Fayette County Retired Educators Association

and

Georgia Retired Educators Association

2026-27 Handbook and Bylaws

CONTENTS

SECTION 1 FCREA 2

Purposes/Mission 3

President's Message 4

FCREA Goals 5

FCREA Officers 6-7

FCREA Committees 7-9

Duties of Committees 10-13

FCREA Calendar 14

Community Service Projects 15

FCREA Constitution and Bylaws 16-21

SECTION 2 GREA 22

GREA Purposes/Mission/Motto 23

GREA Support Organizations and Agencies 24

GREA Handbook and Information Link 25

GREA Area Map 26

Section 1
FCREA

http://fayettegaretirededucators.org

Email address: faycorea@gmail.com

Facebook: Fayette County GA Retired Educators Association

Purposes
Fayette County Retired Educators Association

To **provide** opportunities for support and fellowship with friends and fellow retired educators,

To **provide** an organized framework through which retired educators may continue a life of service to fellow retirees, active colleagues, students, and their communities,

To **respond** to community needs and encourage retired educators to contribute their talents and experiences to the decision-making processes in their communities, and

To **familiarize** retired and active educators with the benefits of membership in the local REA unit and state organization.

FCREA Mission Statement

The Fayette County Retired Educators Association is committed to uniting retired educators for fellowship, support, and continued educational and community service.

Co-Presidents' Message

Sound the Trumpet for FCREA in 2026-2027

This year, our motto is strong and simple: *Sound the Trumpet for Fayette County Retired Educators Association*. Like a trumpet's bold signal, we aim to gather, inspire, and uplift FCREA members.



Fellowship

FCREA members support the Membership and Sunshine Committees' efforts to keep members connected.



Service

FCREA members are difference makers. Through volunteering, mentoring, scholarships, and community outreach, we remain a powerful force for good.



Support

FCREA members support one another and help new retirees adjust.

We look forward to "sounding the trumpet" for a new year of service, leadership, and encouragement. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to FCREA.

Laura Thompson
Karen Wyler
FCREA Co-Presidents

Fayette County Retired Educators Association Goals 2026-2027

- Support the GREA President's ***Sound the Trumpet*** theme and nonprofit project***, American Diabetes Association-Georgia***
- Increase FCREA membership by 12 members
- Continue to focus on member connectedness and engagement
- Increase member attendance and participation at monthly meetings
- Partner with Fayette County Schools to support schools, teachers, students, and special projects
- Provide programs to enhance member interaction and benefit the members intellectually, physically, and socially

FCREA Officers 2026-2027

Co-Presidents

Karen Wyler
105 Willow Creek Dr.
Peachtree City, GA 30269
678-458-3763
bkwyler@comcast.net

Laura Thompson
109 Jennings Yard
Peachtree City, GA 30269
678-464-1180
corbettthompsson74@yahoo.com

Co-President Elects

April Mobley
108 Crofts Corner
Peachtree City, GA 30269
678-382-4964
lexieapril@comcast.net

Terri Allison
112 McMillan Way
Senoia, GA 30276
404-771-3957
tlallison22@gmail.com

Secretary

Shirley Tolbert
111 Club Cresswind Dr.
Newnan, GA 30263
770-380-6557
Shirleytolbert27@bellsouth.net

Treasurer

Tracie Fleming
1821 Line Creek Rd.
Brooks, GA 30205
678-859-7638
tfleming7614@gmail.com

Area X Director	Sherry Taylor 5 Carriage Light Way Newnan, GA 30263 770-251-4925 sherryleightaylor@gmail.com
Past President	Doe Evans

FCREA Committees

Committee	Name
Awards & Recognition (GREA)	Co-Presidents
Chaplain	Cindy Hall 411 Inman Rd. Fayetteville, GA 30215 678-777-7033 hall.cindy94@gmail.com
Facebook	Cathy Geis 260 Young's Circle Fayetteville, GA 30215 404-402-3787 geiscathy@gmail.com
Handbook/Bylaws	Sandra Watson 210 Summerfield Place Fayetteville, GA 30215 404-630-8477 watson.sandra@me.com
Hospitality/Social	Doe Evans 292 Rising Star Rd. Fayetteville, GA 30215 770-856-1241 doe.evans@comcast.net

