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**2018
NEXT
GCREA
MEETING
FRIDAY
SEPT. 21
11:00 a.m.**

**Northwoods
Country Club
3157 Club Drive
Lawrenceville, GA**

**President:
Terrie Adkins
President-elect:
Jan Calkins
Secretary:
Teresa Nichols
Treasurer:
Sara Lee**

**Fellowship
Support
Service**

From the Past President

Joyce Parks

Dear GCREA Members,

Our unit has completed another momentous year! We have supported our motto of Fellowship, Support and Service. We have given 6 scholarships to deserving teachers and young adults who aspire to be teachers. Many of our members spent numerous hours volunteering in organizations that make life better for others. We have honored our Emeritus members for their strength of purpose and strength of character and for the example they set as dedicated teachers. We have remembered members who have passed on to a greater reward. All these actions strengthen our unit as well.

It is an honor to have served as your president this past year. I want to thank a wonderful Board of Directors as well as the Executive Board for their support and commitment to education and to our unit. It is easy to be president when everyone does the assigned job well and without reminders. You make our unit great with the work you do.

I know you will serve Terrie Adkins and Jan Calkins in the same way. I wish them great success as they begin their year as your leaders. They are excited and have good plans for the year. Please attend our meetings as often as possible for your own edification but also to learn how we can serve and support in even better ways.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer! I will look forward to being with you at our first meeting in September.

Joyce

SHARE THE LIGHT!

Emeritus Members

Emeritus members are members who are over 90 years old. This spring our emeritus members were recognized and honored at the April meeting. Our emeritus members include:

Jack Britt - 92 years old

Virginia Krawiec - 92 years old

Sara Roberts - 93 years old

Jane Alexander - 98 years old

Harriet Coffee - 102 Years old

In attendance were Sara Roberts and Jane Alexander, who are pictured below.



In Memory

Angelo Terrell and Barbara May led our annual memorial service during the May meeting. Those memorialized were:

Ellen Alexander

Valla Jo Clifton

Elaine Hall

Tess Huff

Reid Mullins

Joyce Torcivia

Ina Wilbanks



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL COMING UP

For those of you who have joined GCEA on a yearly basis, it's time to renew your membership. You'll be receiving a membership brochure in the mail in the 1st week of June. Please fill out the yellow form, put your dues check (\$25) with it and mail the form and money to Sara Lee, the treasurer (her address is on the form). **The membership and money are due to Sara no later the June 22, 2018.**

Once Sara receives your renewal form and check, she'll send it to Murla Crawford. Murla will then update your membership information on the roster she keeps on all the members. When you fill out the yellow form, please update any personal information, so Murla can check it against what was in the handbook last year. If you decide for some reason not to renew your membership, please send Murla an email at murlac@bellsouth.net, or call her at 770-923-1883, and let her know. Your membership in GCREA is truly appreciated, and we hope that all of you will renew.

If you change your mind and decide you want to change to ADD or Lifetime membership, you may do so at this time. Just fill out the appropriate information on the yellow section of the form and send it to Sara. By the way, those of you who are already ADD or Lifetime members don't need to do anything.

New GCREA Officers Installed for 2018-19

The following officers were installed during the May meeting: **President - Terrie Adkins, President Elect - Jan Calkins, Secretary - Teresa Nichols, and Treasurer - Sara Lee**



Joyce Parks, 2017-18 GCREA President, passes the gavel to Terrie Adkins, 2018-19 GCREA President, during the May meeting.

2018 Student Scholarship Recipients

Jan Calkins, Chairperson of the Student Scholarship Awards, presented GCREA Scholarships to two deserving students at the April meeting,

Kristin Braschler graduated from Mill Creek High School and plans to pursue a teaching career in HS Physics or another science related area. She plans to attend the University of Georgia. In her application she states, “My passion for science and the ease in which I tutor students of every academic level and every age group has solidified my passion for teaching.”



Adriana Rosario graduated from Mill Creek High School and plans to pursue a teaching career at the HS level. She plans to attend Mercer University to study History/Social Studies Education. As one of her references states, “Adriana’s consistent enthusiasm and contributions to my A.P. US History class further affirm her appreciation for our nation’s history and also her concern for its future.”



HANDBOOK CHANGES REQUESTED

Murla Crawford, Handbook Chairperson, has already started working on the 2018-19 handbook. Please doublecheck the information in last year’s handbook. If anything has changed or is incorrect, please notify Murla at murlac@bellsouth.net, or call her at 770-923-1883. Some of you have already sent updated information, and Murla has corrected it. However, feel free to send it again. **She needs the updated information no later than June 25, 2018.**

The handbooks will go out approximately the first week of August, so start looking for your new handbook in the mail around the 2nd week of August. Thanks for your help in making next year’s handbook as accurate as possible.

2018 Georgia Gwinnett Scholarship Recipients

This year we were pleased to be able to present GCREA scholarships to two rising senior education majors at Georgia Gwinnett College. Carolyn Fetner, Chairperson of the Georgia Gwinnett Scholarship Awards, presented a scholarship to Dominique Cottle and Karen Williams.



Dominique Cottle is a traditional, young rising senior majoring in education. She is a product of Gwinnett County Public Schools having graduated from Shiloh High School, and she will be the first college graduate in her family. Dominique spends much of her free time volunteering with refugees, helping them to read and write English even though many of them are not literate in their own languages. She says it gives her great joy to help them. This has led to her goal to pursue a graduate degree to become an ESOL teacher and advocate for ELL students.

Karen Williams is a nontraditional student, returning to receive her education degree in midlife after raising three children and establishing a bakery with her husband. She is also a product of GCPS having graduated from Brookwood High School. Karen volunteers with the Scleroderma Foundation, a cause close to her heart since her father passed away from that disease in 2003. She says she was born to be a teacher, but life got in the way of pursuing that dream. Karen's life experience allows her to be reflective and exhibit exceptional educator qualities. She is looking forward to being an elementary teacher, especially so she can share her love of reading with them.



2018 Teacher Scholarship Recipients

Gloria James, Chairperson of the Teacher Scholarship Awards, presented GCREA scholarships to two deserving Gwinnett County teachers. We are proud to note that both are products of Gwinnett County Public Schools.



Ashley Taylor teaches Biology at Mountain View High School. She has taught six years. Her efforts in the classroom have shown through in the increase in number of students earning proficient status on the Milestone tests. Teaching is a lifelong commitment for Ashley. She grew up going through the Gwinnett County School System. The impact of her educational experiences has guided her passion for teaching. She feels that by obtaining her Educational Specialist Degree in Curriculum and Instruction both she and her students will benefit. She will be attending Piedmont College in Demorest.



Collin Andrew Jones teaches U. S. History, AP Psychology, and works with the Student Leadership Team at Lanier High School. He has also taught for six years and grew up in Gwinnett attending schools in the North Gwinnett Cluster. Collin views teaching as the vocation where he can have the greatest impact on others. He taught two years in middle school and has been teaching the past four years at the high school level. Prior to coming to teach in Gwinnett, Collin served two years as an AmeriCorps member working in South Atlanta. He says that pursuing his Applied Psychology degree from Liberty University Online will allow him to continue working at Lanier H. S. while working and studying with a diverse cohort of teachers and adult learners from around the country online. Collin is married and his wife teaches at Lee Elementary.

Editor's Note:

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

Deadline for articles is August 25, 2018
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**Please invite your friends to
join us next September as we
“Share the Light!”**

