



# I'm so glad to live in a world where there are Octobers!

We hope you have **OCTOBER 14 @10:30am** on your calendar for this month! We are so excited to see everyone after such a long time! Our October meeting is jammed packed with plans, coffee, donuts and fellowship! Please join us as we make FCREA a motivated group of retirees!

Please bring a mask with you since we are meeting at the LEC. All school buildings are under a mask mandate. You can choose to remove your mask once we are in the building and in our secured room. The Media Center in D building will have been sanitized and we will clean after we leave.

We want all of you to come to welcome new members, renew old friendships, and to be a part of the FCREA fellowship!

Judy & Terry

## 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](mailto: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!



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## Did you know?

- Our Annual Scholarship will be a Silent Auction this year and will include a "Marketplace" for individual vendors to sale their goods!
- Doe Evans can provide you with more information if you would like to be a vendor.
- Make sure you bring \$15 to pay your dues for this year!
- We will have GREA membership forms available at meeting.

## Your Officers & Committee Chairpersons for 2021-2022

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

SECRETARY—Jeffrey 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,

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



**us and share on**



Cathy Geis—Community Outreach/FB page

[geisc@bellsouth.net](mailto:geisc@bellsouth.net)

Fayette GA Retired Educators Association

## Something to Think About...

"Fall is proof that change is beautiful"

Defining change as a verb means to replace (something) with something else, especially something of the same kind that is newer or better; substitute one thing for (another). This is not a bad thing...

Defining change as a noun is the act or instance of making or becoming different. This too, is not a bad thing...

In this month of transition between summer and fall, let's embrace not only the changes in nature but make positive changes in our daily lives. You might be surprised at the "beauty" you find!

### Nugget of Knowledge!

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 come and join us! Together we can make our community great!



**HAPPY  
Birthday**



Adrine Green  
Cynthia Smith  
Jere Key  
Patty Hall  
Sandra Watson  
Pat Franklin  
Gail Sparrow  
Bobbie Chance  
Lilli O'Donnell  
Jolaine Cross  
Sharon Wright  
Jackie Williams  
Andrea Donila

Reach Out  
with a Card or  
Phone Call!

Hope your day  
is as special as  
you are!



### Roll Call

**Membership Chair-Adrine Green**  
**adrinegreen5@gmail.com**

*All present and accounted for...*in looking at our membership list **today**, it reflects that Covid certainly had an affect on our active, dues paying members since 2019. We have 116 members on our roster but as of today only 28 members have renewed their membership! We want to encourage all of you who are currently active to continue and all of you who have been "sheltering at home" to breakout and join us! We have missed you! Together, we can do great things for each other, our schools and community! Our goal is 100% participation!

\$15 per year to join—6 meetings this year, Scholarship/Marketday in November, Valentine Luncheon in February, 1 field trip to GREA Educator Museum in the Spring, Scholarship Luncheon in May!

No meeting in December!

### The Piggy Bank



#### FCREA October Treasurer's Report

Ending Bank Balance for Sept. \$4,067.55

Deposits = \$560

Withdrawals = \$16.74

Ending Balance for October as of Oct. 7: \$4,112.55

Deposits - \$45

Outstanding check \$21.75

**Sandra Watson –Treasurer**  
**watson.sandra@me.com**

#### 2021-22 Member's Dues

Update for 28 members = \$705

Two members paying Lifetime dues

One member paying for last year and  
this year

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

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

**Just Around the Corner –upcoming ways to help!**

# Calling All FCREA members to support Retired Educators Day

Marilyn Taylor—Publicity [mst1124@msn.com](mailto:mst1124@msn.com)

Fayette County Retired Educators will be celebrating “Retired Educators Day” in Georgia on Sunday, November 7, 2021 and we ask our membership to support this day of celebration.

In the past, we have asked and received proclamations from our local governmental officials in recognition and celebration of Retired Educators Day. This year, we want to expand our reach by asking each member to contact his/her pastor and request that FCREA press release (see attachment) be included in the *Sunday Bulletin*, as well as, each pastor make a *Verbal Announcement* recognizing and honoring you, a retired educator(s) on Sunday, November, 7, 2021.

We strongly believe that we will have amazing recognition with this increased publicity. Please send us an electronic copy of your church’s program, marquee sign or any other documentation demonstrating evidence of your church’s support in recognizing and celebrating Retired Educators Day.

Thanking you so much for your support ensuring that Retired Educators Day in Fayette County is a rousing success.

**PRESS RELEASE** (written by a local pastor who advised on how to encourage our churches to recognize our retired educators). Please email this in the next week so the day can be added to November church calendars and placed in the November bulletin...depending on how your church shares information. The last part of this announcement is for the Sunday morning bulletin or call to worship program.

*“Retired Educators Day” is Sunday, November 7, 2021. We ask that all our Retired Educators be in attendance that Sunday so that we might honor you for your years of dedicated service to our children and community.*

*“Retired Educators Day is Today”. We honor your years of dedicated service to our children and community.*

You can highlight these two passages, copy and paste into your email to your church. Please follow up to see that message was received! Can’t wait to see or hear the feedback! As always, we appreciate your effort as a member to make FCREA a great organization to be a part of!

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Marilyn Taylor (Publicity) or your presidents, Judy and Terry.

## 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.

## Did you know...

...the Governor of our great state of Georgia designates the first Sunday of November as Georgia Retired Educators Day?