	Wenonah Bell 275 Jay Trail Fayetteville, GA 0215 770-715-4095 spar451@att.net
Legislative	Marilyn Taylor 175 Heritage Lake Dr. Fayetteville, GA 30214 770-716-0120 mst1124@msn.com
Membership	Sharon Walters 120 Harbor Lakes Way Fayetteville, GA 30215 404-234-2488 thewaltershouse@comcast.net
Necrology	Andrea Donila 209 Calgary Dr. Peachtree City, GA 30269 770-487-8089 adonila46y@yahoo.com
	Adrine Green 260 Mercedes Trail Fayetteville, GA 30214 770-309-7195 adrinegreengreen5@gmail.com
Newsletter	Terry Wilson 984 Line Creek Rd. Brooks, GA 30205 404-886-7978 tqueenbee@gmail.com

Publicity	Wenonah Bell 275 Jay Trail Fayetteville, GA 0215 770-715-4095 spar451@att.net
Student Scholarship/Awards	Co-Presidents
Scrapbook	Terry Wilson 984 Line Creek Rd. Brooks, GA 30215 404-886-7978 tqueenbee@gmail.com
Sunshine	Pat Franklin 115 Marlene Ct. Fayetteville, GA 30214 614-657-6431 mspatf@aol.com Karen Neuner 382 Club Cresswind Dr. Newnan, GA 30263 770-461-7922 neunernotes@gmail.com Barbara Russell 4435 White City Rd. College Park, GA 30337 404-242-6421 bootvirgo@aol.com
Webmaster	Sharon Wright 120 Chantilly Ln. Fayetteville, GA 30215 770-363-7507 smwright345@gmail.com

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Awards and Recognition (GREA):

The Executive Committee may present the following awards using the guidelines by GREA for each award.

- GREA Leadership Award
- GREA Community Service Award
- GREA Outstanding Educator Award
- GREA Academic Award

All awards will be presented at the April or May meeting.

Chaplain

1. Presents inspiration at regularly scheduled FCREA meetings and provides a blessing before meals when appropriate.
2. Ensures there is a substitute chaplain if unable to attend a meeting.

Facebook

1. Posts dates and location of monthly meetings and events.
2. Shares photographs of FCREA activities, events, and community service.
3. Informs membership of local community events and service opportunities.
4. Profiles members of FCREA.

Handbook & Bylaws

1. Compiles, creates, formats, and publishes the yearly FCREA Handbook online by the first meeting of each year.
2. Ensures posting of Handbook on website.
3. Serves on the committee to review and update FCREA Constitution and Bylaws.

Hospitality

1. Provides refreshments at selected meetings.
2. Organizes special events: schedules date, determines and books venue, and provides decorations.

Legislative

1. Keeps in contact with the GREA Legislative chair/lobbyist.
2. Informs FCREA membership about important state legislature matters affecting retired educators, active educators, and education issues in general.

Membership

1. Creates a list of all new retirees from the Fayette County School System and obtains list of new GREA members residing in Fayette County each year.
2. Sends, in May, FCREA information and an invitation to each retiree on the list to the September meeting of FCREA and encourages the retirees to join both FCREA and GREA.
3. Maintains a list of all members of FCREA and updates as necessary.
4. Assists the Treasurer with collecting dues at meetings, as necessary.

Necrology

1. Compiles information necessary for GREA deceased member files and sends the form(s) to the GREA office.
2. Holds a brief memorial service at a meeting at the end of the year to honor members who passed away during the year.

Newsletter

1. Publishes the FCREA newsletter at least twice yearly.
2. Emails the FCREA newsletter to all members of FCREA.

Publicity

1. Provides articles for GREA Newsletter.
2. Publicizes FCREA activities and events.
3. Takes photographs during activities/events for documentation and publicity.
4. Informs the community of *Retired Educators Day* each year.

