# **CREA Connections**

### **Newsletter of the Chatham Retired Educators Association**



## 2023 Chatham REA School Tour

Members of the Chatham REA took a tour of the brand-new, state-of-the-art Herschel V. Jenkins Monday, January 9 2023. The tour of schools is an annual event, where members visit new schools in the district. The tour was conducted by Jenkins High Principal, Mrs. Heather Handy, and Assistant Principal, Mr. Alfred Williams.

Mrs. Handy shared a wealth of information about the construction of the building and how exciting it was for the students, faculty, and staff to be involved, and watch the new building being constructed while they continued to attend classes in the old building. Materials from the old building were incorporated into the new building to maintain the rich history of Jenkins High School.

The students have many career pathways to choose from that will prepare them for future careers. It was a very informative tour that provided Chatham REA members with a wealth of knowledge about the current technology and curriculum.

#### From The Desk of Chatham REA President Annette Mitchell



Members,

There was no scheduled meeting in January, but we had a great time at our January event, touring Herschel V. Jenkins High School.

Members, thank you for showing up in great numbers. Thanks to President-Elect Carrie Howard and H.V. Jenkins teacher Ruby Hall for arranging the school tour. Hats off to the best tour guide, Principal Heather Handy, who was excited to see many of us interested in the new building.

Service was slow, but the company was great. Thank you to those members who gathered for fellowship and fun after the tour. Special thanks to those who purchased "Spotlight "ads and to those who donated to the scholarship

fund. It was a great tour and an awesome fellowship.

Hugs and kisses for the gift card donations. The gift cards were donated to Tom Austin House and Greenbriar Children's Center. Members again volunteered with the Carl Gilyard "Feed the Hungry" in December, and we also had several members who volunteered at the Greenbriar Gift Wrap Center. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

Members, see the information included in this newsletter about the GREA Convention. Please register for the convention and make your hotel reservation as soon as possible. Let me know if you need assistance with registration or the reservation.

We are still recruiting GREA and Chatham REA members. Please assist with the recruitment; an additional twenty-five new members are needed to receive the "Unit of Distinction" this year. Contact Mrs. Dottie Platts and Mrs. Annette Smith for applications.

Thanks to the members who came out to the December unit meeting. Our face-to-face numbers are increasing but still not enough to return our meeting to Carey Hilliard's Restaurant. Reminder, we need a minimum of 60 members purchasing a meal to request the banquet room. The February and March unit meetings will be held at the Elks Lodge, 183 Wilshire Blvd. Please share this information with our members.

Be blessed,

**Annette** 

#### REGISTRATION FORM

# GREA 63nd Annual Convention Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center, Augusta, Georgia May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### Please do a separate form for each person registering! Regular Registration Deadline April 14th

Name on convention badge					
Local Unit Name and Area	Of	ffice hel	ld		
Address		Phone			
City		State			
Registration for the Convention			\$50	Amt.	\$
Early Bird Registration before Apri	il l <sup>st</sup>		\$40		\$
Tuesday Banquet May 2nd	6:30 p.m	1.	\$50	Amt.	\$
Wednesday Awards Breakfast May 3rd	8:30 a.m.		<b>\$</b> 45	Amt.	\$
Wednesday Night Banquet May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m	L.	\$50	Amt.	\$
		,	Total Due	\$	

Your check should be for the total amount shown above. Please do not include any other types of payment/donations in your Registration check. No refunds after April 14<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that meal tickets must be bought <u>before</u> the convention and they will not be sold at the convention. Everyone taking part in any convention activities including meals must register for the convention.

Mail to: GREA Convention Registration P.O Box 1379

Flowery Branch, Ga. 30542

Deadline to register is April 18, 2022. After that registration will be at the convention! The number to call for reservations is 1-800-228-9290 (GREA Annual Convention) or use the weblink below to book your Group Rate for the GREA 2023 Convention before April 10, 2023. The convention rate is available May 1-4 though most of you will want May 2-4. Guests must enter exact arrival and departure dates.

RESERVATIONS



Brenda L Roberts is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Chatham REA Meeting** 

Time: February 13, 2023, 10:45 AM

**Join Zoom Meeting** 

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85925840048?pwd=cY1OGR8aw8LydzCQAjbAgzWB3cSbmn.1

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