



Fall into our New Year!

COVID is still dictating our schedule!

Welcome to our new year and we pray that our September meeting will be the only meeting we have to cancel due to Covid.

We will not be discouraged! In spite of Covid, we have a great year planned and we hope that you will be an active member and encourage your retired teacher friends to join and participate in our upcoming activities.

Stay safe and we will see you in October!

Our Time Together

Second Thursday
of every month

New meeting location

LEC (LaFayette Educational Center)

205 LaFayette Avenue

Fayetteville

Building D, Media Center

10:30-11:30



The fun continues...

A restaurant will be chosen after each meeting for those who would like to go to lunch!

BROADWAY DINER has been selected for OCTOBER. Please let Judy [jspearson@pearsondesignbuild.com

know if you plan to join us so we can inform the restaurant.

Got a favorite place to eat? We want to hear from you! We need choices!!



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Did you know?

- Annual membership \$ 15. Payable BY MAIL OR AT MEETINGS. You can mail your check now! Details p.3
- We encourage all members of FCREA to join GREa.
- Your GREa membership dues can be automatically drafted from your retirement check in the amount of \$2 per month.
- Adrine Green can assist you with Membership information..

Your Officers & Committee Chairpersons for 2021-2022

OFFICERS: CO-PRESIDENTS, Judy Pearson & Terry Wilson, VICE PRESIDENT—Doe Evans,

SECRETARY—Jeffre Ray, TREASURER—Sandra Watson

COMMITTEES: CHAPLAIN—Mary Maud Heistand, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & FB PAGE—Cathy Geis,

HANDBOOK & LEGISLATION—Sandra Watson, INFORMATION OFFICER—Tracie Fleming,

MEMBERSHIP—Adrine Green, NECROLOGY—Andrea Donila, HOSPITALITY—Karen Neuner/Sharon Wright,

NEWSLETTER—Judy Pearson, Terry Wilson, PUBLICITY—Marilyn Taylor, SCHOLARSHIP—Doe Evans,

GREa SUMMARY—Terry Wilson, SUNSHINE—Pat Franklin, WEBMASTER—Carol Lunsford



us and share on



Cathy Geis—Community Outreach/FB page

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Fayette GA Retired Educators Association

Something to Think About...

"I am not a teacher,
but an awakener."



-Robert Frost

Who or what will you awaken today?

Another opportunity to serve!

Carol Lunsford has asked for a volunteer to learn how to manage our website. She is the only one in our membership who can manage the site and we need someone to learn how to make updates, etc in the event that Carol cannot. Once you learn, updating could be done in your own home.

Please let Judy, Terry or Carol know if you are willing to help with this.

Thanks!



September

9/14—Sue Cleek
9/15—Karen Neuner
9/17 -Beth Weil
9/26 -Mary Maud Heistand
9/26—Sandy Holcomb
9/26—Gail Perdue



REACH OUT and let these members
know you care by wishing them a
Happy Birthday!!

If you would like contact information
please see Adrine Green.
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October

10/2 Adrine Green	10/19 Bobbie Chance
10/8 Cynthia Smith	10/22 Lilli O'Donnell
10/11 Jere Key	10/23 Jolaine Cross
10/12 Patty Hall	10/25 Sharon Wright
10/13 Sandra Watson	10/27 Jackie Williams
10/14 Pat Franklin,	10/29 Andrea Donila
10/14 Gail Sparrow	

Just Around the Corner –upcoming ways to help!

BUILD A MUG...

We have been asked to help with the Customer Service awards for FCBOE this year. We need 6-8 people the first Tuesday of every month starting in OCTOBER to meet at the Bee Hive at 10am to assemble the mugs.

It requires about one volunteer hour of your time.

Scholarship Fund Raiser... make plans to participate!

You may donate or create items to be auctioned! Not feeling crafty?...then you may make a \$ donation and/or plan to attend and do a little Christmas shopping for a loved one or a treat for yourself!

