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LAST NEWSLETTER UNTIL
SEPTEMBER, 2018! Happy Summer!



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2018 FORD SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

BY
PHYLLIS RITTMAN, DIRECTOR OF SCHOLARSHIPS

This has been a banner year for our Scholarship Program! The **W. Harold Ford Foundation** is the umbrella for several scholarships given each year by Fairfax County Retired Educators. These \$2000 scholarships are intended for high school seniors who have stated their desire to go into the field of education. Students who currently have received a Ford Scholarship may reapply.

This year, FCRE has the following scholarships to award:

1. **The Mary O. Ambler Scholarship.** The Mary O. Ambler Trust was established in 1944 by the estate of Mary O. Ambler who was a teacher at Fairfax High School. The Trust specifies that the scholarship will go to a female.

2. **The Apple Scholarship,** is given each year by the Apple Federal Credit Union in honor of Herbert Grady Carpenter, who was very active in the early years of the Apple Federal Credit Union and was a teacher in Fairfax County.

3. **The Fairfax County Retired Educators** gives a scholarship each year. This scholarship is funded by member dues.

4. **The Bobbi Vest Trust** funds two scholarships. Bobbie Vest was a teacher in Fairfax County and an officer in FCRE for many years. These scholarships are in her memory and funded by family and friends.

5. **W. Harold Ford Scholarship(s)** are funded by your generous donations and our holiday sales events. FCRE really appreciates your continued support!

The Scholarship Committee of FCRE was a hard working group, and I wish to thank **Cindy Borer, John Dent, Ann Millar, Christel Payne, and me, Phyllis Rittman!** (I really need no thanks because this is such a rewarding job!) (And it is fun!) If you would like to serve on this committee, please get in touch with me, Phyllis Rittman and join in the fun of helping kids!

This year we are giving seven scholarships. We are so happy to help young people go into our chosen profession.

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NEWS FLASH!

**DR. SCOTT BRABRAND
WILL BE AT OUR
JUNE 14 LUNCHEON !!
SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION!**



**NEXT LUNCHEON?
AFTER
SUMMER BREAK!**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2018!!
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!**

**CALL US AT 703-923-9877 OR EMAIL US
AT LUNCHEON@FCRE.ORG**

**REMEMBER!! THE NEXT ADVOCATE
WILL BE SENT OUT AT THE END OF
AUGUST FOR SEPTEMBER!
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

SCHOLARSHIPS, continued from Page !

Without further comment, let's find a little bit about the recipients of our scholarship program:

Christine Barnes is a Centreville High School graduate who is active in Student Government and Varsity soccer. She also took Teachers for Tomorrow where she learned a most valuable lesson: "people do not go into teaching for the money". She says "teaching is a calling" and that it is her calling.

Isabella (Bella) Bulhoes graduates in June from James Madison High School. She was a Varsity swimmer and the Swim Coach at Hunter Mill Swim and Racquet. She has further teaching experience as a CCD Instructor at St. John Newman Church. Bella wants to be an elementary school teacher.

Victoria Centineo is an IB Diploma candidate at Robinson Secondary School. As a Partners Club Officer, she shows her deep interest in Special Education. Her recommending teacher called her "an agent of change". Victoria wants to teach High School Special Education Mathematics.

Minyoung (Chris) Hwang will graduate from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. He is undecided about next year: Yale? Princeton? MIT? UVA? In addition to being an outstanding Latin Scholar (three perfect scores on the National Latin Exam), Chris is a Physics Scholar and is on the Track and Field Team.

Jocelyn Melendez is a senior at Thomas Edison High School. She was a teacher's aide for the past four years in two elementary school summer programs. Jocelyn is a Teachers for Tomorrow student and a volunteer at the Cameron Elementary Alternative Learning Center for students removed from their base school because of behavior problems. Jocelyn is also editor of the Edison yearbook.

Jordan Perlish is a 2017 Herndon High School graduate as a last year winner of a Bobbi Vest Scholarship Award. She continues her goal of becoming an educator as she continues her college education at James Madison University with courses in education. She is also continuing her interest in music through participation in the Marching Band at Madison.

Anshu Sharma is a 2017 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Tech and is attending Randolph Macon College. He continues his academic passions of Latin and Physics by taking advanced courses in both disciplines. He mentors future high school teachers on campus and is Treasurer of the Student Virginia Education Association Chapter.

We, at FCRE, are so very proud of these students; and we are so glad to be able to help them in achieving their goals. Thank you to all members and friends of FCRE for making these scholarships possible. ♦

FCRE Request for Digital Version of Advocate Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the FCRE newsletter in a digital format instead of the hard copy presently mailed to you, please fill out the form below and return it to the FCRE office. We are offering this option as we move towards digital communications with our members.

