

Newsletter of the Chatham Retired Educators Association



Upcoming Events

2/1-29/2024

Black History Month



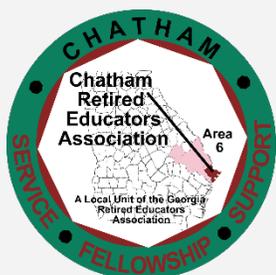
3/11/2024

CREA Meeting



3/17/2024

St. Patrick's Day



The monthly meeting of Chatham Retired Educators Association was held on February 12, 2024 at the Rebecca Padgett Event Center on Highway 17 (Ogeechee Road). The meeting opened with President-Elect Mrs. Princetta Simmons presiding. Following the inspiration and prayer by Mrs. Rosa Jackson, President Mrs. Carrie Howard continued the meeting.

The center was beautifully adorned in festive Valentine's Day red with CREA members wearing the colors also.

Mrs. Katee Macauley, Health Educator for the Georgia Department of Health, spoke about the signs of heart disease, healthy eating and what we can do to control our weight.

Mrs. Lorraine Bowers, President of Chatham Association of Educators, spoke about volunteering in the local school system. Mrs. Mary Shank encouraged members to join or renew membership in Phi Delta Kappa.

Door prizes were presented with proceeds from the gifts going towards of scholarship fund. After all reports were made, the meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer and grace by Mrs. Rosa Jackson.

A delicious repast was prepared by President Carrie Howard.

Get ready for the **GREA Conference**, which will be held May 2-4, 2023 in Augusta, GA..

Encourage your Retired Friends to Join the Chatham REA today!!

**Chatham Retired Educators Association
Minutes, December 11, 2023**

Call to Order & Welcome: President C. Howard called the meeting to order and welcomed us.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Howard led "The Pledge of Allegiance".

Inspiration & Invocation: Mrs. R. Jackson led the invocation and inspiration.

Presentation & Approval of Minutes: Ms. Moyer presented the November 13, 2023, Minutes. The appropriate motions were made and the November Minutes were accepted as printed.

Reading of Correspondence: Mrs. Howard read a thank you note from St. Paul's CME Church for CREA's donation on Retired Educators' Day.

Financial Report: Mrs. Ellis gave the November Financial Report. She reported that the checkbook and ledger balanced at \$7230.08. The bank is also in agreement when an outstanding check of \$50 is subtracted from the bank's balance. The report was filed for audit.

December Birthday Celebration: Mrs. Copeland recognized those with December birthdays. The members sang Stevie Wonder's rendition of "Happy Birthday".

President's Report (Emailed): Mrs. Howard prepared for, held, and attended meetings; visited the site for the remaining meetings; contacted the caterer for the holiday social; sent information to members; recruited new members and updated the membership roster; sent letters of invitation to newly retired educators whose emails were provided; monitored classes at Groves High during the GMAS test; and attended the viewing of our deceased member, Mr. N. Thomas, and husband of Dr. Priscilla Thomas. Mrs. Howard reminded the committee chairs that they don't report unless they have something to add to their printed report.

Area Director: Dr. Cooper thanked us for choosing her church and the contribution given on GRE Day. She encouraged us to attend the May convention. A new administration is coming in. She wished us a happy and safe holiday.

GREA Immediate Past President and Georgia Retired Educators' Museum President: Dr. Gray announced the new Area 6 Director will be Dr. G. Yarborough from Bulloch County. As GREM President, Dr. Gray wants us to visit the museum. This year's convention will be in Athens, GA. She wished us a safe and enjoyable Christmas season.

Program: President Elect Simmons introduced our speaker, Ms. Mioshei Mobley, of the Dedicated Senior Medical Center in Savannah, a primary care provider for seniors 55 years of age and older. She explained how they work with their patients and that their primary goal is preventative care.

Membership, Local: Ms. A. Smith is sending cards and making calls. Please continue to recruit. We have approximately 78 local members. She recognized new members Glenda James and Valerie Johnson.

Membership, State: Mrs. Dottie Platts reported 24 new GREA members. Please continue to recruit because we need 52 new GREA members.

Necrology: Mr. Howard read the names of retired educators and of a student who passed while the members observed a moment of silence. He discussed how the Necrology Committee shows respect to retired educators, district staff, and their families.

