



# The Retired Educator

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Fall 2022: Sept., Oct., Nov.

## **OCREA General Membership Meetings**

First Thursday of  
each month  
Sept.–May  
(except January)

### **ATTENTION:**

Our New meeting  
place is Sept. 1  
**Church on the  
Drive, 1914  
Edgewater Dr.,  
Orlando 32804.**

### **2022-2024**

#### **Theme:**

OCREA - Shaping  
the Future

#### **OCREA Website:**

[ocreafl.org](http://ocreafl.org)

#### **Facebook:**

OCREA

#### **FREA Website:**

[frea.org](http://frea.org)

### **2022 FREA District 8 Fall Symposium**

Friday, October 21  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00  
p.m.

#### **FREA Convention**

May 16-18, 2023  
[https://  
www.frea.org/  
convention/](https://www.frea.org/convention/)

## **Message from the President**

Our dynamic theme  
for 2022-2024 is  
**OCREA - Shaping  
the Future.** Your  
Board is working  
together to bring great  
programming,  
camaraderie through  
our meetings and field  
trips, volunteerism,  
and opportunities for  
growth.

The OCREA Board  
voted this summer on  
our new venue  
**Church on the Drive,  
1914 Edgewater Dr.,  
Orlando, FL 32804.**

This new location  
offers improved  
meeting space,  
parking, and  
accessibility, located  
kitty-corner two  
blocks from the  
College Park United  
Methodist Church,  
and across from  
Publix on Edgewater  
Drive. Turn west on  
Yale St. at the street  
light and park behind  
the church.

We can now bring  
snacks. The Board  
brings them in  
September. Check  
your Yearbook and  
the *Hospitality* article

for further  
assignments.

The programs are  
engaging! Join your  
fellow retired  
educators.  
Read the Vice  
President's article to  
learn what is coming.

Encourage your  
retired educator  
friends to join us.  
Bring one with you to  
our meetings and field  
trips!

See you September 1,  
2022!

**Christie Woods,  
M.Ed.**



**2022 FREA District 8  
Fall Symposium  
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Orlando, FL 32804  
Friday, October 21  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Orange County is hosting the  
2022 FREA Fall Symposium.  
Join FREA District 8 members  
from Brevard, Lake, Orange,  
Osceola, Polk and Seminole  
counties for fellowship, fun, and  
learning. Details on the left. <

Attend breakout sessions for  
officers, recruiting new  
members, and legislative  
issues. There will be plenty of  
fellowship and good food. **Plan  
to attend!**



# OCREA... Shaping the Future

Vice President and Programs Chair:  
Janice Quint

Our 2022-2023 programs will have the theme **Shaping the Future**. Our organization's mission, which helps shape the future, is to support retired school personnel, and provide assistance to students and current teachers through scholarships. Our speakers will be people from Central Florida that are also shaping the future!

Join us each month as we learn about our local community and individuals who have and continue to **shape the future**.

**September's** meeting will feature *Addition Financial*, our Credit Union that assists our organization in so many ways.

**October's** meeting will feature *Sara Trollinger*, founder of the *House of Hope*, a residential program for troubled teens.

**In November**, our speaker will be *Jeannette Bajalia*, author, speaker, business leader and founder of *Woman's Worth*.

As always, our **December and February** meetings will feature *OCPS musical students* and our *over 90's birthday celebration*. There is no January meeting.

Thank you,

Janice Quint

OCREA Vice President

### Notice: NEW Location

Church on the Drive,  
1914 Edgewater Dr., Orlando 32804

**Hospitality:** Suzanne Lincoln, Chair



Welcome to our new location where we are now able to bring refreshments to enjoy as we "Chat and Chew" with old and new members.

There will be a sign up sheet at our September 1st

general meeting for volunteers each month.

We need:

- two Door Greeters
- a *Thought for the Day* not to exceed 3 minutes
- Table Decorations for our refreshment table

Your OCREA board members will take care of the September 1st duties.

