

# NEWS & VIEWS

**Jan. 9, 2018**

PREA Meeting:

First Baptist Church Dallas  
2:00 pm

M-Z please bring  
refreshments

Host/Hostess: Carol Griffith  
and Marcia Bell

Inspiration: Betty  
Vollenweider

Check out our website:

[www.pauldingrea.org](http://www.pauldingrea.org)

**Community  
Outreach:**

**Helping Hands of  
Paulding**



**Running with Champion**

**Fellowship-Service-Support**

Hello Paulding Retired Educators,

Our next PREA Meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018 at 2:00 at the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church Dallas. Light refreshments will be provided (M-Z).

We will have two speakers for our meeting. Dr. Brian Otott, Superintendent of the Paulding County Schools will be sharing information about the state of our school district and the effects of funding on the services provided to the students in the district. Mr. J. D. Mitchell, retired attorney and former Grand Potentate for the state Shriners Temple in 2006 will be sharing information about the positive work that is done in the Shriners Hospital for Children. He has been a Shriner for more than fifty years. Our Georgia Retired Educators State President, Myrtice Champion Johnson, made this as one of our goals for this year as stated below:

“To encourage a minimum of 75% participation from local units in the Shriners Hospital for Children’s Humanitarian Project to assist in reaching the \$50,000.00 goal. This Hospital for Children is committed to providing care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and certain other special healthcare needs regardless of the families’ ability to pay. The hospital assists families who have children with physical disabilities, helping them to be able to live a normal life. All of us

## Dates to Remember:

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PREA Cluster Meeting April 5, 2018 at the Cherokee Country Club in Cedartown, GA

59th Annual GREA Convention will be held in Macon, GA May 8-10, 2018

Jan. 9, 2018 PREA Meeting  
Please bring donations for Helping Hands of Paulding.

March 13, 2018 PREA Breakfast Meeting

May 2018 PREA Celebrating with the 2018 Retirees

may have seen or known a child during our tenure as classroom teachers who was afflicted with one or more of these physical disabilities. As classroom teachers we've always stood by our students. Therefore, I'm asking you to continue in that stand. Each of our local units is asked to "stand" by contributing \$350.00 to this cause assisting our children in living a normal, healthy life. Some may want to make personal contributions as well. All donations are tax deductible when you make your checks payable directly to the Shriners Children's Hospital. I'm soliciting your support and prayers in this worthwhile effort."

Once again, you will receive our News and Views and a reminder phone call prior to each meeting. If you were unable to attend our first two meetings then please pick up your handbook at the January meeting. During this year please refer to our handbook and to our webpage, [www.pauldingrea.org](http://www.pauldingrea.org) for any information that you might need. Thank you to Jeaneen Camp and Connie Tibbitts for the great jobs on the newsletter and the website.

Thanks to each of you again for the hard work and sacrifice that each of you gave in your career to touch the lives of your many students. The impact that you had on the students you served is immeasurable.

We look forward to seeing each of you Tuesday at the First Baptist Church for the January 9th meeting of the Paulding County Retired Educators.

Respectfully,

Ricky Clemmons



**Our condolences to Marcia Bell in the loss of her Mother, Patricia Ann Winn.**

All PREA members are invited to work with the **Scrapbook Committee**. No Experience Required! Contact Betty Vollenweider for more information. If you have photos or have received awards or recognitions for volunteer activities please bring copies of these to the PREA meeting or send to Betty Vollenweider for the Scrapbook.

Please donate to the PREA **Scholarship Fund** to help other teachers continue their work in Educating the students of Paulding County. For more information about the Scholarship Fund or to donate contact Susan Lester.

Please bring items and/or donations for the **Paulding Helping Hands** to the Jan. meeting! If you would like to volunteer to work at Helping Hands call 770\_443\_1230. Volunteers are always needed! Even 4 hours a week would be very helpful.

**2017\_2018 GREA's President's Special Project:** Shriners Children's Hospital will be a topic of interest in our Jan. 2018 meeting!

2017-2018 PREA Membership Application

Send your application below to:

Sandra Parson, 11 Clonts Road, Douglasville, GA 30134

2016 Retirees: Join GREA and get the first year of PREA membership free!

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_ \$10.00 for dues

You may donate to the Scholarship fund \_\_\_ \$5.00 or \_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In honor or in memory: \_\_\_\_\_

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