

# NEWS & VIEWS



**Jan. 10, 2023**

Our next meeting will be Jan. 10, 2023 at the First Baptist Church in Dallas. We will meet at 10:30 in the fellowship hall. Please bring a light refreshment. Masks are at your own discretion.

Host/Hostess: Carol Griffith and Dinah Hardeman

Program: Hiram High School Vocal Chorus, led by Ashley Peeler and our Area 15 Director Liz Bouis

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Hello Friends,

I hope you have been having a wonderful holiday season with friends and loved ones, and are ready to ring in the new year. I know a lot of people wish for new beginnings for the new year, but I just wish for more of what I am already so greatly blessed with. More great memories, more family visits, and more time spent with my wonderful PREA friends.

I am just so proud of the generosity our members have shown to our community and humanitarian projects. Paulding Helping Hands, the March of Dimes, Scholarship recipients and needy children at Allgood Elementary School have all benefitted from the contributions of our members. The Paulding Board of Education has recognized our organization twice this past year for our charitable support of the community.

It's also a good time to be thankful for our benefits. We have a pension with an automatic 3% raise (COLA) each year. We have good affordable health benefits. Just these two things alone help keep us independent and thriving in our retirement years. Let's remember to keep supporting GREA-the leading force for protection of our benefits.

Supporting GREA means building our membership. At our last meeting we introduced the new Paulding County Ambassador program and invited PREA members to adopt a school. We will discuss this again at our upcoming meeting, and will have more opportunities to sign up.

**Our March meeting  
has been rescheduled  
for March 16, 2023 at  
10:30 am at First  
Baptist Church Dallas  
fellowship hall.**

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Visit our web page:  
[www.pauldingrea.org](http://www.pauldingrea.org)

Please donate to the PREA  
Scholarship Fund to help other  
teachers continue their work in  
Educating the students of  
Paulding County!

Please support our  
Humanitarian Projects for  
2022-2023 There's still time to  
make a donation to the March of  
Dimes or Helping Hands of  
Paulding County.

You are probably a bit worn out from all the holiday hustle and bustle, so at our next meeting the food will be low key. If you are able, just bring snacks foods or easy prep foods. Again, if you are not able to bring anything, it's fine, just please bring yourself.

Of course, if you want to bring donations for Allgood Elementary students, that would be terrific! This month we are collecting personal hygiene items. My wonderful dentist has donated 50 toothbrush/toothpaste sets that will fill that need. Still needed are shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, soaps and so forth, of various sizes for both boys and girls. When the children feel clean and smell nice it certainly helps their self-esteem and confidence.

Our guest speaker at November's meeting, Sergeant Ashley Henson of the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, was outstanding! Our January meeting will include a special performance by a group of young singers from Hiram High School led by one of our former scholarship recipients, Ashley Peeler. We will also hear from our Area 15 director, Liz Bouis. This is Liz's final year being our director, and it will be interesting to learn her take aways from her time in this position.

Finally, I wish you and your family a Happy New Year filled with hope, health, and happiness with a generous sprinkle of fun!

Warmly,

Laura Weiss

President PREA





Time to Toot our Horns!!!! PREA members contributed \$430 in gift cards for needy students at Allgood Elementary. Toot, Toot!!!!

**The Brag Bucket: Let's hear about happy news in your lives.** One measly dollar per brag. Who's the biggest blow-horn? Remember, proceeds are divided between Paulding Helping Hands and the March of Dimes.

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for Paulding Helping Hands! You may donate food or money to help feed the hungry in Paulding County. Some items requested by Helping Hands include:

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Peanut Butter | Jelly        | Mac & Cheese | Pancake Mix       |
| Syrup         | Sugar        | Flour        | Oatmeal           |
| Canned Fruit  | Toilet paper | Soap         | Feminine Products |
- Adult/Infant Diapers

**Our March meeting has been changed due to a scheduling conflict at First Baptist Dallas. Our March meeting will now be on Thursday the 16th of March at 10:30 am at First Baptist Dallas.**



Fun Photos from our November Meeting



## 2022-2023 Paulding Retired Educators Membership Form

PREA President : Laura Weiss [not2bz4u@bellsouth.net](mailto:not2bz4u@bellsouth.net) Cell: 404-316-7164

Send this application with Dues and/or Donations to our treasurer:

**Sandra Parson            123 Legends Way            Hiram, GA 30141**

New Retirees: Join GREA and get the first year of PREA membership free. Please return this form with no money so we have your information for our newsletter and membership lists.

Current Retirees: Please send your dues to our treasurer or pay at the next meeting.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 for years PREA Dues (Free for New Retirees the first year)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to the Scholarship Fund

I would like my donation to the Scholarship Fund to be in honor or in memory of

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Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to PREA