



NEWS AND VIEWS

FELLOWSHIP SERVICE SUPPORT

Jan 12, 2016

Program: Legislative

Location: Dallas First Baptist Church 2:00 pm

Host/Hostess: Gloria King, Susan Lester, Barbara Cohran, and Velma Freeman

Inspiration: Velma Freeman

Please bring a light refreshment to share if your last name begins with M-Z.

2015-2016 GREAs President Special Project:

Healing4Heroes
www.healing4heroes.org

This project will raise funds to train a service dog for a wounded veteran.

Community Outreach:
Helping Hands of Paulding

President's Message:

We are excited to announce to you that Paulding Retired Educators Association in December achieved the Membership Goal set by the state to increase by 10%. That meant 19 new GREA members for PREA and we reached it as of December 21, 2015!! The Goal of the State President Hayman was 26,000 members statewide and as of Dec. 21st we are at 25,967 strong and our final count is not until the end of March. That is a powerful message to our legislators.

If you know anyone retired from any area of education, from any state encourage them to join GREA and their first year is FREE for PREA membership too. Encourage others to join you at our local meetings, they can get good information and have a good time.

Don and I will not be at the January meeting we will be doing what retired people do, traveling to our time share in Fort Myers, FL. President-Elect, Ricky Clemmons is scheduled to preside at the meeting and you have an excellent program to look forward to. Continuing with our theme of Patriotism, our Speaker will be Mike Roby, Commissioner of Veterans Services. Cathy Amos will speak briefly for our Volunteer Opportunity about her work at the Carlos Museum at Emory University. If you haven't been there, go, it is great and not overwhelmingly large for some of you that don't really like museums. An additional guest on Tuesday will be Roger Leggett who is bring the wagon that we voted at the last meeting to donate to a Children's Hospital.

Donations to the Scholarship Fund and Helping Hands are always welcome. Check the upcoming calendar in this newsletter and see where you can plug yourself into some of the activities.

We got a 10% Senior Discount at Wendy's today!! Happy New Year, we hope you all have a happy, healthy, and rewarding 2016.

Marsha and Don Raus



Mark Your Calendars:

Jan. 12, 2016 PREA meeting 2:00

Feb. 12, 2016 Valentine party at Pauling Wellstar Nursing Home and Rehab. More information to follow at our Jan. meeting.

Feb. 19, 2016 Arbor Day in GA

March 2, 2016 Read Across America Day (Birthday of Dr. Seuss-check with schools or local public libraries to see if they have a program you can participate in.)

March 8, 2016 PREA meeting, 9:00, breakfast covered dish

April 7, 2016 GREA Cluster Meeting in Cedartown

MAY 3, 4, 5 GREA Convention in Augusta (Mariott) Registration form is available on line at garetirededucators.org Early discounted deadline is due by March 11.

Nomination Committee news: As the immediate past-president, Marcia Bell is the Chair of the Nominating committee for our 2016 - 2018 officers. Please let her know if you have any recommendations or would like to hold an office. Voting will be at our March meeting.

Donations are always accepted for our Scholarship fund. Susan Lester is the Chair of this committee, payments can be given to her or to the treasurer. You may donate in honor of or in memory of someone. Just notate this on your donation.

Alaska Cruise information is available from Debbie Gunter Pope.

STATE THEME - PATRIOTISM: If you would like to write a letter to a soldier overseas you can go to <http://www.amillionthinks.org/> A Million Thanks provides support and appreciation to our active and veteran military men and women.

Please bring donations for Helping Hands of Paulding to our Jan. 12 meeting. You may also volunteer at Helping Hands. For more information check with Marcia Bell.

Remember to record your volunteer minutes so we can send them to the state!! Those minutes can be sent to Marsha and Don at donrau@bellsouth.net

Welcome New Members:

Dennis Willis Debbie Fessler Cindy Nettke

DUES: Some prefer to pay their \$10 PREA dues in January and some think about it when our meetings begin again in Sept. Check your records or you can check with our PREA Treasurer, Sandy Parson at sandcassii@comcast.net Also let Sandy know if your address, phone number or email address needs updated. Anyone who has joined GREA for the first time this year gets free dues for their first year in PREA.

2015-2016 PREA Membership Application

Sandra Parson, 11 Clonts Road, Douglasville, GA 30134

2015 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: _____