

GCREA Newsline

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2017 NEXT GCREA MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 11:00 a. m.

Destin Events Venue
1300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Suwanee, GA
Suite 2110
Suwanee, GA 30022

President: Joyce Parks
President-Elect: Terrie Adkins
Secretary: Teresa Nichols
Treasurer: Sara Lee

September Luncheon

Our September meeting was a wonderful celebration of art and patriotism. Kathy Andrews Fincher brought us a wonderful program and told us about her most recent art project, The Dreamkeepers, a public art monument located on the Town Green in downtown Duluth. If you have not seen it, try to stop by sometime. There are also some great restaurants close by for a fun lunch!! We also honored our first responders, although they were busy with hurricane aftermath and could not join us.

Be sure to join us in November for our annual auction to support our scholarship program. Rep. Brooks Coleman will be our auctioneer, and he is always a treat. Bring your checkbook and come shop.

Terrie Adkins

President Elect

Volunteer Hours

Everyone is anticipating our annual auction in November. Don't forget that the hours you spend procuring and preparing and delivering items for the auction plus the work the committee does collecting and organizing don't just finance the scholarships we present to outstanding students and teachers. These hours can go on **our volunteer hour forms** to count toward our chapter and state totals! Please record all the hard work that make the auction a success. If you don't have a form, check on your table at our meeting and fill in the months back to last March going forward to this coming February.

We served others in libraries, churches, schools, theatres, community organizations, homeless shelters, gardens, feeding programs for the food insecure, GCREA activities, transportation for friends and neighbors to doctor appointments, etc., refugees, and many other worthy causes. Let's fill in those forms and let everyone know the contributions retired teachers make! Forms will be collected at the February meeting.

Sarah Davis

Items for Auction

Don't forget the Auction for Scholarships on November 17! Interesting things have begun coming in, but there aren't nearly enough items so far. Email me (Judy Shaklee) at jcishak@bellsouth.net or call [770-368-8120](tel:770-368-8120) to tell what you are bringing. I need to know beforehand so that I can have the bid sheets prepared. I hope to hear from you soon.

Judy Shaklee

WIN A HANDMADE NECKLACE!

Help us grow our GCREA membership. Each guest you bring to a luncheon meeting between now and April equals one entry into our April drawing for a beautiful handmade necklace by Lorraine Presson. The more guests you bring, the more times you will be entered in the drawing. Each guest that becomes a member will also be entered in a drawing for another necklace, so we will have TWO winners. What's more, the winners will be able to select their prize from a variety of handmade necklaces. See samples of the possible necklaces at our next meeting. Start inviting!

Lorraine Presson

Jack Britt's Birthday

Jack Britt was delighted to receive his 91st Birthday greetings from so many of our members. He sends his heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your special notes. He says he is looking forward to attending one of our meetings soon.
Deloris Mullins

GCREA HAS A BRAND-NEW WEBSITE!

Please take a few minutes to check out the new look of the GCREA website at gcrea.org. We have a new webhosting service, (Wix.com), and we have contracted with a web design service called Carol's Works. Carol's Works is the small business of Carol Lunsford, a member of Fayette County Retired Educators Association, who creates websites for nonprofit organizations.

The website is always a work in progress. We have the basics, including a Members Only page which can be accessed with the password *gcrea2017*. Currently, the only items available in the Members Only section are the most current editions of the Newsline.

What we need now is your feedback! The website is a tool for communicating with GCREA members, an opportunity to present a face for the organization to the community, and a tool for communicating with retired educators who may not yet be members of GCREA. Member feedback is essential to let us know whether we are meeting these goals or not.

If you have ideas about how the website might be improved, additional information that would be helpful, or ways to use the website more effectively, please send your ideas to Beth Thompson. Beth serves on the GCREA Board as the Website Chair and works as a liaison with Carol's Works in updating information to the site.

This is your website! Please let us know what you want to be there.

Beth Thompson

We will be voting on the changes to the bylaws at our November meeting. Please take a few minutes to review the following changes before the meeting.

GCREA PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

Article II - Objectives

Section D: **Currently reads** "To promote excellence in education through the awarding of annual scholarships to Gwinnett Public Schools and Buford City School seniors who are planning to major in education, and to active teachers in the Gwinnett Public Schools and the Buford City schools who are pursuing advanced degrees."

Change to read **"To promote excellence in education through the awarding of annual scholarships to seniors in Gwinnett County Public Schools or Buford City Schools who are planning to major in education, to active teachers in the Gwinnett County Public Schools or Buford City Schools who are pursuing advanced degrees, and to Georgia Gwinnett College students who are rising seniors majoring in education."**

Article IV - Officers and Duties

Section A: 1. **Currently reads** "A slate of officers shall be presented annually to the membership present at the March meeting."

Change to read **"A nominating committee consisting of the current elected officers shall present a slate of officers annually to the membership present at the March meeting."**

Article V - Executive Committee, Board of Directors

Section A. Executive Committee and Duties

Add **d. To serve as the Nominating Committee"**

Article VII - Standing Committees

Change Finance Committee to **Finance/Investments**

Delete Scholarship Investments (Fund Drive)

Add **Fundraising/Spotlight**

Add **Website**

Just a reminder

Our new venue is **Destin Events Venue**. It is located at 1300 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Suwanee, Ga. The location is 1.7 miles the of Sugarloaf Parkway and Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Look on the right side of the road for the Suwanee Station Shopping Center. When you turn in, go immediately to your left into the lower section, then watch on the right for the venue. There is plenty of paved parking, and the meals will be full meals served buffet style with some choices of food items. The cost will still be \$20 per person.

Editor's Note:

The next edition of the Newsline will be published February 1, 2018.

Deadline for articles is January 21, 2018.

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