

Newsletter of the Chatham Retired Educators Association



Dates To Remember

May 2-4, 2023

GRE Convention

Augusta, GA

August 2023

CREA Leadership Team Meeting

September 11, 2023

CREA Meeting

October 9, 2023

CREA Meeting

November 11, 2023

Veterans' Day

November 13, 2023

CREA Meeting

November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Day



President Annette Mitchell called the final meeting of the Chatham Retired Educators Association for 2022-2023 to order on Monday, April 10, 2023 at the Southwest Chatham Public Library. Members who could not attend in person participated on Zoom. Chaplain Rosa Jackson shared an inspirational poem and prayer. Melinda Miller, Birthday Chairperson acknowledged all members born in the months of April-August. Committee Chairs presented reports.

The **GREA Outstanding Educator Award** was presented to SCCPSS Superintendent, Dr. M. Ann Levett, who is retiring this year. Other awards presented were:

GREA Scholarship Award to Justin Todd & Alexander Richardson

GREA Volunteer Service Award to Deborah Adams and Omie Flournoy

GREA Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Gordon Baker, Gail Moyer, Omie Flournoy, and Dr. Brenda Roberts.

Gift Baskets were presented to CREA Leadership Team members: Carrie Howard, Dr. Gordon Baker, Gail Moyer, Malenthia Frazier, Wilmotine Ellis, Mary Shank, Johnye Gillans, Rosa Jackson, Dorothy Wilson, Dr. Connie Cooper, Dr. Henrietta Gray, Dr. Sandra Best McCord, Annette Smith, Dottie Platts, Geneva Golden, Martha McCullough, Dr. Pamela West, and Dr. Brenda Roberts.

GREA President Gray and Area VI Director Cooper with Gift Baskets



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GREA President Goals:

- Increase membership by 3000 members.
- Encourage members to participate in March of Dimes Events.
- Make a \$35,000 contribution to March of Dimes.
- Execute training to develop and empower local Presidents.
- Continue and strengthen our support of Georgia Retired Educators Museum (GREM) by purchasing bricks and encouraging local units to visit the museum.

CREA supports the Humanitarian Project of GREA President Dr. Henrietta Gray



CREA provides tabs to support the local Ronald McDonald



CREA provides school supplies for local students.



CREA supports the healthy development of children



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Greetings,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Chatham Retired Educators Association for the opportunity to serve as your president for the 2022-2023 year. Even with my several medical procedures you worked with me to make sure that our goals were achieved.

*I would particularly like to thank the executive board for all you did to make this year a success. Kudos to our membership committee who assisted in purging the state membership list and for assisting in streamlining our local roster. A special shout out to Mrs. Martha McCullough for her wonderful decorating skills. You made each meeting special. Not bad for a “**ninety-five-year young**”, still driving member!*

The GREA Convention is fast approaching, and I pray that we will attend in large numbers for several reasons. We will be there to support our out-going state President, Dr. Henrietta Gray and to thank her for her awesome leadership over the past two years.

Dr. Connie Cooper, thank you for your leadership as our Area Six Director. Because of your knowledge and expertise, we were able to achieve success this year.

*To our new members, this is **your** unit! Get involved and stay active, we need you and everyone to help recruit to grow our membership. Next year, **Unit of Distinction!***

My last “Words to Live By”.

*...memory is a way of holding on to the things you love, the things
you are,*

The things you wish to never lose.

The Wonder Years, 1988

*Be blessed,
Annette S. Mitchell
President, 2022-2023*

Call to Order and Welcome: President A. Mitchell called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Adoption of Agenda: The appropriate motions were made, and the agenda was adopted with flexibility.

Pledge of Allegiance: The members recited "The Pledge of Allegiance".

Inspiration & Invocation: Mrs. R. Jackson gave the Invocation and Inspiration

Birthday Celebration: Mrs. Miller recognized members who have March birthdays.

Program: Mrs. Singleton introduced Mr. Justin Todd, Dewey Lee Scholarship recipient at GSU-Armstrong campus. He joined us via Zoom, thanked the members for the scholarship, and discussed his future educational plans. Mr. Alexander Richardson, Dewey Lee Scholarship recipient at SSU, and three of his professors attended the meeting. The professors spoke on Mr. Richardson's behalf. Mr. Richardson thanked us and discussed his future educational plans.

Presentation & Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Bruen pointed out that she had read the Necrology Report at the February 13, 2023 meeting. The correction was made. The appropriate motions were made, and the February Minutes were accepted with this correction.

Reading of Correspondence: Mrs. Frazier reported that CREA received a mailing from Pat Rossiter who is running for an alderman's seat. She read a thank you note from the family of Sandra Barnes. She also read a Christmas card from Dr. Levett.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Ellis reported that as of February 28, 2023, the checkbook, ledger, and bank each have a balance of \$10,034.25. The report was received as information and filed for audit.

