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 (jpearson@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!!

Your Officers & Committee Chairpersons for 2021-2022

OFFICERS: CO-PRESIDENTS, Judy Pearson & Terry Wilson, VICE PRESIDENT—Doe Evans, SECRETARY—Jeffre Ray, TREASURER—Sandra Watson


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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.

Like us and share on us and share on Facebook

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?

Happy Birthday to You...

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

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

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. adrinegreen5@gmail.com

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
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 LEGISLATURERS! 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

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!
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

Our Bread and Butter and other important information

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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
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www.garetirededucators.org

State Health Benefit Plan
1-800-610-1863
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1-888-364-6352
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