Scrapbook

1. Follows criteria set forth by GREA for the SCRAPBOOK AWARD.
2. Ensures that the information is sent to GREA.

Student Scholarship and Awards

High School

1. Solicits high school scholarship applicants for the Fayette County Retired Educators Association scholarship each year. Seniors attending one of the five Fayette County public high schools and planning to pursue a degree in education may apply for the scholarship.
2. Establishes a committee to review applications and select a scholarship recipient.
3. Honors the scholarship recipient at the annual Awards Luncheon (May).
4. Presents the FCREA Scholarship Award certificate to the student winner at the school's yearly awards ceremony or sends the certificate to the school counselor for presentation at the ceremony.
5. Presents the Scholarship Award money to the recipient upon receipt of proof of school enrollment.
6. Supports the GA Department and the Fayette County School System's *Future Educator Signing Day* event.

Middle School

7. Solicits the counselors at each middle school to submit the name of an eighth grade student for the Middle School Outstanding Academic Student Award. Selection is based on the student's academic achievement, leadership, character, and community service.
8. Presents the award and a $25 gift card to the selected eighth grade students at each middle school during the eighth grade awards day.

Paraprofessional

9. Solicits paraprofessionals within Fayette County Schools who are currently enrolled in a teaching certification program to apply for the FCREA Paraprofessional Scholarship.

10. Establishes a committee to review applications and select a scholarship recipient.
11. Presents the scholarship award money to the selected paraprofessional at her/his school at the beginning of the school year.

Sunshine

1 Informs the membership of individual members' birthdays, special occasions, illness, death, or the death of a family member.

2 Sends cards to members for birthdays, illness, and death of a family member.

Webmaster

1. Maintains the FCREA website.

2026-2027 FCREA Program Calendar

DATE	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR	PROGRAM
June 11, 2026 September 3, 2026	Planning Meetings with FCREA Executive Board	Education Program Meeting Information related to GREA and FCREA
Sept. 10, 2026	Karen Wyler/Laura Thompson Lee Dallas, Trumpeter Marilyn Taylor	Sound the Trumpet Call to Action All about FCREA
Oct. 8, 2026	James Stanford, Coordinator, Career & Technical Education	Field Trip: Tour FC Center of Innovation (Old Booth Middle School)
Nov. 12, 2026	April Potter Diabetes Specialist	Living with Diabetes
Jan. 14, 2027	Dr. Jason Branch, TRS Doe Evans, Nomination Committee Chair (NCC)	TRS Update and Information Nomination of Officers for 2027-2028
Feb. 11, 2027	Hospitality/Social Comm. Doe Evans, NCC	Valentine Luncheon (location TBD) Presentation of new FCREA Officers
March 11, 2027	Staci Barnes, Strength Trainer Andrea Donila Adrine Greene	Foundation Movement for Everyday Strength Annual Memorial Recognition
April 1, 2027 **First Thurs.**	Josh Shelton, Security Manager, FedEx	Mitigating Threats in Schools
May 13, 2027	Karen Wyler, Laura Thompson, Co-Presidents	Awards & Scholarship Luncheon LEC Cafeteria - Catered

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Lafayette Educational Center D-Building Media Center at 10:30.

Other meetings:

July each year – FCBOE New Teacher Induction
August 20, 2026 – GREA Areas 9/10 Meeting in Columbus, GA

Community Service Projects
2026-2027

1. Volunteer in schools and/or community. GREA requires that each county unit participate in at least three service projects. One or more should benefit schools, and at least one should benefit the community. (Examples of projects: collecting food for a local food bank, providing something for teachers, making items for a nursing home, collecting items for a homeless shelter, collecting school supplies for a local school, distributing children's books at a local event.)
2. Donate to FC Teacher Resource Studio - classroom materials and volunteering time.
3. Donate to GREA President's project for the year.
4. Collect donations to provide scholarship/awards to Fayette County selected students and paraprofessional.
5. Donate funds and/or time to Fayette County Schools to support the Fayette County *Teachers of the Year*, *Teacher Retirement, New Teacher Induction*, and *Fayette County Education Foundation.*

FAYETTE COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(Revised August 2025)

ARTICLE I- *NAME*

The name of this organization shall be "Fayette County Retired Educators Association."

