

CREA Connections

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A Newsletter of the Chatham Retired Educators Association



Upcoming Events

4/10/2023
CREA Meeting

3/1-3/31/2023
Women's History Month
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
Honoring the contributions of women
HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN

3/17/2023
St. Patrick's Day



3/20/2023
First Day of Spring



The March CREA monthly meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Annette Mitchell on March 13, 2023. After reciting The "Pledge of Allegiance" Mrs. Rosa Jackson shared an inspirational reading and the Invocation. Members born in March were recognized with "Happy Birthday" Greetings.

The **Dewey Lee Scholarship** was awarded to **Mr. Alexander Richardson**, a Junior at Savannah State University, and **Mr. Justin Todd**, a Senior at Georgia Southern University.. They both received a \$1,000 scholarship to further their educational goals. Congratulations to these Exceptional Scholars!!

The 2023-2024 slate of CREA Officers were presented, and the membership voted unanimously. They are listed below and will be installed at the April 10, 2023 meeting. The **GREA Convention** will be held May 2-4, 2023 in Augusta, GA. The registration form is included with this newsletter.

Volunteer & Community Service Forms are due in April. A copy of the form is included in this newsletter.

Remember to give to the March of Dimes! Please mail your check to: March of Dimes, Attn: Rochelle Smalls, 3495 Piedmont Road NE, Building 12 Suite 210 Atlanta, GA 30305.

The April 10, 2023 meeting will be held at the **Southwest Chatham Library, 14097 Abercorn Street**. Registration for the in-person meeting begins at 10:30 am. Login on Zoom begins at 10:45. The Zoom login information is included. The meeting begins promptly at 11:00 am!! Please continue to Recruit New Members!!!

2023-2024 Chatham REA Officers

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

Congratulations!

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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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Call to Order and Welcome: President A. Mitchell called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and wished us a fabulous February and Happy New Year.

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 Mrs. Kiser's second grade class in Lafayette, Louisiana.

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

Birthday Celebration: Mrs. Miller recognized members who have January and February birthdays.

Program: Mrs. Howard introduced our speaker, Ms. Lisa McKenzie, AMBA representative. She explained some of the many supplemental insurance plans AMBA offers.

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

Reading of Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Ellis reported that as of January 31, 2023, the checkbook, ledger, and bank each have a balance of \$9929.19. 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 February meeting, consulting with the President-Elect about the February program, preparing the combined unit meeting reports, and printing and mailing copies of the CREA newsletter to members without e-mail addresses. She also sent a thank you note to Mrs. Handy, Principal of H.V. Jenkins High, for the fantastic school tour.

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

Area Director's Report: Dr. Cooper thanked Ms. McKenzie for being here and encouraged members to use GREA's resources. * She asked us to contribute to the March of Dimes. * Dr. Cooper informed us of the governor's push to raise teachers' pay. There is a pilot three-year old program at Gould. We hope funds will be available for seven more of them. * Dr. Cooper updated us about the convention in May in Augusta. Mrs. Howard is checking into vans. * Dr. Cooper reminded us about the three community service programs for Unit of Distinction.

Membership, Local: Mrs. A. Smith reported that as of today, CREA exceeded its goal of 125 members. We have a new member today! She thanked the Membership Committee for bringing CREA into the 21st century. Mrs. Smith also reminded us that you don't have to be a teacher to join CREA.

Membership, State: Mrs. Platts reported that we need 22 new GREA members. She thanked us for recruiting.

Membership Committee/Webmaster: The Membership Committee is still working. Dr. Baker updated CREA's web page and added pictures.

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 jbbrien@comcast.net.

Newsletter & Public Relations: Dr. B. Roberts reported she mailed and emailed CREA Connections Newsletter to members, submitted an article to GREA for the *Spring Bulletin*, reserved the Elks' Lodge for the CREA meeting, scheduled Zoom and set up the technology and the PowerPoint for the February meeting, updated CREA's Face Book page, and took pictures of CREA presentations to Greenbriar and to the Austin House.

In-Touch: Dr. McCord-Best handed out candy for Valentine's Day. Please call her 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. She explained the scholarship application process and announced the names of the two scholarship recipients: Alexander Richardson, Jr., from SSU and Justin Todd from GSU-Armstrong Campus. They will be invited to the March meeting.

Bylaws: Mrs. Gillans presented the amended Bylaws to President Mitchell for acceptance. The motion was made and seconded to accept the updated version of the Bylaws of CREA. The vote was 34 in favor and 0 opposed. The updated version of CREA's Bylaws was accepted.

Spotlight Ads: Dr. West thanked those who participated and has a special treat for them. A total of \$1050 was collected. The money stays here for our Scholarship Fund.

Volunteer & Community Services: Mrs. A. Mitchell is collecting the volunteer forms and will give them to Mrs. D. Adams. If you participated in the Feed the Hungry events, text your name and total number of hours to Mrs. Adams. Text each event separately. For individual volunteer hours, use the Volunteer Service Form. Give this to President Mitchell.

