

Newsletter of the Chatham Retired Educators Association



The Chatham Retired Educators Association (Chatham REA) kicked off the 2023-2024 year at its first meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023, at the Elks Lodge.

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 4- Labor Day
- 11- CREA Meeting

OCTOBER

- 9- CREA Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 5- Retired Educators Day
- 7- Election Day
- 11- Veterans Day
- 13- CREA Meeting
- 23- Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 12- CREA Meeting
- 24- Christmas Eve
- 25- Christmas Day

The Chatham REA Officers for 2023-2024 are: President-Mrs. Carrie Howard, Vice-President-Mrs. Annette Mitchell, President-Elect, Mrs. Princetta Simmons, Secretary-Ms. Gail Moyer, Assistant Secretary- Ms. Eunice Washington, Treasurer- Mrs. Wilmotine Ellis, Assistant Treasurer-Mrs. Mary Shank, Parliamentarian- Mrs. Johnye Gillans, and Chaplain-Mrs. Rosa Jackson.

It was great to see returning members and welcome new members! A moving tribute in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 attack on America was shared. Members born in September were recognized. A moment of silence was held to honor our deceased members. President Howard shared her goals for Chatham REA. President-Elect Princetta Simmons provided information about ways to improve memory, and members participated in several engaging activities. Prizes were awarded throughout the meeting.

Members were asked to wear their favorite hat in celebration of National Hat Month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, 2023, beginning at 11:00 am. The location will be announced at a later date.

Please encourage retirees to join the Chatham REA. They may call President Mrs Carrie Howard at 912-224-6686 or send an email to chathamrea21@gmail.com.



*We are
looking
forward to
an exciting
year!*

GREA President Goals

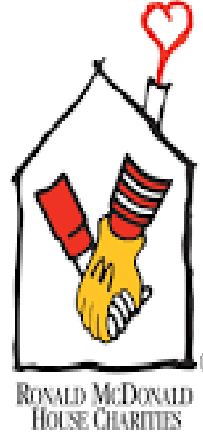


- **Stay in our lane**
- **Totes to Tots** - \$35,500,
- **Membership** - 35,500- just over 7% growth
- **Fellowship** - Get on the Bus - go somewhere together
- **Communication** - Board/ website info.....
- **Leave the bus clean** - be a good steward- great organization, great bus drivers, strong membership, solid finances, active local units

CREA President Goals

- **Contribute \$525 to Totes to Tots**
- **Membership recruitment of 7%**
- **Provide professional and social programs for retired educators**
- **Purchase a plaque in the Georgia Retired Educators Museum**

CREA provides pop tabs to support the local Ronald McDonald House.



CREA provides school supplies for local students.



CREA supports the healthy development of children



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Chatham Retired Educators Association
Minutes, April 11, 2022

Call to Order: Past President Flournoy called the meeting to order and welcomed us to the first face-to-face meeting for 2021-22. COVID-19 supplies were available. Ms. Flournoy informed us that President Baker is improving and asked us to continue to pray for him.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance: To lead us in "The Pledge of Allegiance", Mrs. A. Mitchell played a video of Mrs. Smith's 3rd grade class reciting the pledge at Teche Elementary School in Cecilia, LA.

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

Minutes: Ms. Flournoy explained why there are two sets of minutes. One set is from the regular meeting on March 14. The second set was from a called officers' meeting on March 24. This meeting was due to President Baker's sudden health issue. The appropriate motions were made and both sets of minutes were adopted.

Reading of Correspondence: Ms. Flournoy read Dr. Sloan's reminder about the May GREA convention.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Ellis reported she had not received the bank statement for March 31, 2022. After deposits and disbursements, the checkbook and the ledger each have a balance of \$ 7559.01. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Birthdays: Dr. B. Roberts sang "Happy Birthday" to those with birthdays from April through August. Their 22 names were listed on the screen.

Program: Mrs. A. Mitchell introduced Mrs. Shea Peavy from AMBA. She came to us over Zoom with a PowerPoint presentation. She discussed the various additional insurance benefits we may purchase through AMBA.