ARTICLE II – *PURPOSES*

Section 1. To help retired educators maintain identity with the teaching profession and to further the cause of education.

Section 2. To advance the interests and welfare of retired educators in the state and local community.

Section 3. To foster good fellowship among retired educators.

Section 4. To serve as a local unit of the Georgia Retired Educators Association.

ARTICLE III – *DEFINITION OF EDUCATOR AND MEMBERSHIP*

Section 1. The term educator shall mean anyone who has, at any time, been employed in the schools in our nation at any educational level.

Section 2. Active membership shall be open to any retired educator formerly employed in a school system or plans to retire from the field of education.

Section 3. Active membership shall be available for any non-professional employed in a school system.

Section 4. Associate membership shall be open to anyone interested in education. Except for holding an office, associate members shall have the rights of active members.

Section 5. Emeritus membership shall be granted to current FCREA members who have been members for the past five years and are at least 90 years old. No future dues are required.

Section 6. A one-year Honorary Membership shall be granted to a deceased non-member educator when donations are provided to the FCREA in memory of the educator. Honorary members will not be recorded on official member lists.

ARTICLE IV – *DUES/MEMBERSHIP*

Section 1. FCREA membership shall be composed of all members who pay annual or lifetime dues.

Section 2. Dues are established by a majority vote of the membership and shall be paid to the treasurer or designee annually or once for lifetime membership.

Section 3. The fiscal and membership year shall be from July 1—June 30.

ARTICLE V – *OFFICERS*

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. The Executive Board consists of the officers.

Section 2. Election and Installation of Officers**.**

A. The Election of Officers shall be at a spring meeting determined by the Executive Committee.

B. The Installation of Officers shall be at a meeting following their election.

Section 3. Any active member is eligible for office after being a member of the Association for one year.

ARTICLE VI – *DUTIES OF OFFICERS*

A. President:

1. Presides at all meetings of the Association**,** Executive Board, and Executive Committee.
2. Fills officer and committee vacancies occurring during the year with the approval of the Executive Board.
3. Notifies membership of meetings or appoints a designee.
4. Appoints all special committees.
5. Serves as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
6. Serves as Program Committee Co-Chairperson.
7. Signs checks when necessary.

B. President Elect:

1. Assists the President in the performance of the duties of the office of President and performs other duties delegated by the President.
2. Serves as Program Committee Co-Chairperson and Student Scholarship and Awards Committee Chairperson

C. Secretary:

1. Writes and keeps (in permanent form) the minutes of regular meetings of the Association, Executive Board, and Executive Committee.
2. Maintains an alphabetical list of members.
3. Retains a list of all committees and membership of each committee.

D. Treasurer:

1. Submits a budget to members at the first meeting of the fiscal year.
2. Signs checks.

3. Receives all dues, contributions, and other funds of the Association.
4. Provides receipts for dues and donations.
5. Deposits all funds in the bank used by FCREA.
6. Balances checkbook and reconciles it with the bank statement monthly.
7. Provides a budget report at each regular meeting.
8. Secures an external audit of the books when a new Treasurer is elected or as requested.

E. Immediate Past President:

1. Presides at meetings in the absence of the President and President Elect.
2. Serves as chair of the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE VII – *EXECUTIVE AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES*

A. Executive Committee:

1. Consists of the elected officers and committee chairpersons.
2. Attends meetings called by the President.
3. Makes recommendations.
4. Manages any necessary business between regular meetings.
5. Reports results of such meeting to the Association at the next regular meeting.
6. Approves standing committee chairpersons for each year at the annual organizational meeting held during the summer. The term of office for each committee member shall coincide with the FCREA President's term of office.

B. Special Committees:

1. Bylaws Committee

a. Consists of chairperson and members appointed as necessary by the President.

b. Reviews the bylaws each year and updates as needed.

c. Presents changes to the Association for approval.

2. Nominating Committee

a. Consists of Immediate Past President (chair), a representative from the Membership Committee, and a member-at-large appointed by the President in January.

b. Calls for nomination of officers in January.

c. Presents a slate of officers in February to be elected by vote of members present at the March meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – *AMENDMENTS*

The Constitution and Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE IX-- *PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY*

Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall be the Parliamentary authority.

