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Fall 2018 GREA and GREM Governing Board Meeting

The Fall 2018 Governing Boards met at the beautiful Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands in Buford, Ga. on October 30th and 31st. The meetings were led by GREA President Mickey Wendel and GREM President Myrtice Johnson and there was a very positive spirit of working together to achieve some very wonderful outcomes. Treasurer Dr. John Upchurch reported that the GREA and GREM finances were in great shape with well over \$600,000 in the bank. He reported that GREA would have a CD worth \$203,765.13 coming due on November 1st. Then the GREA and GREM Finance committees, President Wendel and Johnson along with Executive Director Dr. Bill Sloan, recommended to both boards that we take the money and apply it to our mortgage on the State Office/Museum building. Both boards unanimously approved this additional payment on the principal and it brought our total mortgage down to \$174,008.20. This bold initiative will reduce the amount of interest that we are paying each month. After this additional payment on the principal we saved approximately \$900 in interest on the next month's payment. Your Governing Board is doing an outstanding job on reducing our debt. The Governing Board wishes to thank each and every one of you who have bought a brick or helped find a new member. GREA and GREM will be totally debt free in the very near future. We are truly blessed with a lot of retirees helping GREA and GREM. Our future is bright!



Message From the President

By Mickey Wendel, GREA President



Mickey Wendel

As I travel the state to visit local unit meetings, I am enjoying the stories that are being told about the people who shared the light with you to influence your decision to become an educator. I encourage you to honor this person with a brick to be placed on our brick plaza at our Georgia Retired Educators Museum. This time of fellowship in your meetings will help you get to know each other better as well as learn some new information about some of your former teachers.

Please consider participating in our two humanitarian projects this year as you continue to share the light. While it is certainly acceptable to just write a check to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, I would ask you to consider a fundraiser such as a bake sale, car wash or "Share the Light" banquet with funds going towards Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. An event like this gives you the opportunity to experience and emphasize our GREA motto "Fellowship, Service and Support" while building a bonding relationship with the members of your unit. Just a reminder that the funds raised by GREA will be used to fund the music therapy program at CHOA. Donations should reference GREA and be sent to:

Melisa Morrow | Development Officer
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation
3395 NE Expressway, Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30341

Our second humanitarian project is to promote Kids Heart Challenge (formerly Jump Rope for Heart) in the schools in your county. Please communicate with Beth Stewart via email at beth.stewart@heart.org. She can help you identify schools in your county that have not traditionally participated in Kids Heart Challenge. Your communication with Beth is the only way we will know if GREA is making a difference. The funds raised from this event will fund heart disease research which could actually save your life or the life of a love one. A primary goal of the American Heart Association is to use Kids Heart Challenge to educate our children about heart disease and how to avoid life threatening problems through good eating habits and exercise.

Some units have struggled to earn the Spotlight Award. A generic cover letter for Spotlight Ads has been sent to all unit presidents via email from Dr. Sloan. Several units requested such a letter to add credibility to their requests. The letter can be modified to meet the desired requirements for your unit. For reporting to the state, you only need the company name, address and phone number. Your local unit may request more information from the company depending on how you share Spotlight Ads within your local unit. No one is required to use the letter. (Some of you have proven methods for selling ads. Keep it up!) Your members can simply hand the Spotlight Ad letter and form to a business they use as they are paying their bill. Do not forget to contact schools and churches. When schools and churches are made aware of how much free volunteer service they are receiving from retired educators, there should not be any problem with supporting GREA with a Spotlight Ad.

As retired educators, I invite you to treat yourself to a book. Reading should be an enjoyed passion that can model lifelong learning for your children and grandchildren. In one of my goals, I recommended the reading of the Trilogy which are books about St. Simons Island by Eugenia Price which includes "Lighthouse," "The Beloved Invader," and "New Moon Rising." Some of you have already shared with us the enjoyment you had in reading the Trilogy.

My convention co-chairs, Keith and Donna Lee, along with Marcia, Dr. Sloan and I are currently in the process of making decisions about our state convention in Augusta on May 7th-9th. This information will be shared in the next *Bulletin*.

We just finished a wonderful GREA Board meeting, in which we made some great unanimous decisions for GREA. It is a pure joy to work with your current GREA Board. We work to improve GREA and have fun and fellowship while doing so.

