

NEWS AND VIEWS

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Jan. 11, 2024

Our next meeting is Jan. 11, 2024 at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am.

Please bring a snack or finger food to share.

President's Message

Hello Friends,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. Our new year is off to a very exciting start! In fact, our meeting on Thursday, January 11th might be the most exciting meeting of the year. It will feature the combined chorus of South Paulding Middle School's 7th and 8th grade students. I don't know about you, but hearing the harmonious voices of our young people really stirs my emotions.

But wait! There's more! Our president of GREA, Mr. Joe Boland will be one of our featured guest speakers. We are so blessed to have him speak to our group. The Communications manager for TRS, Mr. Mike Zarem, will speak with us too! Many of you may have questions for both Mr. Boland and Mr. Zarem and I encourage you to bring them.

I encourage you to bring a guest or two to our meeting. You might bring a family member, another retired teacher or a friend. It would be nice to pack the house for our wonderful guests and performers.

I know we are worn out from the holidays. That is one reason our January meeting features easy finger foods and snacks. We certainly don't need to fuss with prep work! So, take it easy and enjoy time with friends.

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www.pauldingrea.org

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

Of course, we are still spoiling our school of the year, South Paulding Middle School. The students and staff were so appreciative of your generous donations of gift cards in November. The new year is a good time to give practical items. This month we are collecting hygiene supplies, but we have been informed that feminine notions are not necessary. When I asked the school Counselor, Michele Parater, what items were needed her was her reply:

“I often have students ask about deodorant, so that is in great demand. Tooth paste/brushes, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, hairbrushes are all appreciated as well. We are good with school supplies currently, and the gift cards were wonderful. We are always in need of gift cards to reward both students and staff members, so that would be a great resource as well. Thank you again for loving our school this year...we do appreciate it!”

Of course, we will continue to collect food and clothing for Paulding Helping Hands and will accept donations for Totes to Tots. Please don't feel like you are being asked to donate to all of these causes. Choose what moves your heart, and what you are able to do.

I am so looking forward to seeing you next week! Until then, take care.

Sincerely,

Laura Weiss

PREA President



Photos from our November Meeting





2022-2023 Paulding Retired Educators Membership Form

PREA President : Laura Weiss not2bz4u@bellsouth.net Cell: 404-316-7164

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

Sandra Parson 123 Legends Way Hiram, GA30141

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

_____ Total amount enclosed: \$

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