



The  
**BROWARD SIERRA**  
Newsletter

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**WOW!**

**We have so many interesting events scheduled in 2023!**

*Leah Weisburd, Broward Sierra Group Chair*

We have scheduled presenters for our monthly general meeting all the way into May 2023 and you will not want to miss any! Since the listing is so lengthy, I suggest you keep checking our website and our monthly Bulletins for complete information.

Here are some that you might want to put on your calendars:

**January 5, 2023 – Registration is required for all our monthly meetings.**

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000001y1odAAA>

We will be showing the screening of the YouTube video "Dear President Biden". This 40-minute video shares the stories of leaders from the People vs Fossil Fuel Coalition and the fossil fuel resistance movement who are fighting to protect their communities, water, and health.

Michelle Allen is the Southern Region Deputy Director at Food & Water Watch. She has been organizing in Florida for several years working to stop dangerous fracking and move the state towards a 100% renewable energy future. Michelle now lives in her home state in Atlanta, Georgia, where she helps manage the Food & Water Volunteer

Network. Michelle works with volunteers across the country to pass policies at all levels of government to protect our drinking water, create a just food system, and stop climate change.

Michelle is happy to introduce the film and will be available after the video for Q & A. And of course, our prize question! Additionally, Michelle would love to have a discussion on fossil fuel projects in Florida.

Please check our website [Broward Group | Sierra Club](#) for complete details for the rest of our monthly meetings which we post a month in advance of the presentation.

**February 2, 2023 – The Third Act- Anna Goldstein and Janina Kilmas**

**March 2, 2023 – Energy Justice Network – Mike Ewall**

**April 6, 2023 – Community Greening – Mark Cassini**

**May 4, 2023 – Sea Level Rise – Jose Cortes**

**AND IN ADDITION:**

We are well into the planning stages for our annual early Earth Day celebration on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Anne Kolb Nature Center. One of our main events is our plastic waste art contest open to high school students ages 14-18. Check it out: [Broward Group | Sierra Club](#)

Our Outing Leaders are planning many outings next year, such as more kayak dates, Everglade's exploration, nature walks, and so many surprises, too. Keep your eyes on our website to make sure you don't miss anything! [Outings & Events | Sierra Club](#)

And, last but never least, please check our listing so you can volunteer to help us make the Broward Sierra Group the best in Florida! Our volunteer listing is at: [Explore Issues & Take Action | Sierra Club](#).

Thank you for being a member of our Broward Sierra Group!



**Program Director** – Contact Leah Weisburd at [excomleah@gmail.com](mailto:excomleah@gmail.com)

We need a detail oriented BSG member to follow up with our presenters scheduled for

our monthly meetings.

**Membership Chair** – Creating ways to stay in touch with all members and supporters via the tools and rules provided by Sierra Club. And you can always be part of this committee!

**Media Director- and Committee** – Contact Jared Stein-Chair at [jaredstein.sierraclub@gmail.com](mailto:jaredstein.sierraclub@gmail.com)

We need someone to spread the word about the Sierra Club via newspapers, schools, and organizations via speaking engagements and writing and publishing articles.

**Political Committee** – Contact Susan Steinhauser-Chair at [browardsierrapc@gmail.com](mailto:browardsierrapc@gmail.com)

Help us elect officials who will propose legislation to protect the environment and help us get that legislation passed into law!

**Outings Leaders** – Contact Adriene Barmann-Chair at [adrienesierraleader@gmail.com](mailto:adrienesierraleader@gmail.com)

Outings Chair is seeking volunteers to become an outings leader. Must take CPR and first aid training, as well as completing the outings leader training course offered by the Sierra Club which is also required.

**Conservation Committee** – Contact Tiffany Furr Grantham-Chair at [grantham.tiffany@gmail.com](mailto:grantham.tiffany@gmail.com)

This committee helps to preserve the natural resources and the habitats of the native species.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Hey Broward Sierra members! What's your story?

This has created a good amount of member's interest. We love getting to know our members. Perhaps they would like to know you too!

Please send our editor/proofreader, Pat Turpening, a short paragraph or two to publish in our Bulletin along with a photo of yourself.

The deadline for submitting your story in next month's Bulletin needs to be sent to Pat by end of day on January 18, 2023 at [patsierraexcom@gmail.com](mailto:patsierraexcom@gmail.com). Please put in subject - **Getting to know you.**

We are all looking forward to getting to know our members better!

