

NEWS & VIEWS

GREA 2016-2017 Reach Out to Make a Difference: Fellowship, Service, Support

Next meeting: Sept.13,
2016 2:00 pm at the
Dallas First Baptist
Church

Hosts: Don and Marsha
Rauscher

Refreshments: Last
names A-L please bring
snacks!



President's Greeting:

Greetings,

I believe all of us become more reflective this time of year when our local schools begin another school year. We think back to our first experiences at school, our journey through our schooling, and the many teachers who affected us in a positive way and were difference makers in our lives. Hopefully, each of us affected our former students in a way that they look back on their relationships with us in a like manner.

Our first PREA meeting will be Tuesday, September 13 at 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Dallas. Please take the time to encourage someone who recently retired or a retired educator who has not yet joined to become a part of our Paulding County Retired Educators group.

Barbara Cohran (PREA President-elect) will head the meeting. Mrs. Betsy Wagenhauser will be the speaker. Betsy has been a part of Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy (FFCL) for more than four years. She served on the Board of Directors beginning in 2011, then moved into the role of President in January 2013. www.ferstfoundation.org

This year's state GREA president, Jesse Hunter, will also be in attendance and will introduce Betsy to you. Danielle Rogers who will be leading the work of the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy in Paulding County will also be in attendance.

Many thanks to your fellow retirees who have agreed to take offices and chair committees this year. We are still in need of a Membership Chairperson, Margaret and Randy Arnold are ready

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Community Outreach:

Paulding Helping Hands:

Please bring items and /or donations for Paulding's Helping Hands to the meeting on Sept. 13th!!! 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. Contact Marcia Bell if you would like more information.

Check out:

www.pauldingrea.org

and

www.garetirededucators.org

Please share pictures or information that you would like added to the newsletter. Just email to geolicamp@att.net.

The Scrapbook Committee is open to all who are interested!!! Photos are needed for the scrapbook. Please contact Betty Vollenweider to join or to submit photos and information for the scrapbook!!!

to pass it on. Let us know if you would like to fill this job. you will get all the help you need from very experienced people. We meet 4 times a year (Sept. 13, Nov. 1, Jan. 10, and March 14) plus the New Retiree Luncheon in the Spring. Please don't miss an opportunity to come join us.

Regrettably I will not be at the first meeting. I have a work commitment in Camilla, GA with the Professional Association of Georgia Educators. I had planned to retire from this organization on June 30. Dr. Allen Magill, Executive Director of PAGE, asked me to stay on part time to lead three PAGE sponsored initiatives. It was hard to say no to someone who has been so good to me. I also enjoy the professional relationships that have been fostered with educators throughout Georgia. They need our help and support more than ever in today's very difficult times to teach in the public schools.

I have never left any employment situation where I missed the work near as much as I missed the relationships with people. The PREA meetings give each of us the opportunity to renew and continue those relationships.

Rita and I are enjoying being retired educators as I am sure that each of you are as well. It is a great time period in our lives and grandchildren are the icing on the cake.

As the incoming President of PREA, I have grown to better appreciate and respect the work of all the presidents and officers who have come before me. Their love of this organization and the people who are a part of it is immeasurable.

Here are the goals of our PREA:

- *To provide opportunity for support and fellowship with friends and retired educators.
- *To provide an organizational framework through which retired educators can continue a life of service to fellow members, their active colleagues, and their communities.
- *To respond to community needs and encourage retired educators to contribute their talents and experience to the decision-making processes in their communities.
- *To familiarize retired and active educators with benefits of membership in the Local Unit and the State Organization.

Thank you again for supporting PREA and for the service that you gave to others during your career.

Respectfully,

Ricky Clemmons

Photos from our last meeting:

Mrs. Welch received a Flag of the United States as a door prize. Billy Hurst and Major are visiting with Betty Vollenweider after his presentation.



Special Thanks to Tim Williams, Director of Greystone Power Corporation for a donation to our scholarship fund!!! PREA members may still give in honor or memory to our scholarship fund using the form below. The Scholarship Committee is also working on new ideas for fund raising and would like to ask any PREA member who has the opportunity to seek donations from businesses in our area to do so to help this year. *Teachers receiving PREA scholarships this past year were Andy Aarons from East Paulding Middle School and Hannah Ballingall from North Paulding High School.*

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: _____