Refreshments for the general meetings will be according to last names:

- October: A -D
- November: E-J
- December: K-M
- January: NO Meeting
- February: Pot Luck
- March: N-S
- April: T-Z
- May: End of the Year luncheon.

**2022 VOLUNTEER HOURS  
REPORT FORM**

Return to [Joanne.Canarelli.jbc610@outlook.com](mailto:Joanne.Canarelli.jbc610@outlook.com)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month(s): J F M A M J J A S O N D  
(circle the above months)

- Religious \_\_\_\_\_
- Literacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Environment \_\_\_\_\_
- Ecology \_\_\_\_\_
- Library \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal Help \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital \_\_\_\_\_
- Nursing Home \_\_\_\_\_
- OCREA/FREA \_\_\_\_\_
- Shopping \_\_\_\_\_
- Schools \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Projects \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

Retired Educators  
Foundation of Orange  
County (REFOC):  
Janice Quint, Scholarship  
Chair

The REFOC  
Scholarship Committee  
is currently accepting  
applications from OCPS  
Technical college  
students. The recipients  
will be selected in the  
beginning of August  
and awarded the  
scholarship at the end  
of August. The  
committee looks

forward to honoring  
these hardworking  
students.

This Fall, we will be  
accepting applications  
for educators who are  
obtaining a master's  
degree. This one time  
scholarship helps  
support current  
teachers in the  
classroom.



**Volunteer Services:  
Joanne Canarelli, Chair**

It's a new school year  
approaching. Go back to  
the beginning of 2022 to  
assess your most  
generous volunteer hours  
including FREA and  
OCREA.

As you know, the Volunteer  
Hours run on a calendar

year. In order to have  
accurate information for  
each person, please  
compile your total number  
from January to May 2022  
and email it to me. I will  
handle it from there on.

On September 1, 2022,  
you will receive a form for  
the summer months of  
June, July and August  
2022.

For those of you who  
volunteer in multiple areas,  
it would be great to know  
those organizations, too.

Thank you for your help for  
all areas of endeavors. I  
look forward to seeing you  
all again! My email is:  
[jbc610@outlook.com](mailto:jbc610@outlook.com)

**\* Use the form above left.**

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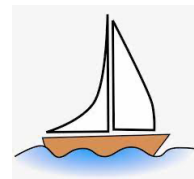
**Cultural Affairs: Anne Gardepe,  
Chair**

**OCREA...Shaping the Future** — an  
exciting theme for this year with interesting  
and enlightening programs! So, how about  
some extracurricular activities?

I have nothing in stone yet but will be  
planning visits to a lesser-known concert  
venue, a non-profit serving children and

families, a boat tour, and a popular  
musical. Of course, lunch will be involved.

I hope you will be able to participate in  
some of these activities. They are an  
excellent way to get to  
know your fellow  
members. More details  
will be coming soon.



## Membership: Kim Stutsman, Chair

Your membership in OCREA and FREA is a commitment to education, even though you are no longer employed as an educator or an educational support person. Your membership is evidence that you are supporting scholarships, legislative initiatives, and charitable organizations in our community. Please consider inviting fellow retired educators to join you as an OCREA/FREA member. It is another way to enrich

your current friendships and develop new ones. Remember that old song, "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold."

Membership forms are available at our meetings, using form below, or by contacting me at [stutsmankim85@gmail.com](mailto:stutsmankim85@gmail.com).

New members attending an OCREA meeting for the first time will receive a gift courtesy of ADDition Financial Credit Union.

## OCREA Membership Application

Hand out the application below to a friend with an invitation to attend a meeting or field trip!