President's Report (Emailed): Mrs. A. Mitchell was busy attending meetings, recruiting new members, e-mailing information from GREA, preparing the agenda for the March meeting, consulting with the President-Elect about the March program, and printing and mailing copies of the CREA newsletter to members without e-mail addresses. She also appointed the Nominating Committee, emailed a summary of unit activities to the Area Director, consulted with the Scholarship Committee chair, began working on the president's end of the year scrapbook page, and attended a UNCF program sponsored by Thankful Missionary Baptist Church.

GREA President's Report: Dr. Gray discussed the GREA Convention, which will be held in Augusta, May 2-4. She asked President Mitchell to send her a list of those planning to attend. CREA should plan to bring a \$25 gift certificate as a door prize; an item for the silent auction; and a minimum of 24 individually packaged items, such as chips, crackers, etc., for the Hospitality and Game Room. Tuesday night is a fun night. Wear your tee shirt. Dr. Gray still has a few at \$20 each. Lapel pins are \$5. * Please contribute to the March of Dimes. \$400 was sent from the unit. Send individual donations to March of Dimes Processing Center, Attention Mrs. Smalls, P. O. Box 18819, Atlanta, GA 31126. * Dr. Gray attended the GREA Board of Directors' Meeting at Jekyll Island. Chatham County is doing a great job under President Mitchell's leadership.

Area Director's Report: Dr. Cooper was unavailable.

Membership, Local: Ms. A. Smith reported that CREA exceeded its goal of 125 members. She thanked us for our hard work.

Membership, State: Mrs. Platts reported that we need 11 new GREA members. She thanked us for recruiting. The deadline is April 1.

Membership Committee/Webmaster: Dr. Baker was unavailable.

Necrology: Mrs. Golden read the names of those who passed while we observed a moment of silence. If you know of a retired educator who has passed, please call Mrs. Golden at 912-353-9451 or e-mail at gggolden22@comcast.net or e-mail Mrs. Bruen at jbb Bruen@comcast.net.

Newsletter & Public Relations: Dr. B. Roberts reported she emailed CREA Connections Newsletter to members, submitted an article to the *Savannah Tribune*, submitted pictures to GREA's Facebook page, reserved the Elks Lodge for the CREA meeting, scheduled Zoom and set up the technology and the PowerPoint for the March meeting, updated CREA's Face Book page, and took pictures of Dewey Lee Scholarship recipient, Justin Todd. Dr. Roberts will be a counselor at Rice Creek for the rest of the year. She needs people to talk to children about careers.

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Minutes, March 13, 2023

In-Touch: Dr. McCord Best was unavailable. Please call her at 912-596-6602 or e-mail at mccord4621@comcast.net to report any member who is ill/recuperating/hospitalized.

Spotlight Ads: Mrs. A. Mitchell encouraged members to continue to donate. Those who donated will receive a special treat at the next meeting.

Volunteer & Community Services: Mrs. A. Mitchell informed us that GMAS testing is coming up. We will donate snacks and pencils to J. G. Low Elementary. Please bring the items to the next meeting. In the report Mrs. D. Adams sent, she requested members to email their volunteer sheet to her. She also asked those who volunteered at the Feed the Hungry events to send their names and number of hours spent at each event.

GREA Convention: Mrs. A. Mitchell stated the delegates to the convention are the six CREA officers. They must attend meetings and vote. Three cannot attend and so Mrs. Platts, Mrs. Gillans, and Dr. B. Roberts will attend as delegates. They should see the treasurer before they leave. Online members should place their names in the chat room if they plan to attend the convention. The list shows 21 members plan to attend.

GREA Transportation: Mrs. Howard has reserved a 15 passenger van for May 2-4 with Enterprise. The cost is \$763.95. This comes to \$51 per person. Someone must drive. The hotel rooms are \$149 plus tax, which is \$351.72 for both nights. Parking is \$7 per day. Let Mrs. A. Mitchell know if you are driving. Mrs. E. Washington is willing to share a room. April 1 is the early bird deadline for registration for the convention. Dr. Gray will sponsor Mrs. McCullough's spot on the van.

New Business

Nominating Committee Report: The members of the Nominating Committee are Mrs. P. Simmons, Dr. T. Lewis, and Ms. O. Flournoy. Mrs. A. Mitchell presented the slate of officers for the 2023-24 year. The floor was opened for additional nominations, and Ms. Flournoy called for nominations three times for each position. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers for the 2023-24 year. By a show of hands, the members voted 33-0 to accept this slate. Mrs. D. Wilson stated the position is Assistant Secretary, not Corresponding Secretary. With the correction, the elected officers for CREA's 2023-24 year are

President-Elect: Princetta Simmons
Secretary: Gail Moyer
Assistant Secretary: Eunice Washington
Treasurer: Wilmotine Ellis
Assistant Treasurer: Mary Shank

President-Elect Carrie Howard will serve as President. President A. Mitchell will serve as Vice President. The installation of the officers will occur at the April meeting.

