

Newsletter of the Chatham Retired Educators Association

Upcoming Events

2/1-28/2023
Black History Month



3/13/2023
CREA Meeting

3/17/2023
St. Patrick's Day



The Chatham REA held its monthly meeting on February 13, 2023 at the Elks Lodge and on Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chatham REA President Mrs. Annette Mitchell. A video of the "Pledge of Allegiance" was shared from Mrs. Kiser's Class at Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy, Lafayette, LA.. Mrs. Rosa Jackson shared the inspirational reading and Invocation. Members who celebrated birthdays in January & February were recognized.

The February Guest Speaker was **Ms. Lisa McKenzie** from the Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA). She shared information about various insurance plans that are available to cover issues that impact health, hospitalization, and travel. She also provided suggestions on how retired people should plan for short and long term health care.

Chatham REA will award the Dewey Lee Scholarship of \$1,000 each at the upcoming meeting to a student from Savannah State and a student from Georgia Southern University.

At the March meeting, members will nominate CREA Officers for the 2023-2024 year. They will be installed at the April 10, 2023 meeting.

Get ready for the **GREA Conference**, which will be held May 2-4, 2023 in Augusta, GA. The GREA Conference Registration form is at the end of this newsletter.

You may attend the March meeting **in person** or log in for the meeting beginning at 10:45 am on **Zoom**. The meeting begins promptly at 11:00 am!! The Zoom link is included in this newsletter.

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

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



Ways to Contact CREA
Website: www.chathamreaonline.com

Mrs. Annette Mitchell
CREA President
P.O. Box 15105
Savannah, GA 31416

A portrait of Mrs. Annette Mitchell, a woman with dark curly hair, wearing a purple top and a white necklace, smiling.

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@Chatham Retired Educators Association

The Twitter logo, a blue bird.

"Like" us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Chatham-Retired-Educators-Association-1627759420832957/>

A blue 3D Facebook Like button with the text 'Like Us on Facebook'.

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

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" with a video of a young boy reciting it.

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

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

Program: Mrs. Howard led members in the Christmas Family Feud game and the Christmas Right and Left game. The winners received prizes.

Presentation & Approval of Minutes: The appropriate motions were made and the November Minutes were accepted as written.

Reading of Correspondence: Mrs. M. Frazier reported receiving a request for volunteers from Erica Johnson, the Georgia Beta State Sponsor for High Schools. Volunteers would judge events at their state convention in January.

Presentation & Adoption of Budget: Mrs. Ellis reported that as of November 30, 2022, the checkbook, ledger, and bank each have a balance of \$9649.38. 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 December meeting, consulting with the President-Elect about the December program, and printing and mailing copies of the CREA newsletter to members without e-mail addresses. She also attended the Feed the Hungry orientation, distributed the shirts, and participated in the food giveaway.

GREA President's Report: Dr. Gray is speaking at another unit meeting.

Area Director's Report: Dr. Cooper had no new updates. She introduced and CREA recognized Dr. Cooper's 99 year-old mother who was in attendance and is a retired educator from Florida.

Membership, Local: Mrs. A. Smith reported that as of today, CREA is almost at its goal of 125 members. She thanked the Membership Committee for their hard work and wished us a Merry Christmas.

Membership, State: Mrs. Platts reported that we need 28 new GREA members. She asked us to check the list for people we know and can reach out to. Dr. Cooper suggested checking with the school system to see who is retiring at the end of December.

Membership Committee: Mr. Baker did not have an update from the Membership Committee. He updated CREA's web page and would like any CREA pictures you have.

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 ggolden22@comcast.net or e-mail Mrs. Bruen at jbbruen@comcast.net.

