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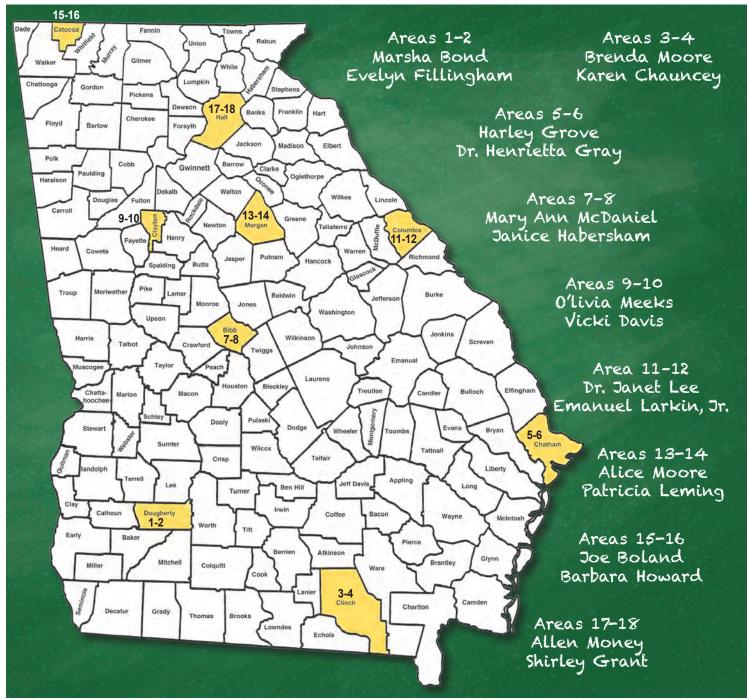
Area Meetings 2018

Each year in August, GREA holds nine area meetings across the state! The meetings rotate among the 18 areas and this year the even numbered areas were the host. Thanks to the Area Directors and the REA's in Terrell, Clinch, Chatham, Bibb, Clayton, Columbia, Morgan, Catoosa and Habersham for being such great hosts. All GREA members are invited to attend and we had great attendance this year with well over 1,000 members in attendance. Presentations were made by

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the GREA President, President-elect, Executive Director, Membership Director, TRS, Traveling Teachers, and a representative from AMBA. In addition, thanks to Marilyn Werner for selling GREA merchandise at all the meetings. The decorations were outstanding this year and were centered around the GREA theme for the year of "Share the Light"! Thanks to all who attended and took part in making all of them a success.

FALL 2018



Message From the President

By Mickey Wendel, GREA President



WOW!!! Wonderful Outstanding Wonders. I have just been overwhelmed with how you have embraced the "Share the Light" theme of GREA this year during our Area meetings (parties and celebrations). You have decorated your tables with lighthouses, worn red and yellow outfits, worn our "Share the Light" tee shirts, put the banner on your agenda, and made personal comments to me about the "Share the Light"

Mickev Wendel

inspiration. There were even seashells with our theme and a lighthouse painted on them, along with a specially made "share the light" lighthouse cookies. Thank You!!!

I picked the "Share the Light" theme with our members in mind to honor you and to thank you for choosing to become a teacher. We want you to reflect on the thousands of students that you have taught through the years and to realize that, because of you, the light has been shared all over the world. I also hope that you have been able to carry on a rewarding relationship with some of your students through Facebook, other correspondence, and personal contacts. Some of these former students may have become teachers and are, or will be, part of GREA. In embracing the "Share the Light" theme, I want you to reflect on who inspired you to become a teacher. Perhaps this will move you to honor this person or persons with a phone call, a card of thanks, a lunch date, or even a brick purchased in their honor to be placed at our Georgia Retired Educators Museum on the brick plaza.

So far, we have visited the following communities to share the light: Douglasville, Sandersville, Baxley, Madison (Areas 13 & 14); Evans (Areas 11 & 12); Macon (Areas 7 & 8); Albany (Areas 1 & 2); Homerville (Areas 3 & 4); Savannah (Areas 5 & 6); Gainesville (Areas 17 & 18); Ringgold (Areas 15 & 16); Jonesboro (Areas 9 & 10); Kingsland; and McRae. I look forward to meeting more of you in treasured fellowship as I am scheduled to speak at your local unit meeting (parties and celebrations) several times each month.

Fellowship, Service and Support, our GREA motto, is pictured on this year's banner as coming in on waves from the light of the sun. In turn, the sun reflects its light on the moon, as we also reflect the light of others. The moon creates low tides and high tides, which we also have in our lives. Let's work to make these tides come in on endless waves of fellowship, service and support. Hopefully, most of the time we can share our motto, but at times in or lives we need others to give us fellowship, service and support. Be the light, and share the light with others. Live the song, "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let it Shine." As we share our little individual light, we become a BIG LIGHT for GREA united with over 29,000 and growing retired educators who care about the people in our community.

