



# *Brevard Federation of Teachers Retired Chapter News “Retired, Not Expired”*

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## *President’s Message*

*--Anne Marie Monteparo*

Happy Holidays! May all the charms of this beautiful holiday season gladden your heart. Enjoy every single moment of it with the ones you hold close to in life and best wishes for the new year. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Tuscany Grill!



**Next Meeting--Thur, Feb.. 6, 2025**

**1007 Florida Ave, Rockledge**

11:30 Brown bag lunch

12:00 Business meeting

12:30 Speaker: Dr. Ben Brotemarkle, Florida Historical Society

BFT-R will provide drinks, dessert & paper products

Our speaker in February will be Dr. Ben Brotemarkle, executive director of the Florida Historical Society. Ben serves as the producer and host of “Florida Frontiers: The Weekly Radio Magazine of the Florida Historical Society” and the public television series “Florida Frontiers.”



## Membership News

--Sheila Cootes

We're very happy to welcome **Lynne Nilles** as a new member. Lynne taught fourth grade at Palm Bay Elementary and Christa McAuliffe Elementary. **WELCOME, LYNNE!**

The following are on the **2024-25 "Honor Roll"** (those members who have paid their 2024-25 dues since the last newsletter/s): **Judith Alexander, Donald Barlow, Bettye Jean Bryant, Atleen Britt, Cecily Cain, Marcy Cipolletti, Maria Clifford, Sheila Cootes, Janet Eastman, Mona Layne Fulton, Rita Gynan, Lin Herz, Mary Hosken, Cora Knighton, Gerald McCabe, Anne Marie Monteparo, Wendy Morrison, Margaret Nickolenko, Jacqueline Parris, Barbara Peete, Marion Pickett, Carol Post, Paula Ramos, Patsy Shearer, Louise Stroman and Cheryl Wiley.**



Life membership is \$400. We (BFTR) will pay your local dues the year you become a "life member." Save \$46 per year (plus the \$30 we "give" you for that first year's local dues). We will be glad to accept the \$400 amount in two or three (your choice) installments.

Membership questions? Just call or text (321) 427-7808 or e-mail ([scootes@earthlink.net](mailto:scootes@earthlink.net))

## Field Trip

--Lin Herz

On November 12th we toured the historic Pritchard House in downtown Titusville.



## Volunteer Hours

Until further notice, if you email your volunteer hours, send them to **Anne Marie Monteparo** at [amonteparo@cfl.rr.com](mailto:amonteparo@cfl.rr.com). Please put "volunteer hours" in the subject line. You can also write in your volunteer hours on the sign in sheet at our next meeting.



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**Thur, Dec. 5 - 11:30 Holiday Luncheon at Tuscany Grill**

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### Membership Application

I want to join BFT/R for the 2024-2025 school year and receive membership benefits. Enclosed please find a check payable to BFT/R for:

#### New Member

\_\_\_ Annual dues \$76.00  
 \_\_\_ Lifetime dues \$400.00  
 (state and national)

#### Renewing Member

\_\_\_ Annual dues \$76.00 (For non-life members)  
 \_\_\_ Local dues for Lifetime members **\$30 each year**  
 \_\_\_ Lifetime dues \$400 (BFTR pays local dues 1<sup>st</sup> year)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Former School \_\_\_\_\_ Subject /Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and mail it and your check to Sheila Cootes, 3737 Sunward Dr., Merritt Island, FL 32953.