Newsletter & Public Relations: Dr. B. Roberts reported she mailed and emailed CREA Connections Newsletter to members, submitted an article to the *Savannah Tribune*, reserved the Elks' Lodge for the CREA meeting, scheduled Zoom and set up technology for the CREA meeting, updated CREA's Face Book page, mailed thank you cards for the Retired Educators Day Proclamations, took pictures of CREA

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members at the Feed the Hungry Thanksgiving event and accompanied President A. Mitchell to deliver fruit baskets to five alternative schools.

In-Touch: No report. Please call Dr. McCord-Best at 912-596-6602 or e-mail at mccord4621@comcast.net to report any member who is ill/recuperating/hospitalized.

Scholarship: Mrs. Singleton thanked those who supported the Scholarship Fund. The fund has just over half the \$2000 needed. Applications will go out the first week of January. Please donate as part of your Christmas giving. Mrs. Singleton asked if the scholarships could be reduced to \$500 each, but this was denied.

Bylaws: Mrs. Gillans informed us that we will vote on the proposed Bylaws changes at the February meeting. Please contact her with any questions.

Spotlight Ads: President Mitchell reminded members about Spotlight Ads. The money goes to the Scholarship Fund. You can give the money to Mrs. Ellis today.

Volunteer & Community Services: Mrs. D. Adams thanked those who participated in the Thanksgiving Feed the Hungry event. There are two more giveaways, December 19 and January 16. Call her with questions at 912-663-2309. She also asked members to turn in their names and number of volunteer hours they have.

American Education Week: Mrs. A. Mitchell reported that the staffs at the alternative schools appreciated the fruit baskets.

Gift Cards: During the week of Christmas, the gift cards will be delivered to Greenbriar and to the Austin House. If you haven't donated, please do so.

Convention Transportation: If you are interested in attending and riding together, please let Mrs. A. Mitchell know so we know what size bus to rent.

Reminders and Announcements: Mrs. A. Mitchell asked us to continue donating to the March of Dimes. Send in forms by January 1. * She reminded us that we need 60 people to buy meals in order to return to Carey Hilliard's. * She wished us a safe and merry Christmas. Mrs. A. Mitchell provided lunch with the help of several members. Mrs. Howard and Mrs. R Jackson provided dessert.

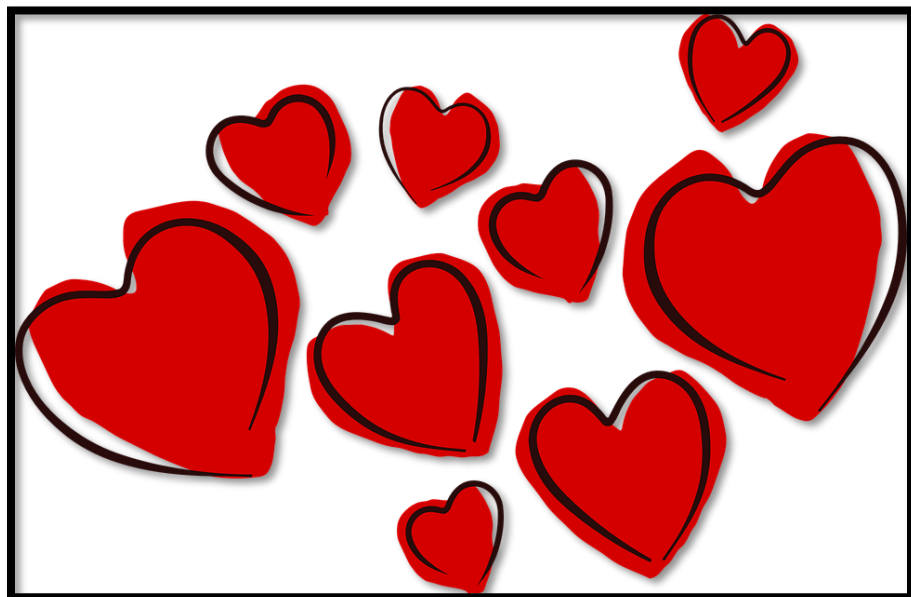
Closing Prayer: Mrs. R. Jackson gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment: Mrs. A. Mitchell adjourned the meeting.