Reminders and Announcements: Mrs. A. Mitchell asked us to continue donating to the March of Dimes. \$116.50 was collected today. * Please sign up for the social after the April meeting. It will be held at Carey Hilliard's and cost \$25 per person for the buffet with two entrees.* Mrs. Bruen reminded members to speak into the microphone. Zoom members can't hear you when you speak without the microphone.

Closing Prayer: Mrs. R. Jackson gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: Mrs. A. Mitchell adjourned the meeting.

Attendance: 45

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Moyer, Secretary
moyerga13@att.net

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Swearing In Ceremony for the 2023-2024 Chatham REA Officers



2023-2024 Chatham REA Officers

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| President | Mrs. Carrie Howard |
| President-Elect | Mrs. Princetta Simmons |
| Vice-President | Mrs. Annette Mitchell |
| Secretary | Ms. Gail Moyer |
| Assistant Secretary | Mrs. Eunice Washington |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Wilmotine Ellis |
| Assistant Treasurer | Mrs. Mary Shank |
| Chaplain | Mrs. Rosa Jackson |
| Past President | Mrs. Annette Mitchell |

Congratulations!

CREA NECROLOGY REPORT

March

Diane A. Connerat

3/23/2023

Teacher

Bessie Washington

3/22/2023

Paraprofessional

Jane W. Shuman

3/31/2023

Teacher

Please observe the deadline at the end of each month for reporting deaths.

Mrs. Geneva Golden- ggolden22@comcast.net or 912-398-8570

Mrs. Janie B. Bruen- jbbruen@comcast.net or 912-897-4037

Happy Birthday CREA Members!

<i>Virginia Maynor</i>	<i>April 1</i>		
<i>Kathye Jinks</i>	<i>April 9</i>		
<i>Carrie Manigo</i>	<i>April 24</i>	<i>Sarah Jackson</i>	<i>May 19</i>
<i>Dr. Connie Cooper</i>	<i>April 25</i>	<i>Betty LG Morgan</i>	<i>May 30</i>
<i>Cecile Burke</i>	<i>April 30</i>		

<i>Dr. Virginia Morrison</i>	<i>June 17</i>
<i>Carolyn Daniels</i>	<i>June 19</i>
<i>Dr. Gordon N. Baker</i>	<i>June 30</i>

<i>Lucille Bacon</i>	<i>July 7</i>
<i>Omie Flournoy</i>	<i>July 7</i>
<i>Beverly Copeland</i>	<i>July 7</i>
<i>Carrie Howard</i>	<i>July 15</i>
<i>Lawanda Ransom</i>	<i>July 16</i>
<i>Johnye W. Gillans</i>	<i>July 17</i>
<i>Arthur Howard</i>	<i>July 26</i>
<i>Dr. Sandra McCord Best</i>	<i>July 27</i>
<i>Mary Shank</i>	<i>July 27</i>
<i>Dr. Pamela West</i>	<i>July 29</i>

<i>Eunice Washington</i>	<i>August 2</i>
<i>Jessie C. Deloach</i>	<i>August 3</i>
<i>Audrey B. Singleton</i>	<i>August 9</i>
<i>Geneva Golden</i>	<i>August 5</i>
<i>Janie B. Bruen</i>	<i>August 10</i>
<i>Susie Williams</i>	<i>August 10</i>
<i>Felecia Roberts</i>	<i>August 17</i>
<i>Alfreda Goldwire</i>	<i>August 26</i>
<i>Annette Mitchell</i>	<i>August 29</i>

**Chatham Retired Educators Association
Financial Report
March 31, 2023**

Beginning Balance March 1, 2023	10,034.25
Deposits: 3-1-23 Dues: 20.00; 3-21-23 Dues: 100.00 3-29-23 March of Dimes: 157.20	
Total Deposits: 277.20	10,311.45

**Disbursements: 3-13-23 #1159 Alexander Richardson
1000.00(Scholarship)
#1160 Justin Todd 1000.00 (Scholarship); #1161 Annette Mitchell
536.72 (GREA CONV.REGISTRATION/HOTEL); #1162 Carrie Howard
536.72 GREA Registration/Hotel; #1163 Dorothy Wilson 135.00
GREA Registration; #1164 Dottie Platts 185.00 GREA registration;
#1165 Johnye Gillans 185.00 GREA registration; #1166 Annette Smith
GREA registration; #1167 Martha McCullough \$185.00 GREA
registration;
#1168 Brenda Roberts 185.00 GREA registration;
3-20-23 #1169 Gordon Baker 185.00 GREA registration;**

Total Disbursements: 4318.44	5993.01
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Bank Balance 3-31-23	5993.01
Checkbook Balance 3-31-23	5993.01
Ledger Balance 3-31-23	5993.01

**Respectfully submitted,
Annette Mitchell, President
Wilmotine Ellis. Treasurer**