Name (please print): _____

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Send this form to:

FCRE
P.O. Box 682
Springfield, VA 22150





VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by

Eva Pappas, Vice President, Program Chairman

COME AND MEET OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT!

Dr. Scott Brabrand began his career in FCPS as a social studies teacher in 1994, a career changer who was inspired by doing volunteer work in the FCPS schools. During his five years teaching at Herndon High School, he founded a Model United Nations Club at the school, mentored new teachers, and proposed a new teacher education initiative, and redesigned the County's U. S. and Virginia Government Program of Studies to align with new state and national standards. Brabrand served as an assistant principal at Herndon High School and an associate principal at Lake Braddock Secondary School before being named principal at Fairfax High School in 2005. Under his guidance, the achievement gap for Hispanic students in English and Math SOL tests was eliminated; and enrollment in Advanced Placement classes at Fairfax High School increased 54 percent during a three year period. In collaboration with the City of Fairfax School Board and Superintendent, Brabrand worked to increase the staff development budget by \$80,000 to support new instructional programs and teacher and staff development and mentoring.

Dr. Brabrand returns to FCPS after spending five years as Superintendent of Lynchburg City Schools where he oversaw increases in the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) pass rates in math and reading and in the graduation rate, particularly for economically disadvantaged students and for black students. This year, he was named Region V Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents.

Brabrand is a graduate of Georgetown University School of Foreign Service where he earned a bachelor of science degree. He earned a master's degree in education from George Washington University, and an education specialist certification from Virginia Tech. Brabrand completed his doctorate in educational administration as part of Virginia Tech's Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Program. His dissertation was on "Virginia Principals and School Law." He has taught courses on public school law at Virginia Tech and George Mason University and on instructional issues in K-12 education at the University of Virginia.

Having met Dr. Brabrand, I can say in earnest that we are lucky to have such an experienced, engaged, enthusiastic, and empathetic addition to our Fairfax County Schools!

Come and meet Dr. Scott Brabrand yourselves at our June 14th Luncheon!♦

JUNE 14, 2018 NEXT MEMBER LUNCHEON LOCATED AT:

Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd. (Route 50)
Fairfax, Virginia

AGENDA:

11:00 a. m.-Social Hour and cash bar--meet and greet friends.

**11:30 a. m.-Luncheon Menu:
Gaspacho, Salad Plate, Croissants, tea,
coffee, sherbet and cookies**

**12:30 p. m.-Program: Ford Foundation Scholarships
Awarded; comments by Dr. Brabrand
- Business Meeting--Voting on Budget, 2018-
2019
- Installation of new officers for 2018-2019**

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Reservations **must** be received by phone, mail, or email **no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, June 8, 2018** we have to give the Elks Lodge the definite number by that date and time. Please call, mail, or email early!

- 1. BY MAIL--**Mail your name, name(s) of guests, and check for **\$15** for members, **\$18** for guests. Make your checks payable to **FCRE**, and mail to **Fairfax County Retired Educators Luncheon Reservations P. O. Box 75 Fairfax, VA 22038-0075**
OR:
- 2. CALL: 703-923-9877**
Leave your name (please spell slowly), phone number, and guest name(s)
OR:
- 3. EMAIL-- luncheon@fcree.org**
We still want the same information--your name, and your guest(s) if you are bringing any.
NOTE: If you email us with your reservation, expect a reply that your reservation has been received. If you don't receive a reply, please send again because we did not receive your reservation.

**Cost of luncheon: \$15.00 for members of FCRE
\$18 for each guest.**

Members and guests without reservations may be accommodated at \$21.00 per person only if space is available. Unclaimed reservations will be billed.

**NOTE: VEGETARIAN MEALS AVAILABLE!
JUST TELL US WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR
RESERVATION!**



TRAVEL REPORT FOR JUNE, 2018!

by
Doris Patteson, Director, Member Services Tours

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 6, 2018! TRAVEL PRESENTATION AT THE FCRE OFFICE AT THE SPRINGFIELD APPLE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION! 6708 Backlick Road, Springfield, Va. Remember to come in the employees' entrance on the right of the building. NEW TRIPS FOR 2019!

We will be featuring **Discover Panama** for February 21– March 1 and **Portugal and its Islands** on April 27—May 9. We will also be introducing some of the trips Collette has available for the **Passion Play in Oberammergau for 2020**. This may seem a long way out, but tickets are selling out quickly, and it is necessary to book early. Collette has 7 different trip options that include the Passion Play so we will be looking at some of the options and selection the one that meets most of our needs. Collette is the No. 1 Passion Play Tour Company and sold the largest allotment of tickets in 2010. They promise 4-star accommodations and the best available seating at the play.