Newsletter & Public Relations: Dr. B. Roberts reported she mailed and emailed the November CREA newsletters to members; updated the CREA Facebook page; mailed thank you cards for the Retired Educators' Day Proclamations; sent CREA news to GREA's Facebook page; sent an article to GREA's *Bulletin*; mailed 77 postcard invitations to new retirees; and submitted an article to the *Savannah Tribune*.

Webmaster's Report: Dr. Baker thanked Dr. B. Roberts for most of the pictures on the web site, ChathamREAonline.com . The web site has been updated with October and November newsletters and meeting pages and a page celebrating the 2023 Proclamations. To post on the web site, please send the information to President Howard for approval.

Volunteer & Community Services: Mrs. D. Adams' report stated that the Christmas Feed the Hungry will be on December 23 at the Enmarket Arena. However, this was updated to December 20. Please text Mrs. Adams by Wednesday to order the T-shirt. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Adams at 912-663-2309.

Spotlight Ads: Dr. West thanked those who have participated so far. We have reached \$650, which is 43% of our goal. Spotlight Ads are \$50. All the money goes to our local scholarship Fund. Ads are posted on the CREA web site.

In Touch: Dr. Best reported that cards were sent to Dr. Baker and Mrs. T. Thompson and follow up phone calls were made. Please continue to pray for them. Let Dr. Best know of any members who are ill, recuperating, or hospitalized. Call 912-596-6602 or email mccord4621@comcast.net

Silent Auction: Dr. Grant's committee collected 21 items for the auction. Each item was labeled and numbered and has a brief description. There is an auction sheet which also has a starting bid. You may buy the item outright. The auction closes at the end of today's meeting after lunch.

State Museum: President Howard stated that the GREM tour will be in May. Only approximately 25 have signed up. Let Mrs. E. Washington know if you're interested in going so a bus can be arranged. Dr. Gray is going but she will drive.

Reminders and Announcements: Mrs. Howard sent emails to new retirees. She welcomed those in attendance and joining today. Dr. Cooper reminded us that the state membership report is due by April 1. We must increase state membership by 7% to become a Unit of Distinction. Dr. Gray reminded us that GREA dues can be deducted from our check at \$2 per month.

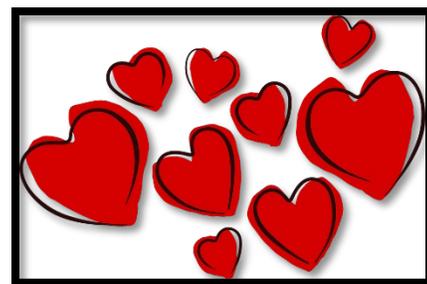
December Festivities: President Elect Simmons and other members led us in the singing of Christmas carols. We then pulled numbers for the Secret Santa gift exchange. We matched that number to our gift.

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

Adjournment: Mrs. Howard adjourned the meeting and invited us to partake in the lunch.