ARTICLE X—*STANDING RULES*

Section 1. Local dues are $20.00 paid annually.

Section 2. Lifetime membership dues are $200.00.

Section 3. Regular meetings shall be in September, October, November, January, February, March, April, and May. The annual cluster meeting will be determined by the Area Director. The annual organizational meeting shall be held in the summer.

Section 4. The dates. time, and place for monthly meeting(s) are set by the Executive Committee during the summer organizational meeting.

Section 5. Standing Committees or positions are:

1. Awards and Recognition (GREA Awards)
2. Chaplain
3. Facebook
4. Handbook/Bylaws
5. Hospitality
6. Legislative
7. Membership
8. Necrology
9. Newsletter
10. Publicity
11. Scrapbook
12. Student Scholarship and Awards
13. Sunshine
14. Webmaster

Section 6. Death of an FCREA member: A contribution to the scholarship fund shall be made in memory of the deceased.

Section 7. Death of a family member: A sympathy card shall be sent to the member from the association. Family members include husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, and sister.

Section 8. Illness of a member: A get-well card shall be sent from the association.

Adopted May 2014
Revised July 2021
Revised September 2022
Revised June 2023
Revised August 2024 & September 2024
Revised August 2025
Update September 2026

Section 2
GREA

http://www.garetirededucators.org/

Georgia Retired Educators Association
P.O. Box 1379
Flowery Branch, GA 30542
770-287-7721
E-mail: grea3@grea3.org
Website: https://garetirededucators.org

Johnny Smith, GREA Executive Director
P.O. Box 1379
Flowery Branch, GA 30542
770-287-7721 (O)
E-mail: johnny.smith@grea3.org

Dr. Sallie Mills, GREA President
75 Knollwood Places
Covington, GA 30014
E-mail: mills_sally@bellsouth.net

Purposes of GREA

To promote the economic, social, and professional status of retired educators, and the distribution of information of value to them.

To promote the passage of legislation beneficial to retired educators and work toward the defeat of legislation harmful to retired educators.

To promote the advancement of high-quality education to enable educators to maintain their interest in education and their fields of specialization.

To promote the involvement of retired educators in community service and the decision-making process in the State and Local communities.

To present the image of aging as one of dignity and independence.

To encourage active educators to begin retirement preparation well in advance of retiring.

GREA Mission Statement

The GREA Mission shall be to unite retired educators in Georgia for fellowship, support, and educational/community service and to improve benefits for all retired educators through cooperation with local, state, and national organizations.

GREA Motto

Fellowship---Service---Support

GREA Support Organizations and Agencies

Teachers Retirement System of Georgia 404-352-6500 1-800-352-0650 (state only) Fax: 404-352-4885 Website**: www.trsga.com** TRS of Georgia Two Northside 75, Suite 500 Atlanta 30318	***GREA Benefits*** AMBA 1-800-258-7041 6034 W. Courtyard Dr., Suite 300 Austin, Texas 78730 Or locally at: www.gretirededucators.org Eric Cannon 678-360-5341 eric.cannon@getamba.com Cristen Cochran 678-510-9155 cristen.cochran@getamba.com
State Health Benefit Plan 1-800-610-1863 United Health Care 1-888-364-6352 Blue Cross/Blue Shield 1-855-641-4862	***Legislative*** Governor 203 State Capitol Atlanta 30334 404-656-1776 Contact your Senators and Representatives at www.legis.ga.gov