Please keep inviting potential members to your celebrations of retirement (meeting) to help us crash the 30,000-membership barrier. We want to Share the Light with all 127,000 TRS members so they will experience the wonderful Fellowship, Service and Support that we enjoy as GREA members. With the information from programs, the volunteer service that we provide, and the benefits from AMBA, non-GREA members are really missing out.

I hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you the best as you Share the Light in 2019.

A Testimonial For AMBA

Over the last 13 years the Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) has provided many benefits for GREA members and we have all received info from them in the mail and in person. Here is just one example of how their benefits have affected one of our members. Thank you AMBA for being there for this lady and for all our members in need!

AMBA's MASA Travel Insurance—I'm a Believer!
While my husband and I have had MASA travel insurance since 2008, we had not had a need to use it until we traveled to Jamaica in January of 2017. At that time we were having a fabulous vacation in Montego Bay, Jamaica. However while I was there I tripped and fell backward on a concrete bridge and hit the back of my head. When my husband reached me, he said I wasn't breathing, had no pulse and my head was bleeding. He yelled for someone to find a doctor or a nurse. Fortunately there were two nurses nearby, and they along with my husband, performed CPR and had me breathing again.

EMTs took me to the hospital in Montego Bay. Doctors there did a good job, but they told my husband he needed to take me to a US hospital in Miami. He then contacted MASA, and they sent a Lear jet with a pilot and two medical personnel to fly me to the hospital of our choice in Miami: Jackson Memorial. (We contacted my local doctor for a recommendation.) Not only did MASA pay the cost of our transportation and the medical personnel, they also got us quickly through customs in both leaving Jamaica and re-entering the U.S. I can't possibly say enough positive things about MASA insurance, and I highly recommend it to everyone.

Dr. Emily Collins
Americus, Georgia
7/17/18



"Ben Hill-Irwin REA "Share Their Light"

The Ben Hill-Irwin Retired Educators Association began this year "Sharing Their Light" in projects coupled with the GREA of "Sharing the Light" through kindness. One of their first projects was putting bulletin boards in elementary schools in Irwin County Elementary and Turner County Elementary and High School that focused on kindness of "Sharing the Light." Then the group reached out to a young lady who gave her Homecoming Queen Crown to another young lady who has learning difficulty issues. The group gave each of them a small gift and gift cards. The next acts of kindness were contributions members made to Pelham, Georgia, citizens who suffered tremendous losses as a result of Hurricane Michael. They plan to keep similar projects on going for the year.

Just “Ramblin” Around in Georgia

By Bill Sloan, Executive Director



William Sloan

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! I also hope you remembered the reason for the season.

2018 was a great year for GREA—we had a record number of new members (2,569), we went over 29,000 total members, and we had the most local units ever (54) to achieve the Unit of Distinction Award at our convention. This was a direct result of all the great members across the state working hard to make GREA bigger and better than ever. Thanks so much to each of you who played any part in making this happen.

2019 will be a real milestone year for GREA as two great things will happen during the year—we will go over 30,000 members state wide and we will pay off the mortgage of our state office/museum building. It is truly amazing what is happening for our organization. We are blessed!

The bricks sale for our fundraising to pay off our mortgage has been going great! We will be within \$155,000 of paying off our mortgage by the time you get this *Bulletin*. We borrowed \$892,500 in 2014 and we hope to be out of debt by the middle of May 2019. We have saved a huge amount of interest money by paying it off early. Thanks to each of you for your help!

Once again I would like to thank AMBA for their recruitment of new members, the benefits they provide for our members and for their financial support of GREA for the past 13 years. Our relationship with them has been very positive and productive for both of us.

As we approach the New Year I want to thank President Mickey Wendel for his positive leadership of this organization. He has made a real impact all over the state with his “Share the Light” agenda. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him this year. GREA is very fortunate to have him as our President.

After we become debt free it will be exciting to see what happens with GREA in the next 10 years. I can foresee some very exciting things on the horizon for GREA and GREM.

Well it is now winter time in Georgia, so I hope all of you will be safe and enjoy the cold, snow, sleet and freezing rain during the next three months. Just remember that spring is only three months away!

Happy Holidays from TRS

By L. C. (Buster) Evans, Ed.D



Buster Evans

that will enhance the services we offer all TRS members.