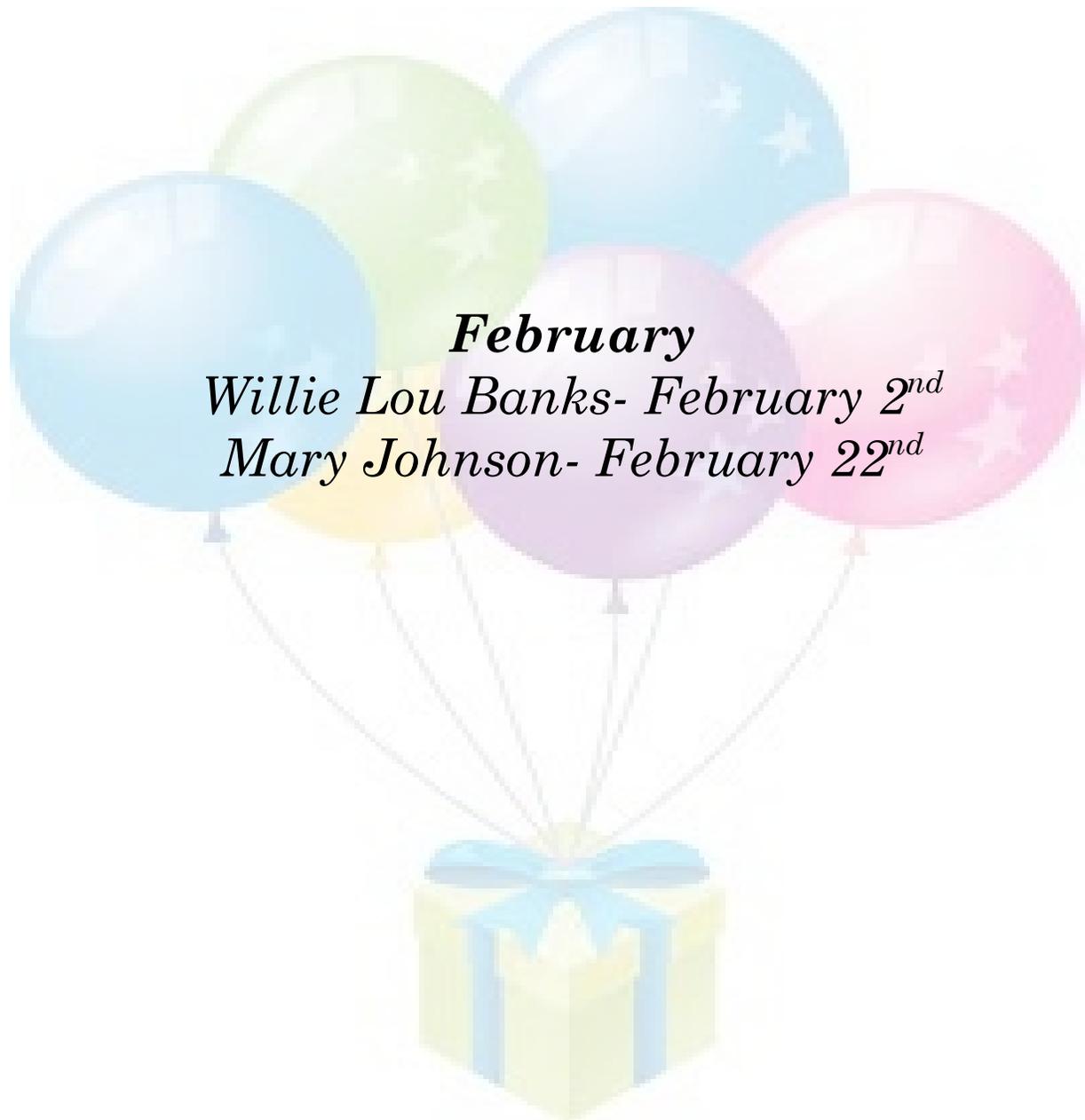
Attendance: 47

Respectfully Submitted,
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★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday CREA Members!!



February

Willie Lou Banks- February 2nd

Mary Johnson- February 22nd

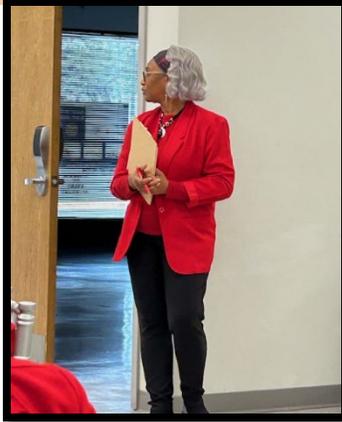
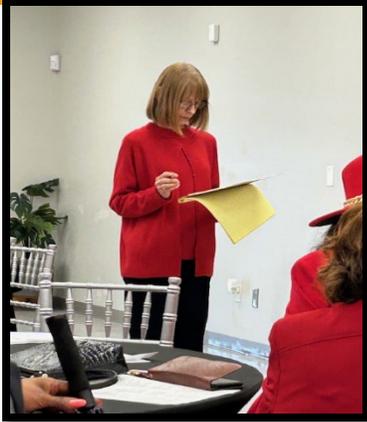
NECROLOGY REPORT

Semag Floyd	Student 10th	Jenkins High	December 4
Anna Aikens	Teacher	Savannah High	December 21
Kelly Owens	Transportation	Bus Driver	January 13
Kiana Freeman	Student-3rd	Butler	January 13
Ashley Harrison	Nurse	May Howard	January 18
Jerrie Wichman	Executive	Academic	January 19
Jacqueline Hill Bryant	Teacher	Retired	January 24
Breonna Moffett	2019 Graduate	WFHS	January 28

Please support the Necrology Committee by texting information about deceased members to:

912-663-6692





*Scenes
From the
February
2024
Meeting*

