

NEWS & VIEWS



Zoom meeting:

Sept. 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm

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

404-583-4042

Keep on Trucking for GREA

Fellowship Service Support

President's Message:

I am Gloria King, and I am very honored to serve as your President. I retired from Cobb County ten years ago but came to Paulding because of my dear friend, Barbara Cohran. We knew it would be another opportunity for us to get together. It has been an honor to get to know so many of you and to have you as dear friends.

I never dreamed I would be serving as your President during such difficultly times. I wanted to share with you my goals as we begin a new PREA year.

- * To keep all members safe during this pandemic
- * To keep our PREA Unit active and growing
- * To keep all members informed in order to protect our pension and our health benefits

Our first PREA meeting will be on Zoom on Sept. 15 at 2:00 pm. I have invited the candidates running to replace Bill Heath in the Georgia General Assembly - Senate District 31 to attend this meeting. They are Democrat Tianna Smith and Republican Jason Anavitarte. Let us be informed about where these candidates stand on pertinent issues.

Dates to remember:

Sept. 15, 2020 PREA Zoom Meeting.

November 1, 2020 Retired Educators Day in Georgia

November 3, 2020 Election Day

November 10, 2020 PREA Zoom Meeting

November 21, 2020 Alzheimer's Association Walk

Hope we will all Keep on Trucking for GREA and PREA. Hope we will all Zoom on Sept. 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

Gloria King 404-583-4042



Time to Zoom

Zoom is EASY and you can do it on your smart phone, tablet or personal computer.

*If you use Apple go to the App Store and download Zoom Cloud.

*If you have an android phone or non-Apple computer, go to Google Play for the Zoom App.

*You can also go to Zoom.Us to do a download.

*Once you are in a meeting, remember to take the slash line off the camera and microphone on the tab at the bottom. Make sure your camera is on and the volume is turned up.

*Gloria will send you an email on Sunday, Sept. 13 inviting you to the Zoom meeting. You will click on the link on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 1:45 pm to join the meeting which will begin at 2:00.

Important GREA News

The Georgia Legislature ended June 26, 2020 and made no changes to our pension and health benefits. Governor Brian Kemp appointed Dr. Bill Sloan, GREA Executive Director, to the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Georgia ending June, 30, 2023.

Helping Hands of Paulding County

PREA members have been big supporter of this charity. They need us more now than ever! Many of the people in our community are struggling with job losses, mounting bills, and not enough food to eat. Please consider sending them a check and let them know it is from a Paulding retired educator. Here is the address:

Helping Hands of Paulding County PO Box 1130 Dallas, Georgia 30132 The main location is at 228 West Spring Street in Dallas. They take food donations from 9-2 on Monday - Friday. They need canned vegetables, tuna, beans, spaghetti sauce, and personal care items. They are also taking clothing donations.



Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

Please encourage fellow retirees to join GREA. Georgia will face a 4 billion dollar shortfall over the next 15 months because of job losses, decreased tax revenue, and increased spending due to the pandemic. Our pension and health benefits could be impacted because of budget cuts. Remember new GREA members have a free year as PREA members. Please see the enrollment forms at the end of this newsletter.

PREA Dues and Scholarship Fund Donations

Members, since we are not meeting in person please send your \$10 membership dues to our treasurer:

Sandy Parson 11 Clonts Road Douglasville, GA 30134

Also, consider contributing to our Scholarship Fund. We are immensely proud of the fact that we gave two scholarships to Paulding teachers this past year. You can put your dues and scholarship donation in one check. Indicate on the lines found at the bottom of the Membership Application page how much for each. You can make your scholarship donation in honor or in memory of someone by writing it in on the bottom of the Application form. We will notify the person or family of your contribution. **Please use the Membership form at the end of this newsletter and mail to Sandy Parson.**



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 _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

If you have not joined GREA we have attached GREA membership forms on the next page. All information is included for you.

GREA MEMBERSHIP FORM
Fellowship – Service – Support

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	
Address			
City	State	Zip	Phone #
EMAIL		<input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL
<input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION (A.D.D.)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$27 ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> \$360 LIFE Send check with this card to the address below. Make check payable to GREA.		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
<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.	Local Unit/County		CONTROL #
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