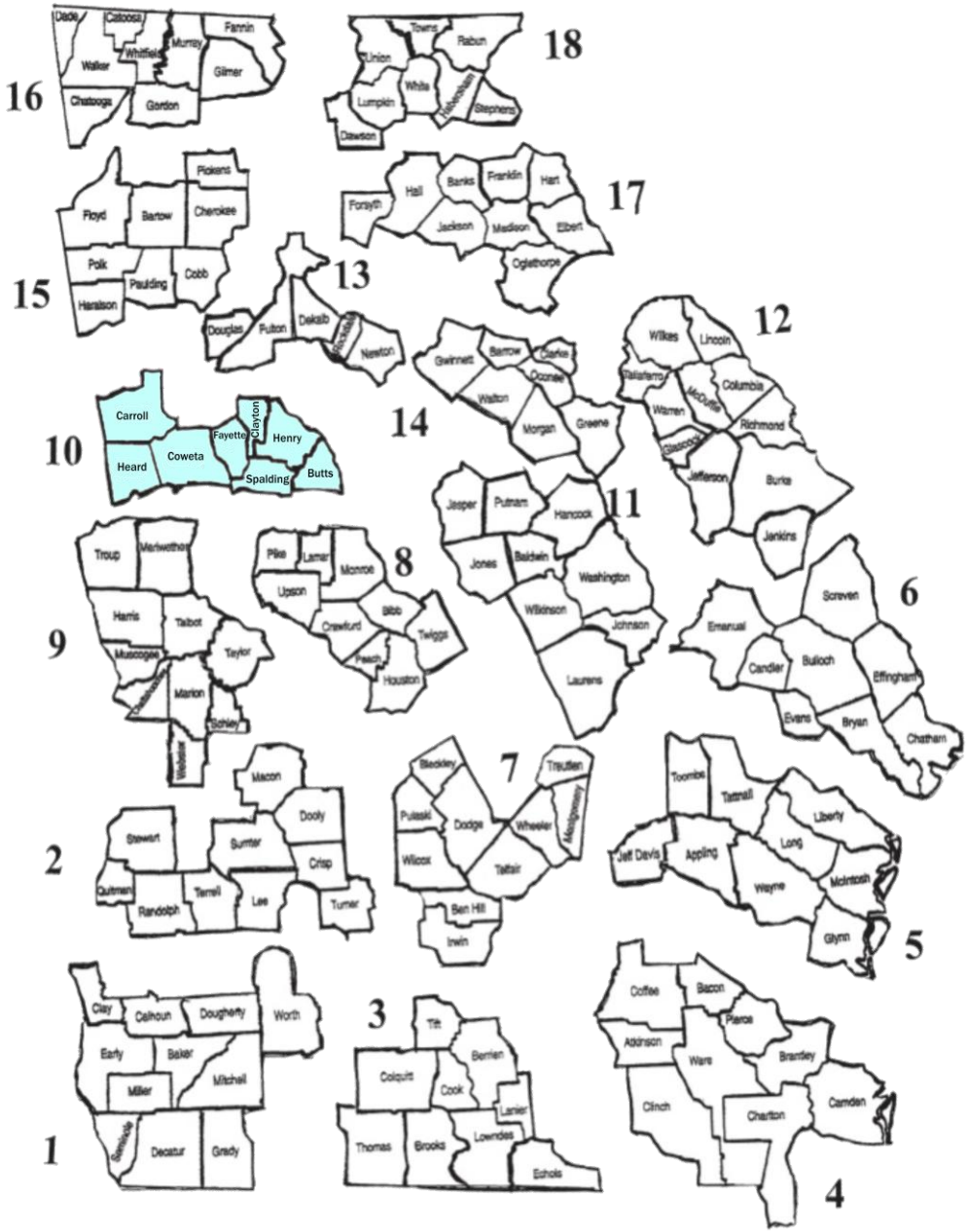
Georgia Retired Educators Foundation and
Handbook and Bylaws
2026-2027

The following GREA Handbook information is available by clicking on the link below.

GREA Leadership Team
GREA Staff Members
GREA Area Directors
GRTA/GREA Past Presidents
President's Goals
GREA Calendar
GREA Area Meetings Schedule
GREA Committees
GREA Foundation
Georgia Retired Education Museum, Inc.
The GREA Bulletin Schedule
GREA Curators
GREA Bylaws
Support Organization and Agencies

https://garetirededucators.org
The GREA Handbook/Bylaws is under the "About" section.

GREA AREA MAP



Fayette County Retired Educators Association
P.O. Box 202
Fayetteville, GA 30214

A publication of the Fayette County Retired Educators Association