Pictures: Pictures of the presentation of gift cards at Greenbriar and at the Austin House were shown. There was a picture of CREA at Jenkins High Tour of Schools in January, 2023.

GREA Convention: Convention information will be sent to you. Four people indicated they would probably drive to Augusta. Ten people indicated they would like to go on the van.

Reminders and Announcements: Mrs. A. Mitchell asked us to continue donating to the March of Dimes. * We will meet at the Elks Lodge in March. * New members were recognized.

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

Adjournment: Mrs. A. Mitchell adjourned the meeting.

Attendance: 47

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

Greetings From CREA President Annette Mitchell

Chatham REA members,

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. We celebrate the achievements of women all over the world during the month of March. As you know by now, I love to read and share quotes; therefore, this month is no different. I have selected several quotes from known and unknown women worldwide to share. I hope that you enjoy them.

Annette Mitchell, President

When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." - Audre Lorde.

"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception." - Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." -Alice Walker.

"No country can ever truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contributions of half of its citizens." -Michelle Obama.

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." - Shirley Chisholm.

"I can promise you that women working together -linked, informed, and educated- can bring peace and prosperity to this forsaken planet." -Isabel Allende

"When a woman knows her rights, how to use them, and how to advocate for her rights, she is stronger." -Amal.

Women for Women International Program Participant

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CREA Necrology Report



January Addendum

Ellen Brown	1/27/2023	SNP Assistant
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February

Tishia Dobson	2/8/2023	Teacher
Dorothy M Wade	2/10/2023	Teacher
Constance Swagart	2/20/23	Teacher
Sandra J. Carter	2/20/2023	Teacher
Laura D. Myers	2/24/2023	Paraprofessional

March

Courtney P. Bertram	3/2/2023	Teacher
Richardean Gresham	3/2/2023	Paraprofessional
Bettye Sawyer	3/8/2023	Media Clerk
Carolyn Lance	3/12/2023	SNP Manager, (Retired)

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

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

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

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2023 Dewey Lee Scholarship Recipient Justin Todd



Senior at Georgia Southern University – Armstrong Campus, Honor Student with a 3.82 GPA, Student Teacher at Godley Station in Pooler, GA, member of Nick Mamalakis Emerging Leaders Program and a great player of sports (Intramural soccer, basketball and volleyball).

Goals:

To become a History Teacher

Long Term: To become an Athletic Director

Congratulations!

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2023 Dewey Lee Scholarship Recipient Alexander Richardson



Junior at Savannah State University, Honor Student with a 3.94 GPA, SGA's Chief Justice, Founder/President of iTIGER MALE Teaching Initiative Program, Vice President of Collegiate 100, Georgia Association of Educators, NAACP, Mr. 2021-and now serves as Mr. College of Education 2022-2023

Goals: To obtain a Master of Science in Mathematics and become a Mathematics Teacher and eventually become an Instructional Coach.

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March Meeting Highlights



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FYI.....For Your Information

VOLUNTEER SERVICE RECORD

Name _____

List below volunteer service and date

Date	Describe your Volunteer Service	Time
Total Hours		

This record should be submitted to Mrs. Deborah Adams. You may mail your form to 745. E 34th Street, Savannah, GA 31401, or email the form to her at dadams54@bellsouth.net.

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REGISTRATION FORM

GREA 63rd Annual Convention
Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center, Augusta, GA
May 2-4, 2023

Please complete a separate form for each person registering!

Regular Registration Deadline April 14, 2023

Name on convention badge _____

Local Unit Name and Area _____ Office held _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____

Table with 4 columns: Activity, Time, Price, Amount. Rows include Registration for the Convention (\$50), Early Bird Registration before April 1st (\$40), Tuesday Tailgate May 2nd (6:30 p.m., \$50), Wednesday Awards Breakfast May 3rd (8:30 a.m., \$45), and Wednesday Night Banquet May 3rd (6:30 p.m., \$50).

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, 2023. 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 1-866-469-5461 (GREA Annual Convention) or use the weblink below to book your Group Rate for the GREA 2023 Convention before April 10, 2023.

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Rashida Piankhi	3-4
Lessie Porter	3-7
Dorothy B. Wilson	3-15
Kathy Smith	3-15
Mary Griggs	3-31



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

*Topic: Chatham REA Zoom Meeting
Time: Monday, April 10, 2023, 10:45 am*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85925840048?pwd=cYIOGR8aw8LydzCQAjbAgzWB3cSbmn.1>

Meeting ID: 859 2584 0048

Passcode: 261476

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Fill out the appropriate ad info box below. Write a check for \$50 to Chatham REA and mail it to: **Dr. Pamela D. West, 13 Oleander Avenue, Savannah, GA 31404.** Your ad will be placed on the GRE A website (www.garetirededucators.org) available to over 23,000 GRE A members plus the general public. Many local units give scholarships to future educators with funds from this ad. Thank you for your support.

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Individual(s) Name _____			
By _____			
City or County _____			

Area 6 Local Unit Name Chatham

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