Area VI Director: Dr. Cooper brought us greetings from Dr. Gray. The May GREA convention will be the official installation of Dr. Gray as GREA President, and so please attend the convention. If you are attending, please give your name to Dr. Cooper or place it in the chat room if you are attending this meeting virtually. You may send any questions to Dr. Sloan, Dr. Cooper, or Dr. Gray. CREA is asked to bring about 20 packs of chewing gum and about 20 small bottles or a case of water for the convention. CREA also needs to send a door prize and a prize for the silent auction. Send these items with whoever attends. The hotel should still have rooms, and Dr. Cooper will check on this. * Dr. Cooper was glad to hear that Dr. Baker is improving. She thanked the leadership team for carrying on in Dr. Baker's absence and for getting the documents in on time. She thanked CREA for meeting in person.

In Touch: Dr. McCord-Best reported that a card was mailed to Dr. Baker. She spoke with him and he is in good spirits. If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please call Dr. McCord-Best at 912-596-6602.

Local Membership: Mrs. Smith reported 83 CREA members. If you count emeritus members, we have approximately 90 members. Please recruit for August.

State Membership: Mrs. Platts reported that CREA has met the goal of a 7% increase in our GREA membership. April 1, 2022, is the cut off for the 2021-22 year, and so we should prepare to recruit for August. Also, encourage people to join CREA.

Necrology: Mrs. Bruen reported the passing of Cynthia Smith, Dale E. Reagan, and Magda R. Kahn. If you know of someone who has passed, please call Mrs. Golden at 353-9451 or e-mail at ggolden22@comcast.net or e-mail Mrs. Bruen at jbb Bruen@comcast.net by the end of the month.

Newsletter and Public Relations: Dr. B. Roberts reported the e-mailing of CREA's newsletter to members, the mailing of the newsletter and information letters to those without e-mail, the creation of the PowerPoint for the Zoom meeting, the conducting of the test run for the hybrid meeting at the Southwest Library, and the submission of articles to the *Savannah Tribune*.

Scholarship: Mrs. Singleton reported that the Dewey Lee Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Olivia Holt from SSU.

Spotlight Ads: An additional \$100 was received.

Volunteer and Community Services: Dr. B. Roberts showed Mrs. Adams' report on the screen. Mrs. Adams thanked those who submitted volunteer hours. The deadline has passed to submit any more, and so record your hours for the upcoming year.

New Business

Travel to the State Convention: Since only a few are going, CREA does not need to rent a van. Please car pool.

Volunteer Opportunities/Announcements: Dr. Robinson is looking for someone to tutor algebra. The information is in the chat room. Greenbriar is looking for help with the preschool.

Installation of Officers: Dr. Cooper recognized and thanked the 2021-22 officers. Dr. Cooper asked the officers for 2022-23 to come forward. As Dr. Cooper installed each officer, she gave each one a butterfly which symbolized a characteristic of their office. Dr. Cooper gave each officer their duties and responsibilities and asked them whether they accepted the responsibilities. Dr. Cooper also asked the members to pledge their support and cooperation to the leadership. She then declared the 2022-23 officers duly installed. Ms. Flournoy thanked the Nominating Committee. The new officers for the 2022-23 year are

President: Annette Mitchell
President-Elect: Carrie Howard
Secretary: Gail Moyer
Assistant Secretary: Malenthia Frazier
Treasurer: Wilmotine Ellis

Assistant Treasurer: Mary Shank
Parliamentarian: Johnye Gillans
Chaplain: Rosa Jackson
Past President: Gordon Baker

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Attendance: 38

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Moyer, Secretary
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Alvernia Jackson 9/4
Doris W. Stewart 9/10
Malenthia Frazier 9/10
Elaine Mitchell 9/22
Pat Stafford 9/2

Date	Location	Program
Monday, August 1, 2023 – 5:00 PM	Carey Hilliard's (Abercorn)	Leadership Planning Meeting
Tuesday August 15, 2023 - 10:00 AM		GREA Area 5 & 6 Meeting
	Elks Lodge	
Monday, September 11, 2023 - 11:00 AM		
Monday October 10, 2023 - 11:00 AM	TBA	
Monday, November 14, 2023 - 11:00 AM	TBA	
Monday, December 12, 2023 – 11:00 AM	TBA	
Monday January 9, 2024 – 11:00 AM	TBA	School Tour- White Bluff
Monday February 13, 2024 – 11:00 AM	TBA	
Monday March 13, 2024 – 11:00 AM	TBA	Scholarship Presentations Election of Officers
Monday April 10, 2024 - 11:00 AM	TBA	Installation of Officers
May 2-4, 2024 Tuesday – Thursday		GREA Convention May 2-4, 2024



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Scenes from the September 11, 2023 Meeting

