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MESSAGE FROM THE BRCLL PRESIDENT

Even though our Summer Newsletter is sent out in March when it's still cold, for some reason it still makes me feel warmer just to be able to say the word summer!

The past several months have been very busy for BRCLL. To recount a few of the most important events: in December we had another successful holiday party which was once again very well attended by our membership. We were very fortunate to have the BRCC President, Dr. Laura Leatherwood, in attendance and we all appreciated her enthusiasm and recognition for the important role that we play in the BRCC organization. The date for our next holiday celebration has been set - December 12, 2019 - so mark your calendars to make sure you don't miss it. The end of 2018 saw the resignations of two of our long-standing Board Members after many years of dedicated service. Toby Linder and Carl Schoendorfer will be sorely missed for their historical perspective, as well as all the hard work they did over the years to contribute to making BRCLL what it is today. They have both agreed to continue to help out in the near term, if needed, for which we are extremely grateful.

Which brings me to my next topic - VOLUNTEERS! I know you are probably tired of hearing the recruitment message: however, BRCLL owes its existence to the hard work of our volunteers. When we run out of volunteers, this organization will cease to exist. Volunteering is NOT a full-time job. Come and help us on one of our committees; take a trial run. We don't take hostages: if you find it's not for you, we will let you go peacefully! Looking at the positive side, volunteering will give you the opportunity to shape our curriculum and the trips that we take!

On May 21, 2019 we are offering a very Special Presentation which will be given by one of our amazing volunteers - Charlotte Hugues Self. Charlotte is the very proud author of a spellbinding book - *The Hitler Years through the Eyes of a Child* - which chronicles the activities of Charlotte and her mother during the years when Adolf Hitler and his Nazi Party rose to power. Come - and bring your neighbors. Young people 7th grade and above will also be welcome. Charlotte's amazing story is something that everyone should hear. Details are included in the Newsletter on page 9.

Finally, as always, I'd like to offer a very warm welcome to all our new members and much appreciation to our loyal existing member base. I hope that you have a wonderful summer and that you find many interesting and exciting opportunities between the covers of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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