 11:00 AM	Convention Closing Session
June 2-6	Office Closed
June 30	End of Fiscal Year
June 30-July 4	Office Closed

For more calendars Please click Here

FREA Convention 2025
May 20-22
World Golf Village Renaissance-St. Augustine Resort
St. Augustine, FL, United States

FREA Executive Committee	
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If you have an email listed with the state office, you receive the FREA BULLETIN by email!

LOOK for it!

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PBCREA 2025 - 2026 DUES

**\$45 for FREA State Dues
\$10 for PBCREA Local Dues**

\$55 for Unified Dues

**Collecting NOW - April and May -
before the state office sends out dues notices in early June
Bring your dues check made out to PBCREA for \$55 to the April or May
meeting
OR
send your check to
Janet Ford
715 Beech Road
West Palm Beach
FL 33409**

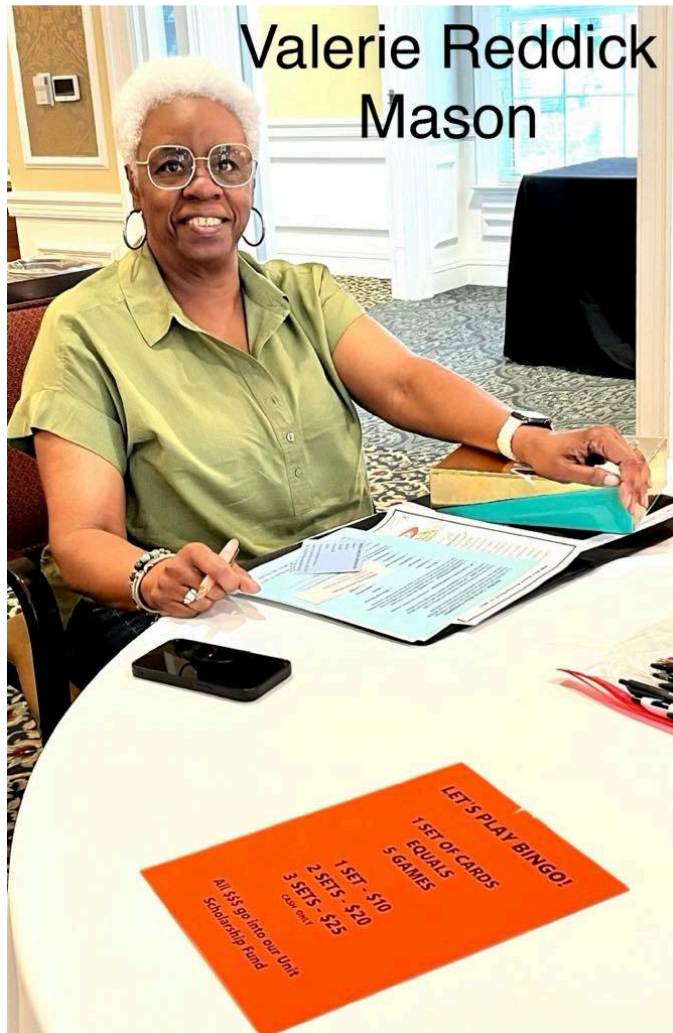
THANK YOU!!

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MARCH BINGO WINNERS!!







Valerie Reddick
Mason

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