Our Scholarship Award is one way we give back to our students!

Our winner could be a grandchild if they major in Education!

We know...you've done your time...but there's more to do!

This is about helping our teachers in the classroom...We have learned that teachers need to have students create STEM projects each year. This requires the teacher to have STEM items in their rooms for students to use to create their STEM project. These items are usually purchased by the teacher. We have a nice list of very inexpensive items that we can collect to help ease the burden. Each month we will list items that we are encouraging you to purchase (at the dollar store) or have at home to help us build a STEM BIN that we can donate to a school. Tracie reached out to our science coordinator for input and received great enthusiasm for our help along with suggestions and schools that need the help! Here are September and October's items. We will have a collection bin at all our meetings!

Foam Balls	Aluminum foil	Craft sticks	Rubber Bands	Toothpicks	Tissue Paper	Marbles	String
Small paper cups (bathroom)	Pennies	Balloons	Sponges	Clear Plastic Cups	Paper plates/bowls		

Don't forget to turn in your volunteer hours each month!

Need a form or to turn one in? See Cathy Geis



Roll Call

Membership Chair-Adrine Green
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MEMBERSHIP IS ON THE MOVE!!!

The membership committee plans and develops activities to **RECRUIT** new members, **RECLAIM** inactive members and **RETAIN** our current members! Our goal for 2021-2022 is to meet and exceed FCREA/GREA growth goals from last year. (FCREA—11 new members, GREA—19 new members)

To renew your yearly dues or become a new member, please send your \$15 check to:

FCREA, POBox 202, Fayetteville, GA 30214

YOU ARE OUR BEST RECRUITING TOOL...all EDUCATORS including teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, administrators, county level personnel, etc can all be members! THE MORE MEMBERS WE HAVE THE LOUDER OUR VOICE IS WITH OUR LEGISLATORS! Call and personally invite someone! Agree to meet them at the door and then lunch after our meeting.

We encourage all **FCREA** members to join **GREA** also!

You may visit our website: www.garetirededucators.org/membership to print the form to join GREA.

The cost is \$27 per year **or** you can save money if you join through Automatic Dues Deduction (ADD) of \$2 per month. The \$2 is automatically deducted from your TRS check and automatically renewed each year. You never have to remember to pay GREA dues. FCREA also earns \$\$ from GREA when retirees pay through ADD.



The Piggy Bank

Sandra Watson –Treasurer
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Treasures from the Treasurer

Thanks to Mary Maud and all former Treasurers for your years of service as this officer in FCREA. I am following some wonderful volunteers, and I will try to make them proud...or at least not get us into some kind of money troubles on my watch!

We are sitting right where we should be at this time of year. I have paid off any bills and written a check for the scholarship from last spring. We have a balance of \$3,524.29, and we are just waiting for members to send in their dues for 2021-22 year. As the membership committee noted, you can go ahead and send dues to the POBox **NOW** before our first meeting. You can also send the \$15 check made out to FCREA to me, Sandra Watson, 210 Summerfield Place, Fayetteville, 30215.

DID YOU KNOW? Anyone interested in the education of students can join our organizations including your significant other, mom, dad, siblings and friends! The more the merrier!! Take a moment to put your dues in the mail and invite others to do so also.

TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS FOR OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY!

Our Bread and Butter and other important information

Good News! The GA Department of Community Health (DCH) Board held the first of two August meetings. As part of the agenda, the board heard an update on the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP). This included a vote to approve the 2022 SHBP plan rates and designs.

NO CHANGES TO CURRENT RATES OR DESIGNS FOR SHBP MEMBERS!! All vendors will remain the same, and there are no changes to copays/deductibles. OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2022 BEGINS OCTOBER 18 AND ENDS NOVEMBER 5, 2021

GREa Goings On...

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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/



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Every attempt has been made to be accurate in this newsletter! Please forgive any oversights!