### Orange County Retired Educators Association Membership Application Unified Dues (FREA/OCREA): \$55.00 Annually July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023



Date: _____		_____ New	_____ Renew
<b>General Member:</b> Retired School Teacher, School Administrator, School Transportation, School Maintenance, School Cafeteria, School Para, etc.		<b>Associate Member:</b> Any person not affiliated with a school system but wants to support the mission of the Association may apply for membership.	
<b>FREA Benefits are fully available to ALL General or Associate members.</b>			
Name and Title		Phone – Cell preferred	
Mailing Address		Birth Month and Year	
City	State	Zip	
E-mail address:			
Unified FREA/OCREA Dues:	<b>\$ 55.00</b>	Please make check payable to OCREA.	<b>OR</b> Pay with *PayPal by sending money to <a href="mailto:treasurer.ocrea@gmail.com">treasurer.ocrea@gmail.com</a> .
Legislative Donation:	<b>\$ 4.00</b>		
FREF donation:	\$ _____	Mail to: OCREA PO Box 678236 Orlando, FL 32867	*If paying with PayPal, please add an additional \$2 to total to cover processing fees.
OCREA - Ernest & Ruth Hawk Scholarship donation:	\$ _____		
Total Enclosed:	\$ _____		

Legislative Donation: OCREA and FREA are your advocates regarding your pension and the future of education in the State of Florida. Donate to support our efforts on behalf of all present/future Retired Educators, and other beneficiaries of the Florida Retirement System like First Responders. All donation money will be used in a non-partisan way. **Have questions? Contact Jennifer Cunningham - OCREA Treasurer at 407-712-4529 or email [cunninghamjj49@gmail.com](mailto:cunninghamjj49@gmail.com)**

## Addition Financial



### **Same place, different name.**

The Forest City branch is getting an update! Don't worry – it's not going anywhere, we love our Forest City members too much.

The Forest City branch will now be listed as 'Altamonte Springs' on our list of hours and locations.

No, this doesn't mean we're breaking up with Forest City. Yes, this branch will still be in the exact same spot the next time you visit us.

For any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at (407) 896-9411.

### **Member Referral**

It's true, friends make life richer...

When you refer friends or family members to Addition Financial, you can earn up to \$300 and they can earn up to \$300! Now that's true friendship.

Visit any branch or [AdditionFi.com/ReferAFriend](http://AdditionFi.com/ReferAFriend) to learn more!

### **There are more reasons than ever to love being a member of Addition Financial:**

Your credit union membership is about the trust and care of community, built around where you live, work and play. That's why credit union membership saves you money through exclusive member-only offers through our trusted partners. Through Love My Credit Union Rewards, credit union members have saved over \$2 billion with offers.

Learn all about how your credit union membership gets

you all these exclusive savings and more at **[LoveMyCreditUnion.org](http://LoveMyCreditUnion.org)**. Check them out and start enjoying credit union member benefits you never knew you had.

### **Convenient Appointments Available**

We have reopened our branches for service at the teller line with limited capacity. For your convenience, we encourage you to schedule an appointment.

Visit [AdditionFi.com/Appointment](http://AdditionFi.com/Appointment) to book your appointment today!

### **Addition Financial Holiday Closures**

- Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day
- Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus Day

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## Information Services: Pat Franklin, Chair

Hi everyone!

For teachers, Fall is always the time we reevaluate and start anew. If you are looking to change your health or life insurance coverage, don't forget FREA (Florida Retired Educators Association.) They partner with AMBA (Association Member Benefits Advisors) to bring discounts in all sorts of areas.

See <https://www.frea.org/insurance-and-benefits/> for more information. I was recently surprised to learn they have a

Hearing Coverage policy. Not many companies have that!



We were recently informed that there has been an uptick in spam phone calls and emails. Please remember not to answer any call or email unless you know the sender. I got a call last week saying it was from my oldest nephew. Obviously, a scam.

Speaking of safety, is COVID over yet? Variants are on the rise. Stay safe out there!!

**ORANGE COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS  
ASSOCIATION  
PO Box 678236  
Orlando, FL. 32867**

**Address Service Requested**

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