I don't know about you, but I cannot believe that we are about to venture into 2019. It has been an eventful year at TRS. We continue our streak of strong investment returns. A combination of improving economic growth, low inflation and low interest rates combined to boost U.S. equity returns to 13.2% for the fiscal year, and overall returns of 8.9% for the fiscal year. Our executive and management teams, in collaboration with the entire staff, developed a comprehensive strategic plan for fiscal years 2019-2022

Also, in an ongoing effort to increase communication with our members, TRS continues to engage its followers on Facebook and Twitter. Over 5,600 people follow us on Facebook and 220 follow us on Twitter. Social media has proven to be an effective means of communicating and engaging with our members and we encourage you to follow us, if you aren't already. And a friendly reminder to register for an online TRS account—it's the best way to make sure we have your most up-to-date information on file, and if not, you can make changes immediately. One of the greatest joys of the holiday season is the opportunity to show our appreciation for those who brighten our lives and communities throughout the year. I can't thank you enough for your continued partnership. Providing our retirees with a benefit so richly deserved for educating Georgia's youth is a pleasure and we strive to continue to provide you with the best customer service available. On behalf of myself and my entire staff, I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Holiday and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Georgia Retired Educators Museum

“I’m Thankful; We Can See the Light!”

By Myrtice C. Johnson, GREM President



Myrtice C. Johnson

Now that we are back at our regular routines from the Thanksgiving break, I'm sure that we can all think of many things for which we are thankful. As a retired educator, I'm thankful for the TRS check that's deposited into my bank account each month without failure. I'm thankful for our great organizations, GREA and GREM. I'm thankful for our GREA leaders: Dr. Bill Sloan, Jr., GREA Executive Director and our GREA President Mickey Wendel. I'm thankful that I am the chosen one to lead GREM as President. I'm most thankful for you, the membership of GREA and GREM, with a presence of over 29,000 members strong. Additionally, as your GREM President, I'm so thankful that we can “see the light” at the end of the tunnel of retiring the debt on our Georgia Retired Educators Museum.

In my article to you for the 2018 Summer Edition of the *GREA Bulletin*, I quoted a balance of over \$400,000.00 still owed on the principal amount for our museum located in Flowery Branch, Ga. The good news is that as of this writing, November 30, 2018, the total principal amount presently owed on the mortgage is \$174,008.00. My mom would say: “Now, Ain't The Lord GOOD?” We are indeed, “Walking In The Light” with this mortgage. Last year we sold over 460 bricks and recruited over 2,500 new members thus making it possible for us to pay an additional \$203,764.00 extra toward “principal only” on the mortgage without having to ask you, our members, for additional monies. You did this with your hard work in membership recruitment and brick sales. We can do it again because we established the facts last year that we are all truly **Champions** who are now **Sharing the Light** in our great organizations. With your continued support, we will share the Mortgage Burning Ceremony with you at the Convention in May 2019.

The Museum/Curator Committee under the leadership of Marsha Wendel is continuing to work on new plans for the updating of the museum with its timeline recording Georgia's History in Education from inception to the present. A brochure of the Museum has already been developed and approved by the GREM Board and will soon be ready for printing. Our hope is to be able to provide information about the Museum for the purpose of marketing and advertising throughout the state of Georgia.

What do I want for Christmas? Yes, you've guessed it! All I want for Christmas is a *debt free* Museum for GREA and GREM. Thank you as always for your continued love and support of our great organizations.

Laurens Dublin REA

The Laurens Dublin Retired Educators Association was founded in 1974 and is celebrating its 44th birthday this year. In the picture below are members of the Laurens Dublin Retired Educators Association donating books to the Dublin City Schools Literacy Bus with State School Superintendent Richard Woods on September 20, 2018. This was one of the many volunteer activities that our members participated, both individually and as a group in 2018.



Retired Educator Day In Georgia

Each year the first Sunday in November is declared Retired Educator Day in Georgia. This year we celebrated this special day on November 4th with proclamations from many city and county governments and at church services across the state. This is just a small sample of pictures provided to the state office. Sorry we could not use them all but space was limited.