Please notify Doris if you plan to attend the June 6 presentation! There will be refreshments (always delicious, says the Editor!) and door prizes. Bring yourself and your friends and enjoy the afternoon with fellow travelers!

Our lineup of trips for 2019 is as follows:

Discover Panama—February 21—March 1, 2019
Portugal and Its Islands—April 27—May 9, 2019
Cultural Treasures of Japan—May, 2019
Spectacular Scandinavia—August 1—14, 2019
Islands of New England—October 10—18, 2019



Our deposit date for **America's Music City Holiday** is **May 30** so let me know right away if you would like to take part in this fun trip to our music cities of Nashville, Memphis, and New Orleans. Our holiday trips are always fun, and the decorations at the time of the year we are going always are festive. We have three (3) nights at the Gaylord Opry Hotel which is a special treat and a vacation in itself.

Doris just returned from Rhode Island where she participated in Collette's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Collette is the oldest tour company in the country and proud to be managed by the 3rd generation of the Sullivan Family. This was a training opportunity to learn more about trends in travel and new things that Collette will be offering. Doris was able to connect with the people she works with at the home office and has only been able to know over the phone. It was nice to put voices with faces and share ideas in person. It was also great to meet more members of the Sullivan Family and discuss issues with the top management which will be beneficial in providing services for our FCRE members.

We now have brochures available for most of our trips for 2019. Call for brochures on any of the trips that interest you.

Check out **Collette's website: gocollette.com**

Remember that Collette has over 170 destinations, and they can book you for any of those destinations and give you our discounts.

FCRE and Collette are here to give you the guidance you need and to share our travel experiences!

Call Doris Patteson at **703-534-3975** or email her at **dwpatteson@gmail.com**

Start planning that trip now! Be ready to have fun and travel with FCRE and Collette!



MEMBER ACTIVITIES FOR June, 2018

by
Barbara Marshall, Director

BOOK GROUPS

- Annandale Book Group--**Dottie Addison, coordinator.** Meets the **3rd** Wednesday at 12 noon in **THE GEORGE MASON REGIONAL LIBRARY.** Note: **this is a change in meeting place.** Call Dottie at **703-971-8479** for more information.
- Fairfax City Group--**Sue Williams, coordinator.** Meets at 10:30 a.m. on the **2nd Friday** in Barnes and Noble at Fair Lakes. Sue's contact information is **suewms@cox.net**
- Vienna Tuesday Book Group--**Joey Graves coordinator.** Meets the 2nd Tuesday at the Providence Community Center. Contact information is **JoeyGraves1@gmail.com.**

BRIDGE GROUPS

1. 2nd and 4th Monday Group--Meets 2nd and 4th Monday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Contact person is **Barbara Marshall** at 571-203-0375 or **bmarshall12@verizon.net.** This group will meet at the Vienna American Legion this month. The Legion is located at 303 Center St., Vienna, VA 22180.
2. Tuesday Morning Group--Coordinator is **Sandy Smith.** Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in homes.
3. **Fourth Tuesday Evening Group**--Coordinators are **Claudette Coffey and Joey Graves.** Meets in homes at 7:00 p.m. **Note the change in day for this group.**
4. 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday Bridge Group--Meets at David R. Pinn Community Center on Zion Road in at 9:45 to 12:00 **The contact people for this group are now Bunny Monroe (MissBunnyM@aol.com) and Emily Krisko (kriskodt@aol.com)**
5. The Bridge Review Group with **Dave Meadows** meets at 1:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the American Legion in Vienna, Va. See address above in 2nd and 4th Monday Group. **The Bridge Review Group will not meet again until the fall. Watch for in the September newsletter.**

CINEMA ARTS GROUP

The Cinema Arts Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30—10:00 a.m. depending on the movie selected. Following the movie, interested participants have lunch and discussion at First Watch Café located across from the Cinema Arts Theatre.

If interested, please email **Alicia Clelland** at **clellaap@cox.net** to receive details regarding the movie selected.

ARE YOU IN THE PINK? IF SO, IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!!

1. Check the expiration date above your name on your mailing label. If it reads, "Expires June 30, 2016" and is marked in pink, it is time to **RENEW!**
2. It is easy to renew; here is what you do:
3. Write your check (payable to FCRE) for **\$75.00 for a 3 year renewal, or \$30.00 for a 1 (one) year renewal.**
4. Please write the word, **Renewal,** on the memo line of your check.
5. Mail your check to:
FCRE
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
P.O. BOX 0682
SPRINGFIELD, VA.22150-0682
6. That's all you do to renew!

