



GCREA Newsline

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GWINNETT COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION GCREA.org

**2018
NEXT
GCREA
MEETING
FRIDAY
NOV. 16
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 President

Terrie Adkins

WOW! We are off to a great start this year! Our September meeting was very well attended and the excitement for all our new activities was electric! Our speaker, Jesse Hunter from state GREA gave us a lot of valuable information about how important it is to increase our state membership. I am so excited that we have 17 new state members as a result of that meeting. Let's keep that number growing so we can have an even greater voice at the state capitol in all matters where current and retired educators are involved. Remember, ADD (Automatic Direct Deduction) is the easiest and best way to sign up for state or local membership.

Our BRICK BY BRICK initiative is also off to a great start! We collected \$60 dollars in our three boxes with the ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS leading the charge! In addition, we have an extra brick purchased entirely by his family to honor Ralph Greene. So, keep those dollars coming into your grade level boxes. We will certainly meet our goal of 5 bricks if you do!

Have you started reading *THE LIGHTHOUSE*, by Eugenia Price yet? Oh, my goodness, it is terrific reading! Historical fiction is a favorite genre of mine and since this series is about our beloved Georgia, I am so enthralled! My challenge to you is to read all three Eugenia Price books in the St. Simons series: 1) *The Lighthouse*, 2) *New Moon Rising* and 3) *Beloved Invader*. I plan to have read the first book by our December meeting, the second book by February and the third by April. Not sure I can even wait that long! READ WITH ME!

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Our October visit to the GRE Museum was a great success! We had 17 members attend, followed by an amazing lunch at Crossroads Grill. Big thanks to Jan Calkins for organizing this field trip. In addition, we presented checks to Executive Director Bill Sloan for three new bricks donated by members of our unit! SMILES all around!

Remember that our November meeting is our annual Auction to fund the scholarship program. We hope to have a gift basket from each of our Gwinnett cities. I am gathering donations for Duluth, so Lawrenceville, Norcross, Suwanee, Buford, and Grayson, I hope you will each have baskets as well. Gift certificates, theme baskets and service certificates are all great sellers. Let's make this the BEST auction ever! Our auctioneers this year will again be Rep. Brooks Coleman and our own Nancy Harris. That is a winning combination for sure!

Look for the November luncheon reservation email from Barbara Wilson (who does a great job for us!) and remember - if you make a reservation, WE have to pay for your lunch even if you don't come. Please make attendance a priority when you reserve.

Blessings from your President, Terrie Adkins

Upcoming Events

GCPS Retiree Reunion Luncheon
Friday, November 2

Retired Educators Day
Sunday, November 4

**Annual GCREA Auction and
November Meeting**
Friday, November 16 @ 11:00 a.m.

Community Messiah Sing A Long
Sunday, November 18 @3:00 p.m.
Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church

December Meeting and Luncheon
Friday, December 21 @11:00 a.m.



President Terrie Adkins with Jesse Hunter, our speaker from GREA



Community Service by GCREA

At our **December** meeting, GCREA will collect donations for the Gwinnett Children's Shelter. You may donate any of the following items or you may make a cash donation. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Teresa Nichols

Items requested are:

Items

Flavored Oatmeal, Kid Friendly Cereal, Pillows, Furniture polish and rags, Pine Sol, Fabuloso, etc. for cleaning floors, Brooms and dustpans, Large cotton mop heads, Travel size laundry detergent, Paper towels and toilet paper, Large trash bags and 13-gallon trash bags, Dish towels, Cleaning supplies, Bleach

Dish soap/dishwasher detergent, Waterproof zippered twin mattress protectors, "Bed in a Bag" for twin beds, Bath Towels/Wash clothes, Pressure Washer, Wet/Dry Vac.

Gift Cards:

Gas, Grocery, Home Depot, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Wal-Mart, Target

Passes:

Amusement Parks, Zoos, Museums, Sports Games, Bowling, Family Fun Centers

Teresa Nichols

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Sunshine Committee Rosa Fite-Chair Janene Sullivan, Kathy Gentry, Joyce Parks

Service hours are being done differently this year.