Chatham County



Monroe County



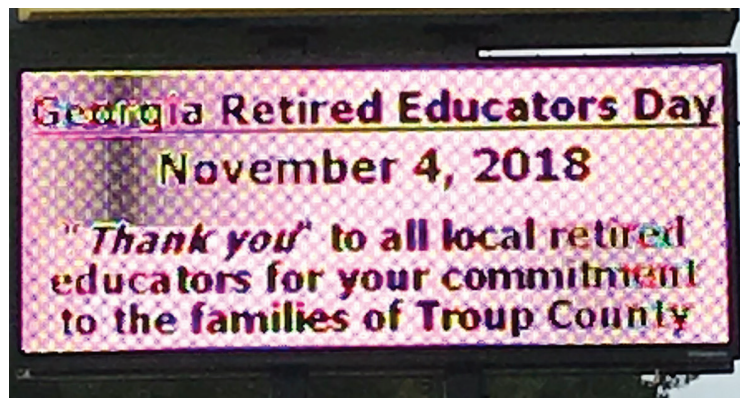
Thomaston Upson



Dougherty County



Jeff Davis





Berrien County



Gwinnett County



Laurens Dublin



Clinch County



Terrell-Lee



Oglethorpe County

GRE Foundation, Inc. Profiles Scholarship Winners

The Board of Directors of the GRE Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce the second set of grant/scholarship winners. These outstanding educators are dedicated to the same high ideals in education and life-long learning that retired educators appreciate. Local units of GREA have been faithful contributors and supporters of educators who are working on an additional degree. Each recipient has received a check to use in the expenses incurred in the pursuit of academic excellence. Anyone may become a scholarship contributor, or leave a legacy, as has been demonstrated in this issue of the GREA Bulletin.

There will be one more set of winners in the Spring *Bulletin*! This *Bulletin* contains the second set of 6 winners.

Alan Brown holds a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science and economics. Currently, Mr. Brown is working as a paraprofessional at South East Whitfield High School. His duties include instructions in remedial algebra and geometry. As a paraprofessional he volunteers for extra duties at the school that includes traffic duty, morning duties, and various safety committees. Presently, Mr. Brown is pursuing an Master of Art Degree at Liberty University.



Nancy Nicole Balczunas serves as a history teacher at Toombs County High School in Lyons, Ga. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in secondary education. This degree will provide the opportunity to convert her provisional certificate into a professional certificate. Ms. Balczunas is currently assisting with the drama club, Beta Club, and is starting up a Chess Club. Her assistant principal states that Ms. Balczunas is an energetic and an enthusiastic teacher who works tirelessly to go above and beyond for the benefit of her students.



Marchellette Thomas is a paraprofessional in the pre-kindergarten program at the Smoke Rise Elementary School in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Her goal is to return to school and receive a Bachelor of Science in education. She is receiving this scholarship to help her obtain the ten hours that are needed to get her degree. Ms. Thomas is viewed as a hard worker and a trendsetter by her supervisor. She will be attending Mercer University.



Rebecca Blake Alford is a first-grade teacher at Franklin, Ga. Elementary School in Heard County. She serves on several committees and was selected to be the team leader for first grade. This allowed her to be a part of the Leadership Committee. She completed her Master's Degree at La Grande College in 2017, and is now pursuing an Educational Specialist Degree in Curriculum and Instruction at La Grande College.



For the last two years Ms. Alford served as tennis coach at Heard County High School.

Kaylin Brockman is currently a special education teacher at Julia P. Bryant Elementary School in Statesboro, Ga. Her assistant principal states that she goes beyond the call of duty to make sure her students receive the necessary standards. Ms. Brockman states that during her sophomore and junior years of college she worked as a paraprofessional in classrooms for children with disabilities, and this is what inspired her to enter the field of Special Education. Ms. Brockman is looking forward to attending Georgia Southern University to receive a Master's of Education in Special Education.



2019 Convention Registration Information

The 2019 State GREA convention will be held this year at the Augusta Marriott in Augusta, Ga. The convention committee chaired by Keith and Donna Lee has been planning for months! It will be an exciting convention!

We will again offer an early bird registration form for those of you who wish to register early and receive a lower cost. Registration fee before March 18th will be only \$35 and after that date it will be \$45. Early registration will save time for the state office and save you a little money. The Hotel rate is \$132+ taxes per night. **Room reservations can be made at 1-800-228-9290 or 706 722-8900 please be sure to tell them you are with the GREA convention.**

Details about the convention will be sent in the Spring *Bulletin* that you will receive in late March or early April. As plans become final we will post them on our web site.