REMEMBER:

FCRE Recommendation: Do NOT under any circumstances withdraw from your Fairfax County Public Schools-sponsored health insurance plan. If you do, you cannot rejoin!

THANK YOU, APPLE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION!

FCRE would like to take this opportunity to thank the Apple Federal Credit Union for their continued support in our activities. We really appreciate you!



**PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR
FAIRFAX COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**

**W. HAROLD FORD
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.
Budget - Fiscal Year 2019
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
RETIRED EDUCATORS, INC.
Budget - Fiscal Year 2019
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**

INCOME:

Dedicated Donations	
FCRE	\$ 2,000.00
Apple Fed. Cr. Union	2,000.00
Mary O. Ambler Trust	2,000.00
Raffle & Table Donations	300.00
Individual Donations	1200.00
Fundraising Event	500.00
FCRE Admin. Fund	1000.00
Interest – Apple FCU CDs	325.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 9,325.00

EXPENSES:

2018 Scholarship Awards	
FCRE	\$ 2,000.00
Apple Fed. Cr. Union	2,000.00
Mary O. Ambler	2,000.00
W. Harold Ford	2,000.00
Administrative costs	325.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 9,325.00

INCOME:

1. Membership Dues	\$ 20,000.00
2. Member Services	0.00
3. Interest—Apple FCU Accts, CDs	480.00
4. Miscellaneous Income	2,500.00
5. Transfer from Reserves	7,680.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 30,660.00

EXPENDITURES:

11. Information & Publications	\$ 4,000.00
12. Postage—Info & Publications	4,000.00
13. Copy Equipment—Supplies	500.00
14. Copy Equipment—Maintenance	450.00
15. General Office Supplies	600.00
16. Post Office Box Rental	175.00
17. Telephone Services	2,200.00
18. Computers—Programs and Main.	700.00
19. Tax Preparation & Audit	600.00
20. Corporation Liability Insurance	2,500.00
21. Internal Website & ISP	350.00
22. Miscellaneous	10.00
23. Annual State Incorporation Fee	25.00
24. Office Manager	5,800.00

OFFICERS & DIRECTORSHIPS:

31. President's Fund	\$ 1,200.00
32. Remembrance	400.00
33. Government Relations Team	1,300.00
34. Membership Development	500.00
35. History & Photography	300.00
36. Scholarship Director	1,000.00
37. Directors & Committees	200.00
38. Legato School Museum	150.00
39. W. Harold Ford Scholarship Fund	2,000.00
40. Luncheon Set-ups & Programs	1,000.00
41. Members Services-Tours	500.00
42. Change and Petty Cash Fund	200.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 30,660.00

**NOTES TO THE BUDGETS FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 2018 TO
JUNE 30, 2019**

The budgets will be voted on by the membership at the June 14, 2018, luncheon meeting.

from the President.....

To all of you on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, take care of yourselves, have a restful summer, and come back refreshed and renewed. There is much to do! And thank you!

To the membership of Fairfax County Retired Educators, it has been a pleasure to serve you as President!

Thank you all!

Billie W. Johnson

News Flash - Recent ERFC Communication May Have Exposed Your SSN

It has been brought to our attention by FCRE members that ERFC recently mailed out its Spring 2018 ERFC flyer that included the member's Social Security Number printed above member's names on the mailing label.

Today, the CIO of ERFC, Eli Martinez, sent out an email stating, "We were notified that the Spring 2018 Retiree Newsletter distributed included social security numbers of some of our retirees. The numbers were not identified as Social Security numbers and there were no dashes between the numbers that could make them more identifiable.

We are currently working to identify those affected by this error and implementing security measures to prevent compromise. Please be assured that we have taken every step necessary to address the incident, and that we are committed to fully protecting all of the information that you have entrusted to us. We are currently working with experts, state and federal agencies, and other professionals to determine the extent of the exposure. The people affected will be notified individually as we continue to investigate and collect information. If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please let us know immediately by contacting ERFC at (703) 426-3900."

So, we at FCRE are recommending that you check your mail and see if you have correspondence from ERFC that may have included your Social Security Number on the address label. If this has happened to you: Call ERFC at **703-426-3900** to say that you have correspondence from ERFC that exposes your Social Security Number. ERFC will put a special code word of your choice on your account which will protect it. Do as soon as possible!

If you have opted to receive ERFC communications via email you do not need to do anything since mailing labels are not affixed to those documents.



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reservation by JUNE 8, 2018**

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