Want to write 5 notes or cards to someone who needs some CHEER, make a visit, make some calls? Each of these, you write on your service sheets as an individual service. Sara Davis will be telling you about other things you can do. Of course, continue all your services done before. It's just a difference in reporting.

SOME MEMBERS NEEDING CHEER FROM US:

1. Hugh and Barbara May-Arbor Trace-Hamilton Mill Rm 104, 3581 Braselton Hwy, Dacula 30019 Barbara recently broke her hip and is in Salude in Suwanee for a couple of weeks. Send mail to Arbor Trace.
2. Virginia Krawiecz-Dogwood Forest of Grayson, 1754 Grayson Hwy, Suite 215, Grayson ,30017
3. Jane Alexander-956 Scenic Hwy, Lawrenceville, 30045.
4. Phyllis Caffey-Ivy Springs Manor, 3177 Gravel Springs Rd, Buford,30519
5. Sybil and Dick Deacon-685 Lauren Cir, Lawrenceville, 30043
6. Pat Major-knee replacement, Husband-spine surgery-5511Madison Pl, Flowery Branch,30542.

PLEASE SEND VIA EMAIL OR PHONE ANY PERSON YOU FIND TO NEED CHEER.

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"A LIFE THAT TOUCHES OTHERS GOES ON FOREVER."

Georgia Retired Educator Museum Field Trip

On Friday, October 19, seventeen of the GCREA members met at the Georgia Retired Educator's Museum in Flowery Branch and had a firsthand look at this museum established to honor educators. Dr. William (Bill) Sloan was our guide and if you have never met him, I believe all attendees would agree that he is a wealth of information about both the artifacts in the museum and the stories of former educators featured in the museum. Many of the attendees had already purchased a brick and enjoyed finding their brick among the hundreds outside the museum. Our group purchased 3 MORE bricks while we were there, some purchased by individuals and some by the whole group. Everyone left the museum with special memories of mimeographs machines, manual typewriters and card catalogues as well as reminders of the leaders of the Georgia Retired Educator Association who have gone before.

Following the tour, the group transitioned to Crossroad's Bar and Grille in Flowery Branch. We were well cared for by the team there and enjoyed the fellowship of getting to know members that may not be who we usually sit with at our luncheons. The trip was a great success, so much so we are already brainstorming ideas for a trip next year!

Jan Calkins



Holiday Entertainment Opportunity

The BJ Chorale, whose artistic director is Joyce Parks, along with Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church, will present its 15th annual Community Messiah Sing A Long, free to the public, on Sunday afternoon, November 18, 3:00 pm, at Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church, 800 Hwy. 29 South, Lawrenceville, 30046. The event features professional singers and a string ensemble. Please join us.

Joyce Parks

An Important Message from Judy Shaklee

The GCREA Auction for Scholarships is less than one month away. So far we have been promised donations of handmade jewelry, a brunch for ten, a handmade lazy Susan, a small handmade wine rack, crochet/knit items, gift certificate for a facial, a Duluth Basket, a Norcross Basket, a Taco Basket, a Creole Basket, a Gardening Basket, a Sip and Paint party for eight and other various items, but there are not nearly enough to raise the money that we need to fund our scholarships. What are you going to donate? Remember our success at this auction depends on each of us. See the attached donation letter that you can print and take to businesses and ask them to contribute. Also attached is the list of drop-off sites for your donations. Please let me know as soon as possible so that I can get our list complete.

Judy Shaklee
jcjshak@bellsouth.net
770-368-8120

What can you donate for the Auction?

Country Store: items that are in great condition but no longer in use at your house (glassware, serving pieces, books, all baked goods, candies, preserves, and other edible goodies). Some of these kinds of items may also be suitable for the silent auction.

Silent Auction: Themed gift baskets, seasonal collections, special services you can provide (decorating, organization, special holiday dishes, computer skills, handcrafted items).

Live Auction: Items that are at least \$50 or more in value (brunch or lunch for a set number of people, intricate woodcraft or needlework project, art pieces, seasonal pieces of higher value, donations that you have solicited from businesses).