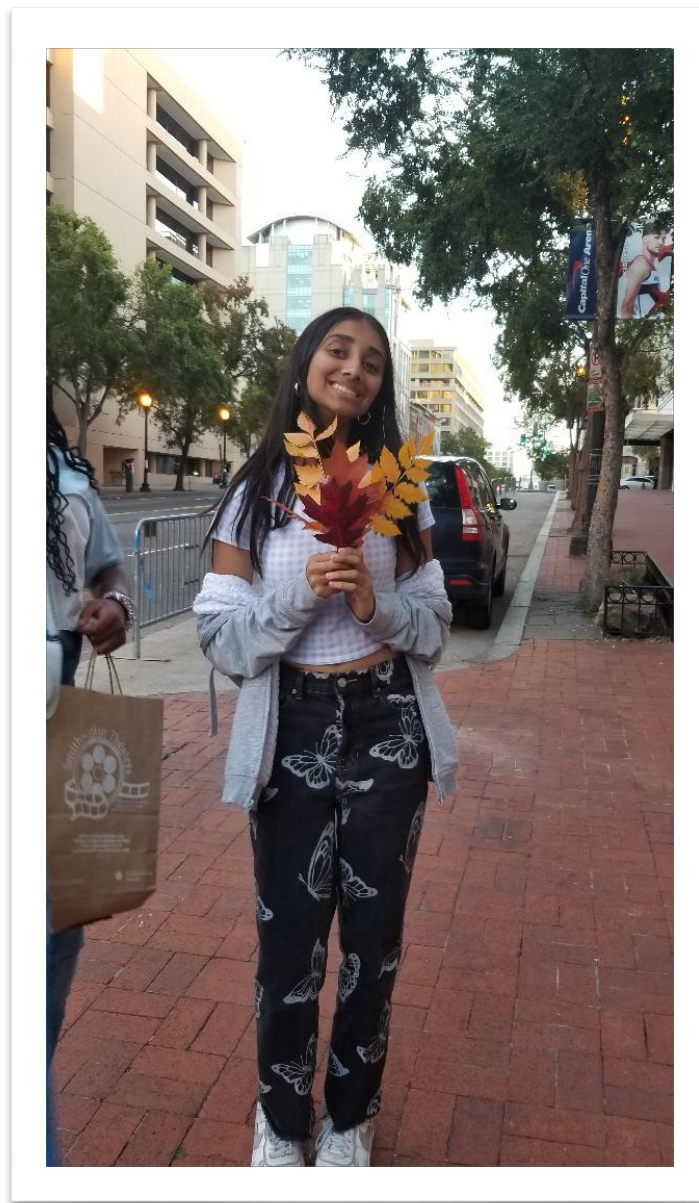
Leah Weisburd, *Chair*

## Getting to Know You – Anagha Iyer

Hi! My name is Anagha Iyer and I am a freshman in high school. I am so excited to be working with the Sierra Club by helping at events, spreading awareness, and getting involved. I joined the Broward Sierra Club because I am extremely passionate about the

environment. Myself and fellow youths are being severely affected by these environmental impacts and I am proud to advocate for a more sustainable future. In addition, I find science research extremely fascinating.

Last year, I researched the effects of toxic pesticides and biopesticides on the growth of fish embryos and won first in the science fair. This not only allowed me to be recognized at the state level, but also spread awareness about pesticide runoff. I am also involved with other environmental organizations such as The Nature Conservancy's social media and research team, EarthTalk's Q&A column, and Citizens Climate Lobby. I am helping the Sierra Club plan the upcoming Green Bus Tour and Earth Day events! I am looking forward to getting even more involved with this incredible organization and helping to protect Broward County's natural beauty.



Anagha Iyer



## Broward Sierra Outing – Day Hike, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

Saturday, January 21, 2023 – 10 AM to 2:30 PM

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002NZd4AAG>



### Stop Destroying the Agricultural Reserve, a short petition

By Susan Pawley

#### What?

The Agricultural Reserve was substantially paid for by the taxpayers of Palm Beach County. Yet for years now parts have been approved for developments or other commercial ventures.

#### Why is this important?

If you want to preserve area for those who make their living from farming, if you like fresh food, if you care to preserve a buffer zone between the Everglades and urban sprawl, let the Commissioners know.

#### Where?

If you want to preserve the Palm Beach County Agricultural Preserve go here and sign the [petition](#).

#### Who?

You should sign the petition and share with family and friends!

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## **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Florida Climate Leadership Summit**

Adriene Barmann, *Vice Chair*

I attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Florida Climate Leadership Summit in Fort Lauderdale last week, and it was an honor and a wonderful opportunity to hear speakers and panelists who are on the forefront of addressing the climate change crisis. I was truly inspired as I was able to connect with fellow activists, elected officials and representatives of innovative industries that have developed sustainable services that improve the environment and address climate change. I saw some of our environmental locals that include Stephanie Pearson from the League of Women Voters, Cat Uden from Oceana, Scott Lewis from Broward Climate Alliance, Laura Tellez from Solar United Neighbors, as well as my fellow Sierra Club super heroes Emily Robinson, Tiffany Grantham (alias the Manatee), Leah Weisburd, Susan Steinhauser, and Rhonda Roff.

I was in environmental heaven as I listened to world renown speakers as they presented both their research, and their work to decrease carbon output, reducing plastic waste and sustainability in their regions as climate change encompasses our planet. I was so proud of Jennifer Jeraldo, Broward County's chief Resilience officer and Jason Liechty, who were the leaders of the team that organized the event. Jennifer spoke at the session: Connectors in Chief: Resilience Officers Look ahead. They discussed resilience highlights, key initiatives and pending challenges and the tools and resources that they use now and will use in the future to address the impacts of climate change.

Everywhere I walked another network connection was made. At the Broward Sierra Club table, we had multiple visitors who wanted to know about our impactful work and outreach projects. They played our spinning game, and if the color they chose landed on the pin, they were able to choose a sustainable prize. We had lots of pamphlets to hand out, as well as information pamphlets from other organizations that are aligned with Sierra Club. We shared information about our upcoming signature event Earth Day 23 "Saving our Environment", and the plastic art contest for high school kids.

I could share so much more about the summit, but there is not enough room to write about it. The big takeaway is that the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact is a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties, to work collaboratively to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions, implement adaptation strategies, and build climate resilience across the Southeast Florida region. It's an annual event, and each county has an opportunity to shine, and Broward County had their turn, and the entire event was outstanding. This year's theme was Connect, Commit, Act, and surely the visitors were motivated to address climate change, and to understand the implications that all of us must adapt to our changing world. Look out for next year's event in Dade County.