

# NEWS & VIEWS

## Zoom Meeting:

January 12th at 2:00pm

Please call Gloria King if you need help with the Zoom meeting. She will practice zooming with you. You may text or phone call her at 404-483-4042

## Volunteer Hours:

Volunteer hours need to be sent to GREA in February. Please send your hours to Laura Weiss by January 31. Her email is [not2bz4u@bellsouth.net](mailto:not2bz4u@bellsouth.net) She needs the dates and the number of hours for each date.

## Keep on Trucking for GREA Fellowship Service Support

### President's Message,

*Happy New Year, Fellow Retirees!*

What a year 2020 has been for us all! It has been a challenge especially for all the teachers and students in our Paulding schools. The teachers have had to teach in very trying times with concerns about themselves, their students, and their own family. The students have had to learn separated from their friends in the classroom or watching a computer screen at home. We admire the efforts of everyone working to make this a successful school year.

**Our January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at 2:00 pm on Zoom** will highlight our two

## Hooray for PREA!

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We have contributed \$700 for Alzheimer's Research. Dinah Hardeman, our secretary, is our team captain heading up this fundraiser. Thank you, Dinah, for doing a great job for us.

Dates to Remember:

**Tuesday, January 12 at 2:00 pm**  
**PREA Zoom Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 9 at 10:00 am**  
**PREA Zoom Meeting**

**Thursday, April 1 at 11:00**  
**Cluster Meeting in Cedartown**  
**at the Cherokee Country Club**

**May TBA Paulding Retirees**  
**Luncheon**

**October 2021 GREA**  
**Convention in Augusta, GA**

scholarship winners – Natalie Burns from McGarity Elementary and Heather Reynolds from Northside Elementary. It will be interesting to hear from each one of them as they share about teaching this year during the pandemic. Please join us on Zoom as we show our support for these two teachers giving their all in their classrooms. A big Thank You to those who donated to the PREA Scholarship Fund. Your donations allow us to give these scholarships each year. You can still donate by sending a check to our treasurer, Sandy Parson. 11 Clonts Road, Douglasville, GA 30134

We will always remember 2020 as the year of the pandemic, and I hope and pray 2021 will be a year of many blessings for you and your family. Keep the faith and stay well.

Warmest regards,  
Gloria King 404-583-4042



At our last Zoom meeting on November 10th, I was SO IMPRESSED with all the wonderful contributions our PREA group members are making to our schools and the community, I convinced Gloria, Barbara, and others that we need to highlight one or two individual member's contributions in each newsletter. Thank you, Jeaneen, for helping to share this with our members and schools. In this newsletter we are highlighting Leah Smith and Margie Chambers.

Your President Elect,  
Laura Weiss

#### Response to Covid 19

**Leah Smith** volunteered from March through July of this year with a group called Georgia Sewers. They made over 50,000 N95 mask covers for health care workers. The covers were made to expand the life of the N95 masks. All of the mask covers were sent to health care workers in Georgia except at the end of the time that they were needed and then the extras were sent out of state to areas of need. Leah personally made 300 mask covers and spent approximately 75 hours making the mask covers. She said, "Working on the mask covers was a way from me to deal with the quarantine and was probably more of a blessing to me than the health care workers." She retired from Moses Middle School where she was the attendance clerk for 18 years.



### The Generations of Service

**Margie Chambers** retired from New Georgia. Both her daughters and granddaughters attended there. They love new Georgia community. All three generations helped to make bell covers for Scoggins' Band. Margie's youngest daughter, Nancy, has a sixth grader (McKayla) who volunteered her ReRe (Margie and herself) to make the covers. They worked 64 hours and made a total of 68 covers. It is so wonderful to for Margie to pass down the tradition of community service to her family, and be an example for the community. Pictured are McKayla Brewton 6th grade, Margie Chambers (retired from New Georgia and mom and ReRE), and Nancy Brewton (former teacher and now stay at home Mom and Sub in Paulding County).



**Who Doesn't Like Free Money? by Gloria King**

I wear the United Healthcare Medicare Advantage fitness tracker. It motivates me to walk, keeps track of my steps, allows me to earn points, and pays me \$10 a month if I meet my goals. I get a \$30 Visa card every three months. The fitness tracker is free and will sync with your smart phone or computer. Here is the phone number for the Renew Motion program 855-256-8669 if you would like to get a free fitness tracker.



**Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!** Only 5 more members to go! Our goal is 17 new members for GREA. We currently have 12. Remember new GREA members have a free year as PREA members. Please see the enrollment forms at the end of this newsletter. Special thanks to Barbara Cohran and Beth Black for sending our letters and GREA brochures to all the recent Paulding retirees.

The Georgia Retired Educators Association is a separate membership from our local Paulding REA Unit. Here are the 2 membership forms. Please join both organizations who work to protect our pension and benefits.

**2020-2021 PREA Membership Application Form**

Send this application with Dues and/or Donations to:

Sandra Parson, 11 Clonts Road Douglasville, GA 30134

2020 Retirees: Join GREA and get the first year of PREA membership free!

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

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

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

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ A donation to the Scholarship fund in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my donation to be in honor or in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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

LAST NAME			FIRST NAME			MIDDLE INITIAL		
Address								
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<input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL								
<input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION (p.a.d.) <small>SSA or TRS Retirement # is required.</small> My signature below authorizes TRS to deduct \$2.00/month from my TRS pension payment. This authorization will remain in effect until I choose to terminate it by notice to Georgia Retired Educators Association.			<input type="checkbox"/> \$27 ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> \$360 LIFE			FOR OFFICE USE ONLY CONTROL # _____ DATE _____		
Signature _____ <small>Date</small> _____			Local Unit/County <b>Paulding</b>					

**GREA MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
 Fellowship — Service — Support

Return this portion to:  
 Georgia Retired Educators Association  
 P.O. Box 1379 • Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
 Website: gaetirededucators.org