REGISTRATION FORM GRE 61st Annual Convention Augusta Marriott May 7, 8, and 9, 2019

Please do a separate form for each person registering!

REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 26TH

Name on convention badge	_____
Local Unit Name and Area	_____
Office Held	_____
Address	_____ Phone _____
City	_____ State _____ Zip _____
Registration for the Convention	\$45 Amt. \$ _____
Early Bird Registration before March 18th	\$35 Amt. \$ _____
Tuesday Night Banquet May 7th—6:30 p.m.	\$45 Amt. \$ _____
Wednesday Brunch May 8th—10:00 a.m.	\$40 Amt. \$ _____
Wednesday Night Banquet May 8th—6:30 p.m.	\$50 Amt. \$ _____
Total Due Amt. \$ _____	
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 26. 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: GRE Convention Registration P. O Box 1379 • Flowery Branch, Ga.30542	
Deadline to register is April 26, 2019. After that registration will be at the convention!	

Brandon K. Brock serves as school counselor at Tadmore Elementary School in Hall County. He has worked in Hall County for the past ten years. Mr. Brock participates on school committees, in district workshops, and is an active participant at school functions. He is also Tadmore's 504 coordinator, hospital homebound contact and leader of the student council. Mr. Brock is pursuing an Educational Specialist Degree in School Counseling at Valdosta State University.



News From GREA Local Units

Ben Hill-Irwin REA began this year "Sharing Their Light" in projects coupled with the GREA of "Sharing the Light" through kindness. One of their first projects was putting bulletin boards in elementary schools and High Schools in Irwin and Turner Counties that focused on kindness. The group reached out to a young lady who gave her Homecoming Queen Crown to another young lady who has learning issues. The group gave each of them a small gift and gift cards. We also gave contributions to citizens who suffered losses as a result of Hurricane Michael. Our plans are to keep similar projects throughout the year.

Clayton County REA held a silent auction at their October meeting to raise funds for the Good Shepherd Clinic in Morrow. Clayton County Chairman, Jef Turner, presented the Retired Educators Proclamation to CCREA. Vicki Davis (Area Director) brought us news of GREA and encouraged members to make our voices heard by voting in the upcoming election. Vicki mentioned two amendments on the ballot that deals with issues affecting schools.

Polk REA met October 4th, at Cherokee County Club. Members have downloaded the "Remind App" on their phone to get messages from President, Andrea Sorrells, and to RSVP for lunch. Plans for a Memorial Wall service in March 2019 were discussed. Jason and Michaela Odom, Ministers at Rockmart First Baptist Church presented the program. Ribbons, for Georgia Retired Educators Day, were presented to all present. Members were encouraged to promote this event in their church bulletins. Sharon Malone, Treasurer, reported that over \$1,000 has been collected so far for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Mike Hunter, owner of Cruise Planners in Cedartown, gave an informative program.

Burke County REA met in September fired up and ready to "Share the Light." Birthday Celebrations were given by family members for Belle S. Dent and Willie Mae Wright which several members attended. President, Veronica Graham, urged us to strive for Unit of Distinction. The October meeting began with an inspirational Light House Story and "Share the Light" stories were enjoyed. Our speaker was Representative Gloria Frazier who explained the Amendment and Referendums on the voting ballot. She also signed the Proclamation for Retired Educators Day. The speaker for November was Emanuel Larkin, Jr., Area 12 Director. He shared his duties and responsibilities and pertinent info from GREA. Members were thanked for their support at GREA Area Meeting in Evans, Ga. Retired Educators Day included recognition from churches and businesses. Yellow ribbons were worn. The message was displayed on marquees and was even listed on the Community Calendar.

Paulding REA met November 13th at the Hardy Lake House. Members brought covered dishes and delicious lunch was enjoyed. The speaker was Lee St. John, a retired educator and author. She has authored several books about humorous situations based on her experiences in education and family life. She writes comedy columns for several newspapers and is known for her Southern Charm. Paulding is increasing membership with new members and invites any educational retiree to join our organization. The next meeting is January 8, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Dallas. Members made donations for our scholarship fund, Children's Healthcare and Helping Hands in Paulding.

