



# News & Views

***Busy as a Bee  
Fellowship, Service, Support***

**Paulding Retired Educators Association**  
**www.pauldingrea.org**

## Message from the President

Happy New Year! May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door – Traditional Irish blessing A lot is happening with PREA/GREA as the New Year begins. We have given Jeaneen a list for you to “Save the Date” on your 2015 calendar. Read all through this newsletter to get the dates of upcoming activities and meetings. Many of our members have been busy – Betty has set up dates for the scrapbook committee to begin their creative work, Bea has made contact to set up our annual Valentine Party at the Nursing Home, Marsha has gotten a tentative date for the retirement luncheon, Sandy has been counting money for dues and donations, and Bernie has been counting thousands of tab tops. Please remember to record your volunteer minutes and send them to us (donrau@bellsouth.net). You can also bring them to the meetings. Record for our Calendar Year of April 2014 – March 2015. These hours are for any hours you volunteer with students, churches, community groups, etc. At our next PREA meeting, January 13, President-elect, Ricky Clemens, will be presiding. We will be in Fort Myers, FL at the timeshare enjoying the freedom that Retirement brings. As you visit with your fellow retirees, Cliff Cole, Paulding County School Superintendent, will be your speaker. We are looking forward to 2015 being a wonderful year!

Marsha and Don Rauscher

January 13, 2015

**BEE Excited:**

**Up Date on Paulding Schools**

**Dallas First Baptist Church,  
2:00 pm**

**Inspiration:** Susan Lester

**Members whose last name begins  
with M-Z bring a light refreshment.**

**Host/Hostess: Sandra Childers**

Please join **GREA**...the ONLY organization working for your retirement benefits. Applications will be available at the meetings or you can download one online at [www.garetirededucators.org](http://www.garetirededucators.org).

**NOTE: If you have an address change, YOU must contact GREA or go online at [trsga.com](http://trsga.com).**

**BEE INVOLVED:**

**Paulding Helping Hands:** Don't forget to bring items and/or donations for Paulding's Helping Hands to the meeting. If you would like to volunteer to work at Helping Hands call 770-443-1230. Volunteers are always needed.

**Bring Donations  
for Helping  
Hands and Bring  
pull-tabs!**

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*Scrapbook Items...*

Do you have photos of your volunteer activities? Have you received awards or recognitions? If so, please bring copies of these to the PREA meetings or send to Betty Vollenweider, Scrapbook chair. **The scrapbook will be submitted March 2015!**

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All PREA members: please notify the organization by replying to Connie Tibbitts concerning any **publicity** you have received. Especially important are awards, recognition, or volunteering in the community.

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**What's the Buzz:**

PREA extends its deepest sympathy to the family of beloved teacher Bob Watson.

Best wishes go out to several with health concerns: Gloria Morris, Retha Tibbitts, Carolyn McTyre, Tina Rakestraw, and Russell Dickey

**Handbook correction: Randy and Margaret Arnold's new phone number is 678-402-5784**



**Please let us know if you have news of any of our fellow Retirees that you would like to include in our PREA newsletters. Please send any email address changes or additions also! Just email Jeaneen at [geoljcamp@att.net](mailto:geoljcamp@att.net)**

As educators, why is membership in our professional organizations so important? At first glance, it may not seem like much, but we are so fortunate in Georgia to have one of the best retirement systems in the nation! In order to maintain this great status it takes support from all of us. We cannot depend on someone else to step up when things are in jeopardy...we need to be there ourselves. Our membership in PREA and GREA is a way we can show that we are united; we are willing to stand together with our fellow retired teachers to keep the system we have. Please check your membership status with PREA and GREA to make sure you are current....it is important and we miss you when you are not there. There are great times of fellowship and service so come be a part!

Margaret Arnold,  
Membership Chairperson

**Worker Bees:**

Retirees make great volunteer! Make sure you continue to let us know your volunteer hours/we turn these into the state GREA office. Any hours from April 2014 to March 2015 may be turned in for this year.

\_\_\_\_\_Hours in Education/youth activities

\_\_\_\_\_Hours in health/community fields

\_\_\_\_\_Hours in other areas

Each meeting we hope to feature various activities our fellow retirees are participating in. We have soooo much time now!

**Buzzing Around:**

We are hoping to plan some fun “Road Trips” this year. Lots of people want to go places and would like others to drive or be with them. Let us know if you have any ideas for good trips. Cathy Amos is already working on a trip for us to the Carlos Museum at Emory University where she volunteers.

**Mark these Upcoming Events on your 2015 Calendar:**

**January 13, 2015 PREA meeting at First Baptist Dallas 2:00 pm**

**March 10, 2015 PREA meeting at First Baptist Dallas 9:00 am**

**April 2, 2015 Cluster meeting and lunch at Cedartown.**

**April 28-30 GREA Convention, Legacy Inn at Lanier Island, Buford GA.**

**Helping the Hive:**

Bernie Booth, retired ROTC from Hiram High School is our Paulding Chapter Chair of this year’s **Presidents Special Project**. We are collecting the tab tops from drink cans to donate to the Shriners Children’s Burn Center. As last reported the number is up to 5,841 and still counting!!! So drink up and bring those tabs in as we continue to do what we do best, help children. Each chapter is asked to collect 10,000 tabs this year. We can do this!!



Please bring Canned Goods to each meeting for donations to Helping Hands Food Pantry!!!



**2014-2015 PREA membership application**

Sandra Parson, 11 Clonts Road, Douglasville, GA 30134

**2014 retirees: Join GREA and get first year of PREA membership free!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 for dues

Please donate to the Scholarship fund:  \$5.00 OR  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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