

A Message from the BRCLL President

As you all can see, I gave up my front page spot for a very important reason. I wanted to bring the subject of volunteerism front and center. Each Newsletter we plead for volunteers: this time we are making a point of this very important issue. Every organization needs an infusion of new blood as a matter of course in order to keep moving forward. BRCLL, as you know, is a volunteer organization and cannot survive without this periodic infusion. We urge you to take this message seriously, and to consider whether you have a few hours a week or month that you would be willing to give up to help keep BRCLL healthy and growing. Try out one of our committees. You have nothing to lose!

I'd also like to highlight a few things that have occurred over the last few months. Our special presentation, *The Hitler Years Through the Eyes of a Child*, given by Charlotte Self in May, was a huge success with over 200 people in attendance. We thank you for your support for this event. If you are an early riser, and listen to our local radio stations, you may have heard our Vice President, Steve Schleifer, promoting BRCLL and Charlotte's presentation - one of our ongoing efforts to become increasingly well known in the community. BRCLL's first volunteer luncheon took place in June and we were very pleased to have Dr. Laura Leatherwood, President of BRCC, and Chris English, Vice President of Economic Development, in attendance. BRCLL enjoys the support of BRCC management and is proud to have their vote of confidence.

As always, I'd like to offer a warm welcome to all of our new members and my sincere thanks to our loyal member base. I hope that you are having a wonderful summer and that we will see you at many of the offerings we have prepared for you for the fall. Don't forget to save the date for our next Holiday Party, which will take place on December 12, 2019.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Carol Rueter, President