Presentation: A poinsettia was presented to Dr. Cooper.

Attendance: 45

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Moyer, Secretary,
moyergal3@att.net



“This is my wish for you:
Comfort on difficult days,
smiles when sadness intrudes,
rainbows to follow the clouds,
laughter to kiss your lips,
sunsets to warm your heart,
hugs when spirits sag,
beauty for your eyes to see,
friendships to brighten your being,
faith so that you can believe,
confidence for when you doubt,
courage to know yourself,
patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1803-1882)

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February Meeting Highlights**



Chatham REA Leads The Way!

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

February

Willie Lou Banks- February 2nd

Mary Johnson- February 22nd

Happy Birthday CREA Members!!

CREA NECROLOGY REPORT
February Meeting

December

Ann Davidson 12/22/2022
Teacher/Lead Coordinator, Learning Disabilities Division

Christa Eallonardo 12/20/2022 Counselor

January

Linda P. Harper 1/8/2023 Teacher
Judith P. Lewis 1/9/2023 Teacher
Rosanne MacCauley 1/11/2023 Teacher
Kenneth Sitterson 1/17/2023 Teacher
Wanda L. Walker 1/18/2023 Teacher
Gloria M. Sinclair 1/23/2023 Paraprofessional

February

Emery Ramsey 2/6/2023 Teacher/Coach

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



**The Chatham REA will meet in person on
March 13, 2023 at the Elks Lodge,
183 Wilshire Blvd. Sign in begins at 10:30
and the meeting will begin at 11:00 AM**

*******YOU MAY JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM!!*******

Brenda L Roberts is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: Chatham REA Meeting

Time: March 13, 2023 at 10:45 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 859 2584 0048

Passcode: 261476

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 646 931 3860 US

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

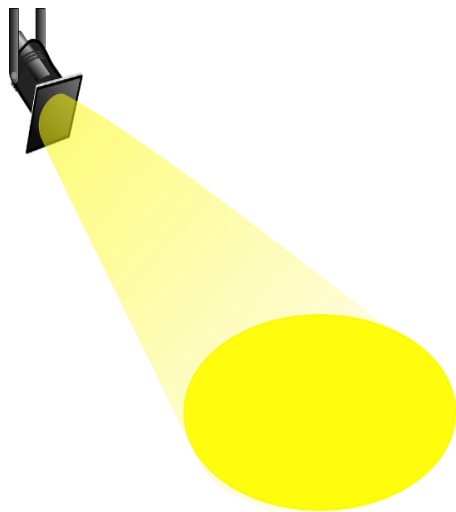
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CREA SPOTLIGHT ADS

- Make your check payable to CREA
- Mail: Dr. Pamela D. West, 13 Oleander Avenue, Savannah, GA 31404
- Phone: 912-398-0839

Business Name _____

Person's Name/Title *(only if to be included in ad)* _____

Nature of Business, Slogan, etc. *(only if to be included in ad)* _____

Address _____
STREET OR P.O. BOX CITY STATE ZIP

In Honor of In Memory of *(check one)*

Individual(s) Name(s) _____

By _____

City or County _____

**REGISTRATION FORM
 GREA 63rd Annual Convention
 Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center, Augusta, Georgia
 May 2nd – 4th, 2023**

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

Name on convention badge _____

Local Unit Name and Area _____ Office held _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____

Registration for the Convention		\$50	Amt. \$	_____
Early Bird Registration before April 1 st		\$40	Amt. \$	_____
Tuesday Banquet May 2 nd	6:30 p.m.	\$50	Amt. \$	_____
Wednesday Awards Breakfast May 3 rd	8:30 a.m.	\$45	Amt. \$	_____
Wednesday Night Banquet May 3 rd	6:30 p.m.	\$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 14th. A reminder that meal tickets must be bought before 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 14, 2023. 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