Solicit businesses in your cluster for donations for silent or live auction

Restaurant certificate, flower arrangement, massage, pedicure, manicure, decorative items, car wash, oil change, dry cleaning, health food, spa visit, gift items, chocolates, pastries, etc.

Donation letter can be found on the last page

Our Auction Committee

Chair - Judy Shaklee

Live Auction - Hermine Pasternak, Diane Hughes

Silent Auction - Sarah Finger, Judy Shaklee

Committee Members - Margaret Leeper, Beverly Mayes, Suzanne Perkerson, Pam Tuggle, Carol Welch

Drop-off sites:

Sarah Finger	Lawrenceville	770-995-1077
Linda McQuaig	Sugar Hill/Suwanee	770-945-1670
Sharon Love	Hoschton, Buford, Dacula	678-763-0076
Judy Shaklee	Norcross/Duluth	770-368-8120

Drop off at Northwood Country Club, 3157 Club Drive, Lawrenceville on Thursday, November 15 between 1 and 3.

You can count on me!

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I plan to donate _____

I will solicit donations from these businesses: -

By Nov. 10, please email donation descriptions and values to Judy Shaklee
(jcshak@bellsouth.net)

Volunteer Forms

Since GREA has changed the emphasis from volunteers recording the hours they spend in community service to encouraging everyone to volunteer at least 10 times, we have had a lot more forms picked up. The new forms are very simple to fill out. They require only a date and a description of a minimum of 10 times the member has volunteered. Two people even turned their forms as soon as they got them at the last meeting and got their names in the drawing twice. These do not have to be new activities. Anything you did since March can go on your form. If you already gave me an old form, I will transfer your activities to the new form and enter you in the drawing.

The forms will be on your table as you arrive at the meeting on November 16. Fill them in there or take it home and return it at the December meeting. All forms must be in by the February meeting because the list of volunteers must be turned in to the state organization by March 1. The drawing for the fabulous prizes will be at the March meeting.

Sarah Davis

Georgia Retired Educators Day

On Thursday, October 25, Lawrenceville Mayor, Judy Jordan Johnson, presented a Proclamation by the city of Lawrenceville designating November 4th as Georgia Retired Educators Day. GCREA President, Terrie Adkins and Past President Joyce Parks, accepted the proclamation. They were accompanied by Publicity Chair, Beth Thompson, and Newsline Editor, Sharon Larkin.





Gwinnett County Retired Educators Association

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Each year the Gwinnett County Retired Educators Association sponsors an auction to help finance two scholarships and our community outreach programs. A scholarship is presented to a graduating high school senior who is pursuing a teaching career and a teacher who is currently teaching while working on an advanced degree. In our community we contribute to the Gwinnett Children's Shelter and the Ronald McDonald House. Members also act as volunteers in schools, reading to elementary students, assisting in libraries, and working school book fairs.

This letter authorizes our members to solicit items for our auction which will be held in November. As Auction chair, I am grateful to those members who are seeking support for our auction.

This year we are seeking items for our live auction (Value of at least \$50). These items will be auctioned off by a member of our retired association, during our luncheon on November 16, 2018. We would appreciate any donation that you are willing to contribute. Businesses who contribute to the auction will be listed in our newsletter and on our website.

Some items which would be useful:

Services: free cut and style, massages, manicure and pedicure, free or reduced carpet cleaning, car washes, free oil changes, tire rotation

Gift Certificates: restaurant, buy one get one free, tanning, golf fees, hotel stay

Theme Items: College team items, garden items, scrapbook sets, jewelry, children's keepsakes, family keepsakes.

Any contribution

You may give your donation to the person presenting you this letter. You may also send gift certificates directly to me or email me to pick up your item. **We appreciate your willingness to help us with the auction. We will need all items by November 6, 2018.**

Judy Shaklee - Auction Chairperson

Terrie Adkins – GCREA President

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Editor's Note:

The next edition of the Newline will be published February 1, 2019.
Deadline for articles is January 23, 2019
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**Please invite your friends
to join us at our next
meeting as we “Share the
Light!”**

