



News & Views

***Busy as a Bee
Fellowship, Service, Support***

Paulding Retired Educators Association
www.pauldingrea.org

Message from the President

Well, the time has come, you wake up and hear those school buses passing by the house and you are Happy, Happy, Happy that you can go back to sleep and not back to school!

We are please to be serving as officers this year in an organization that is very important to our Future. Yes, OUR future is determined by our healthy retirement and we are fortunate to be recipients of a well planned and maintained Georgia Teacher Retirement System. Membership in the GREA has been called upon in the past to let the legislature know we are watching have a voice in how this is maintained. There is strength in letting the “powers that be” know that we have “power in our numbers” as over 24,000 have joined GREA. You can join simply with an automatic deduction of \$2 monthly or \$25 annually.

Attend our local PREA meetings and we hope to entertain you, inform you, and hear all about you. It is like a reunion every couple of months. So you contact some people you worked with and they contact some people they worked with and all come on to the meeting, we will have a good ole time . Lots of laughter expected!

Our first meeting on Sept. 9th has our elected officials visiting. We plan for them to sit around the room at the various tables among the retirees so they can meet YOU and hear YOUR IDEAS.

Marsha and Don Rauscher

Sept. 9, 2014

***BEE Enthusiastic:
Legislative Program***

***Dallas First Baptist Church,
2:00PM***

Inspiration: Sammy McClure

***Light Refreshments furnished by
members with last names
beginning with A-L.***

Please join **GREA**...the **ONLY** organization working for your retirement benefits. Applications will be available at the meetings or you can download one online at www.garetirededucators.org.

NOTE: If you have an address change, YOU must contact GREA or go online at trsga.com.

BEE INVOLVED:

Paulding Helping Hands: Don't forget to bring items and/or donations for Paulding's Helping Hands to the meeting. If you would like to volunteer to work at Helping Hands call 770-443-1230. Volunteers are always needed.



Georgia Education Museum Fundraisers

Busy as Bees GREA T-shirts \$15. Order by Sept. 2, 2014. Rom1146@pstel.net or 478-836-3483. They will be delivered at area meeting to save on postage.

Honor Roll Plaza bricks \$100 (lettering 18 spaces/3 lines)
www.garetirededucators.org/GREA/museum.htm

GREA name badges \$15 to Joan Dickson at 706-561-3687 or
reugenedickkson@bellsouth.net

Scrapbook Items...

Do you have photos of your volunteer activities? Have you received awards or recognitions? If so, please bring copies of these to the PREA meetings or send to Betty Vollenweider, Scrapbook chair.

All PREA members: please notify the organization by replying to Connie Tibbitts concerning any **publicity** you have received. Especially important are awards, recognition, or volunteering in the community.

Please send your
e-mail addresses to
ctibb303@gmail.com

We are very proud of Betty Vollenweider and her committee for putting together an awesome scrapbook for last year. It will be on display at our Sept. 9th meeting. If you would like to be on this committee let Betty know---all are welcome.

What's the Buzz:

Congratulations to Joan Battle who was named the Citizen of the Year by the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce last Spring, we are still celebrating.

Congratulation to Doug and Karen Perry on the recent birth of their Granddaughter Harlow Perry.

Best wishes go out to several with health concerns:

Tina Rakestraw, Clyde Childers, Jim Jordan, Russell Dickey, and Marcia Bell's husband, Terry Bell.



Please let us know if you have news of any of our fellow Retirees that you would like to include in our PREA newsletters.

Worker Bees:

Retirees make great volunteer! Make sure you continue to let us know your volunteer hours/we turn these into the state GREA office. Any hours from April 2014 to March 2015 may be turned in for this year.

____Hours in Education/youth activities

____Hours in health/community fields

____Hours in other areas

Each meeting we hope to feature various activities our fellow retirees are participating in. We have soooo much time now!

We are planning to have a group picture made at our Sept. 9th meeting with David Austin, PC Commission Chairman. We can use this in our newspaper article which will proclaim Sunday, Nov 2nd as Retired Educator Day in GA and Paulding County. Please make plans where you can to have Retired Educator Day placed on your church signs too on Nov. 2nd.

Buzzing Around:

We are hoping to plan some fun “Road Trips” this year. Lots of people want to go places and would like others to drive or be with them. Let us know if you have any ideas for good trips. Cathy Amos is already working on a trip for us to the Carlos Museum at Emory University where she volunteers.

Helping the Hive:

Bernie Booth, retired ROTC from Hiram High School is our Paulding Chapter Chair of this year’s **Presidents Special Project**. We are collecting the tab tops from drink cans to donate to the Shriners Children’s Burn Center. So drink up and bring those tabs in as we continue to do what we do best, help children. Each chapter is asked to collect 10,000 tabs this year. We can do this!!!

Bring **Canned Goods** to each meeting for donations to Helping Hands Food Pantry!!!

Bee in the Know:

Everyone is invited to attend the Launch of the 2014-2015 GREA year at our Area 15 and 16 Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014. This meeting will be held at the White United Methodist Church, 3411 Highway 411, White, GA. Registration begins at 9:00AM and the meeting begins at 9:45. \$15 covers a continental breakfast and lunch. Reservations must be made by Sept. 9th which is the date of our local meeting. If you plan to attend please contact your Presidents (donrau@bellsouth.net) or Treasurer (sandcass11@comcast.net) or let us know at the Sept. 9th meeting. A big Paulding crowd would be fun and we will carpool.

2014-2015 PREA membership application

Sandra Parson, 11 Clonts Road, Douglasville, GA 30134

2014 retirees: Join GREA and get first year of PREA membership free!

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Phone _____

\$10.00 for dues

Please donate to the Scholarship fund: \$5.00 OR \$ _____

In honor or in memory: _____

Total enclosed: _____