Volunteer Service

By Mickey Wendel, GREA President

Your GREA Board voted to change the name from Community Service to Volunteer Service to remove the confusion between service to our community and service to our schools. The new name incorporates any volunteer service. We also wanted to simplify the documentation needed to earn the Volunteer Service Award, one of the requirements for Unit of Distinction. The new documentation is simply ten people-ten times. Some units were making volunteer hours a competition. We would like for volunteer service to be an attitude of giving without a competitive spirit. The focus of this award should be on service and not on the number of hours. So ten people-ten times is the requirement. This will be documented on the individual form

found in your Local Unit Planning Guide on page 22. The Volunteer Service Report, found on page 23 in your Local Unit Planning Guide, is the only paper that will be submitted to your area director. This will be submitted with the unit president's report on March 1st instead of with the history report on June 1st.



Humanitarian Project

My humanitarian project is Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. I have made the donation requirement only \$200 because several units stated that the monetary requirements/suggestions were difficult for them to achieve. Our goal is to fund the music therapy program for the children who receive treatment at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Any unit that can contribute more than \$200 will help us reach our goal. I would like to encourage each unit to have a "Share the Light" banquet or dinner to raise funds for this project. This banquet might honor someone who has inspired people in your community to become a teacher. Or it might honor several such people. The proceeds from this event will be given to the music therapy program of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Checks for this project should reference Georgia Retired Educators and should be sent to: Melisa Morrow | Development Officer

> Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation University Office Park - Dartmouth Building 3395 NE Expressway, Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30341

Jump Rope for Heart Name Change

Even though children from every county in Georgia receive treat ment from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, I also wanted a local humanitarian project. Jump Rope of Heart will provide that opportu nity for a local project. Each unit will simply help sponsor the project in a local school that does not participate in this event. We have recently received notice that the name of Jump Rope for Heart has been changed to Kids Heart Challenge. This year marks the 40th anniversary of this event in our schools and they are rebranding to allow more flexibility in our programs. Coordinators are now able to incorporate any physical activity skill their students enjoy, or they may continue with jumping rope if they desire. The contacts listed below can help your unit locate schools in your area that are not currently participating in Kids Heart Challenge. Please reach out to them for help.

Anna Groce – Metro Atlanta West - anna.groce@heart.org Beth Stewart - Coastal Georgia - beth.stewart@heart.org Caitlin Schile - Augusta & Northeast Georgia - caitlin.schile@heart.org Brittany Heath – Middle Georgia – brittany.heath@heart.org Mandy Couch - Metro Atlanta - mandy.couch@heart.org Lynn Ziner – Cobb & Paulding Counties – lynn.ziner@heart.org OPEN – South Georgia – Contact Pending

Scott Cooper - Northwest Georgia - scott.cooper@heart.org

Just "Rambin" Around in Georgia

By Bill Sloan, Executive Director



Gosh, is it Fall of the year already? Where did the summer go? This is my favorite time of the year when the leaves are turning many wonderful colors and falling off the trees. A little breeze of cool air every morning when I am coming to the office is a treat!

William Sloan

We just finished up nine great Area Meetings! Thanks to all who attended and took part in

making them so very special. I enjoy seeing all of you and sharing good things about GREA. This is a great organization because of so many of you care about it and want it to grow and be even better for our members. We recently went over 29,000 members and we are all looking forward to the 30,000 mark. I hope every one of you will help us reach that milestone.

President Mickey Wendel's theme of "Share the Light" has been accepted in a great way. I hope each of you will reflect on your life and remember the people and things that helped make you who you are today. Share that same light with another young or senior person today and you will be rewarded for it. I have bought another brick for some one who shared the light with me and made my life better. Have you honored someone with a brick at our state office building? Why not do it today. It would meansomething special to the person you honor.

GREM President Myrtice Johnson appointed a new Museum

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Curators Committee to oversee the continuing growth of our Museum. A museum is never done and they are meeting and brainstorming some new ideas to incorporate into our building. We once again wish to thank the many previous people who have served on the Archives and History committee for the past years. You gave the new committee a wonderful start and now it is their challenge to make our Museum even bigger and better.

There are many exciting things on the horizon for GREA and we look forward to being a part of it. Thanks once again for all each and everyone one of you do to help GREA!

What's Happening at TRS

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

You know that saying "Time flies when you're having fun?" Does it ever! I blinked and summer is over, although the weather hasn't seemed to have gotten the message, and school is back in session. And even though you're now retired and enjoying the fruits of your labor, I'm sure you remember what it's like to begin a new school year...every one and is in full gear and we're busy here at TRS making this a system of which you can be proud.

Thanks for Having Us

As always, we appreciate being included in your Area Meetings throughout the State. I was fortunate enough to have the pleasure of attending one and truly enjoyed meeting with many of you. I know Mike Zarem looks forward to speaking to all of you each year and is already looking forward to your annual convention in May. I look forward to attending it as well.