...there are more than 2,000 retired educators who live in Fayette County?

...Over \$83,000,000 per year is the amount retired educators contribute to the economic success of Fayette County?

...we have strength in numbers and a voice in our legislature for matters concerning our retirement and the future of teachers currently in the profession?

...each one of you reading this has been an important contributor to making Fayette Public Schools a top rated school system today!



# Our service project for 2021-2022

## Supporting Teachers by Providing STEM supplies

During the 2021-2022 school year, the Executive Board of FCREA decided to turn our efforts and energies into supporting classroom teachers rather than focusing on community endeavors. Our teachers have had a rough time teaching in this COVID environment. So let's make their lives a little easier. Dr. Morgan, Science Coordinator reached out to the contact teachers for each school to see what their needs were in the STEM classrooms. And the teachers answered!

I have compiled the list of what they need across the county. Our goal is to provide these items for them.

Jumbo colored popsicle sticks	1 box
Large popsicle sticks	8 boxes
Masking Tape	25 rolls
Toothpicks	6 boxes
Dixie cups	10 boxes
Pipe cleaners	2000
Balloons (assorted sizes and colors) 2 packs of 24	
Tape measurers	24
Play Dough containers	12
AA batteries	2 packs of 12
D batteries	2 packs of 12

Sand	1 bag
Pebbles	1 bag
Electrical Tape of 10	1 package
Small Styrofoam cups	50
Styrofoam balls	50
Paper plates	200
Wiki sticks	30 packs
Crochet hook	
Buttons	any size and color
Blue Medium Latex Gloves	4 boxes
Elmer's Glue	12 bottles
Magnetic balls	20

There are several ways you can help with this project.

- 1) Pick one of these items, purchase them and bring with you to the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 2) Get together with a friend or two and reach out to **Tracie Fleming** ([tflemin1@bellsouth.net](mailto:tflemin1@bellsouth.net)). She will give you a list of items for a particular school and you all can purchase those items and deliver to the contact at the school.
- 3) Give a donation for this project and we will do the shopping and delivery.



# Our Scholarship Fund Raiser

**Doe Evans—Vice President & Scholarship Chairperson**

**doe.evans@comcast.net**

Every year we raise money to support our scholarship awarded to a Fayette County high school student. Detailed information is in our Handbook about the selection of school and student. The amount is \$1500, a one time gift for that student.

There have been some struggles in wanting to grow this event to include more people. This year we decided "why not make some changes" to see how it goes! This will only work if YOU help us by encouraging your friends to come, making items to sell yourself, do-

## General Information - November 11, 2021

See Handbook for selection process and more details

CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR AND IF SUCCESSFUL, YEARS TO COME!

- ✓ Auction will be Silent instead of Live with Auctioneer
- ✓ Expanded opportunities to support Scholarship with the addition of Vendors to sell individual gift items. If you know a Vendor ask them! No table fee this year, just a donation from sale
- ✓ Extended hours for shopping
- ✓ Members who would like to do a basket to Silent Auction are encourage to reach out to local businesses for donations (i.e. nail salon coupon, gift cards, experiences, etc. ) Doe Evans has an official receipt that she will be happy to send you to give the business owner.  
(See contact information above)
- ✓ This event will be open to friends and family. Please invite them to come. There will be information on our FB page.
- ✓ ANY member who would like to contribute (not silent auction) items for individual sale may do so.
- ✓ Location will be at the LEC (inviting all employees there) Media Center, D Building. Time for the event has not been determined yet but will be at least 3 to 4 hours with set up and clean up times added
- ✓ A crafting day has been set aside for those of you who would like to create but just don't have the space or want to learn a skill or two can join us on Fridays, October 8, 15, 22 & 29. October 8 will be 1pm at the Bee Hive (LEC). These dates are subject to change and the times could be different as well. Reminder emails will be sent with correct date and time each week.
- ✓ Invite your friends and neighbors...but remember, the more people we invite the more items we need to sell! Put on your thinking caps and if you don't want to make something then buy an item or just donate \$\$\$. Doesn't matter...it all goes to the Scholarship fund!



**SALE**

**SILENT AUCTION**

This will be a new event for all of us this year and if it is successful then we can expand and grow the event. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to award not only a scholarship to a high school senior but to a education professional pursuing a higher degree? The sky is the limit if we all work to make this year a success! Any questions or concerns should be addressed by Doe Evans, contact info above!

## 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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Unit 10 includes Butts, Carroll/Heard, Clayton, Coweta, Fayette, Griffin/Spalding and Henry

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### GREa Support Organizations and Agencies

#### **Teachers Retirement System of Georgia**

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1-800-352-0650 (state only)  
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Website: [www.trsga.com](http://www.trsga.com)

TRS of Georgia  
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#### **GREa Benefits**

AMBA  
1-800-258-7041  
6034 W. Courtyard Dr., Suite 300  
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Or Locally at:  
[www.gretirededucators.org](http://www.gretirededucators.org)

Ryan Greenfield  
770-827-5986

Brad Jones  
770-841-6007

#### **State Health Benefit Plan**

1-800-610-1863  
United Health Care  
1-888-364-6352

Blue Cross/Blue Shield  
1-855-641-4862

#### **Legislative**

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Term ends 2022



See you in November!

Come prepared to participate in our fund raiser!

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