Gwinnett REA took 18 members on a field trip in October to The Georgia Retired Educators Museum. The museum was built through donations and particularly through donations from retired educators. A major fundraising project has been to sell bricks which are displayed on the museum property and contain name of the donors or someone they wish to honor. While there, GCREA purchased three bricks. GCREA will continue to raise money through donations during the year and had previously donated one brick in memory of the late Reid Mullins, a former Gwinnett County School Principal.

Effingham REA welcomed Judy Beiser, local craft artist, to our October meeting. The group enjoyed her discussion on the process of crafting gourds. After the meeting they enjoyed purchasing some of the art. A bake sale fundraiser is planned for Nov. 15 at ECHS with proceeds benefiting the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. November speaker was Bonnie Rachael, owner of the Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center. This program helps to address some of the needs of those with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. We welcomed new retirees to both of these meetings and have met our 10% goal for the year. Several members "Shared the Light" about the person/persons in their lives who encouraged them to choose educational field.

Dalton Whitfield Murray REA is off to a booming start by hosting informative meetings. The September meeting featured Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent Whitfield County Schools. The October program hosted a question and answer session concerning SHBP insurance. November meeting featured Dr. Tim Scott, Superintendent Dalton Public Schools. The meeting also gave a preview of the upcoming Christmas luncheon/auction that benefits the scholarship fund.

Chatham REA was busy during the month of October. Our October meeting was held at Carey Hilliard's Restaurant with 80 members attending. We had two guest speakers this month, Sheriff John Wilcher and members of the Savannah Fire Services. The City of Savannah, County of Chatham and the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education issued a proclamation declaring Sunday November 4th Retired Educators Day. The Chatham County commission presented its proclamation at our October meeting.

Newton County REA has had a busy fall. The September, October and November meetings were held at Covington First Baptist Church. Two speakers from Newton County Senior Center shared information about the services and activities offered. District 3 County Commissioner, spoke about Newton County's Strategic Plan and local government. Mayor of Covington, Ronnie Johnston, spoke to the group about the growth and opportunities around the city. Nine members of our unit went to the Senior Expo at the Newton Senior Center and presented information about GREA and NCREA. To celebrate GREA Day, members gave out apple stickers at their churches to all retired teachers. We also hosted a painting fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Members Jerry and Lee Aldridge were inducted to the Newton County School System Retired Teachers Hall of Fame.

Muscogee County REA was presented with a proclamation recognizing Georgia Retired Educator Day. Councilwoman Judy Thomas presented our president, Jeanette Marshall, with the proclamation. Our monthly meeting was held at the St. Luke United Methodist Church Center. The program was our annual Legislative Program. The legislators updated the membership on pending legislation and held a question and answer session addressing many of the concerns of our members.

Worth County REA welcomed Marsha Bond, Area 1 Director and Representative Ed Rydnors as our guest in September. Our November guest was Kristen Garland, WCBE Nutritionist Director. She shared healthy holiday snack ideas. At the December Christmas luncheon, members were entertained with accordion Christmas music. Local projects include: Members collecting pencils for students to be used during Spring testing and a gift raffle basket for scholarship funds.

Thank You to Everyone Who Bought a Brick 9/20-11/30/2018

The following individuals or organizations purchased a brick for our recently expanded Honor Roll Plaza outside the State Office/Museum Building. A \$100 brick purchased will allow GREM to pay an extra \$85.00 toward the mortgage on our building. We will list all the names of people or organizations that purchase a brick each time. Have you bought a brick that will last forever with your name or someone that you wish to honor? We hope to see your name here soon. Forms are available on our website at: garetirededucators.org or you can call us and we will be happy to send you a form.

Alice Loggins (2)
Barbara B. Howard
Bettie L. Williams
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Early/ Clay/ Calhoun REA (2)
Elaine Bellamy (2)
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Floyd Middle School
Frank Hutcheson (2)
George Rees Walker
Gladys German Willis
Glenda Waller (2)
Glynda Harris
GREA Executive Board (2)
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The GREA Merchandising Team of Nancy Hall and Marilyn Werner are always at the Area meetings and the State Convention with GREA items on sale! Thank you ladies for a job well done! Here they are showing their merchandise at the area meeting in Gainesville.

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