Stay Informed

I know in this day and age, information overload occurs on a daily, if not minute-by-minute, basis. So we do our best to update you only when it's something important (with maybe a few fun things thrown in on our Facebook page) via our website or social media. We encourage you to check our website and Facebook page every so often to see what's going on at TRS. We especially encourage you to register for a TRS account, if you haven't already, so you can monitor your account and make updates as needed. Your account is updated each month and you can do various things online without having to call the office. You may view your payment history, change your direct deposit information, change your address, download your current 1099R, and much more. We are more than happy to help you set up your account if you need assistance by calling 404-352-6500. It truly is the best way to manage your account and TRS membership.

Working After Retirement

We know that for a growing number of you, retirement can mean going back to work. TRS members may decide to get another job for various reasons: your spouse is still working; begin an entirely new career; you love what you do, you just don't want to do it full time; you miss working; you are supporting a family member, or you need more money to maintain or increase your standard of living. Regardless of your reasons, you need to be aware of a few things if you're thinking about going back to work in a TRS-covered position.

 You are prohibited from having an agreement to work for a TRS-covered employer prior to retirement, including work as an independent contractor.

• You must have at least a 1-month break in service before you begin working for a TRS-covered employer again. There are penalties that you must pay if don't have a full month break.

• All employment with a TRS-covered employer is subject to salary and service limitations as outlined in Georgia law. All employment of retired TRS members must be reported to TRS and certified by TRS before you begin working. Again, if you do not adhere to the law, your retirement can be suspended and you may have to reimburse your employer for retirement benefits paid to you during any period of non-compliance.

• A schedule of the maximum hours you are permitted to work is

Georgia Retired Educators Museum

By Myrtice C. Johnson, GREM President



Greetings to my entire fellow Georgia Retired Educators,

Time is not standing still and neither will we stand still. As retired educators we are still at the business of researching ways and means of providing for the needs of our present retirees as well as for our future retirees and active educators. At this writing, it has been almost five months since I took on this awesome task of being your Museum Myrtice C. Johnson President. Since then, we have selected a Curator/

Museum Committee, which is under the leadership of Marcia Wendel. We had the opportunity to call the members of the committee together for a committee meeting in the month of August of this year. This was a very informative, productive, and rewarding meeting with assignments given to all members as assigned by the chairperson, Marcia. This committee is gearing up to developing a timeline for the museum to show the continuation of Georgia's History in Education from its inception to today's Georgia schools. We will be collecting pictures of old Georgia school buildings, Georgia School leaders, and other memorabilia, which will represent each period of Georgia's Education history.

As president, I have developed five goals, which I would like to see accomplished during my tenure. My goals are as follows:

• To appoint a Curator's/Museum Committee whose main focus will be: maintaining records, collecting, organizing, updating, and displaying items for the exhibits in the Museum,

 To integrate the display of the history of Georgia education as a whole, which includes Georgia's role in segregation and the integration of Georgia's public schools, which provided for a quality education for all Georgia children,

• To develop a brochure which will provide information about the Museum for the purpose of marketing and advertising,

• To develop a ten-year financial plan to insure the completion of on-going plans and projects for the Museum's future,

• To liquidate the balance of the principal amount of the Museum's bank mortgage by May 1, 2019.

We look forward to the continuation of growth in the Museum, which was implemented by those retired educators who came before us. It is our hope that each generation of retired educators will continue to embrace our ideals as well as those of their own.

available each year.

• It is your responsibility to inform any TRS-covered employer that you are a retired TRS member.

We realize that hiring skilled and knowledgeable TRS retirees helps fill critical positions within our public school systems, but it's very important to follow the law in an effort to avoid complications with your retirement benefits. For more details on allowable employment, please visit our website.

Reporting a Death or Fraud

No one likes preparing for the inevitable, but planning is important and we need your help. It is imperative that the death of a TRS retiree or beneficiary receiving monthly TRS benefits be reported to our office as soon as possible so we can settle your account with your beneficiaries (if applicable). Please inform your beneficiaries on file with TRS that they need to report any such death immediately. Any payments received and deposited or cashed in the retiree's name, after the death of said retiree, even by the lawful beneficiary, is not legal. TRS must process the retiree's death and any remaining funds or payments will be transferred to the beneficiaries on file. Payments received unlawfully by anyone other than the retiree whose name is on the check must be repaid in full. We appreciate your help in informing your beneficiaries about notifying TRS so we can make it as easy as possible on them.

We look forward to another great year. Look for the latest and greatest from TRS on www.trsga.com and follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter. Enjoy the fall and here's hoping we will get to enjoy some cooler temperatures soon.

GRE Foundation, Inc. Profiles Scholarship Winners

The Board of Directors of the GRE Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce the first 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

Elyse Victoria Guest has been a Special Education Teacher at Franklin County Middle School in Carnesville, Georgia for nearly five years. She serves as the lead Special Education Teacher. Not only that, she is an active member of the School Leadership Team, PBIS Team, and College and Career Readiness Team. Presently, she is pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education at Georgia College and State University.



Grace Noelle Bellmer has been a tenthgrade Literature teacher at Lakeside High School in Columbia County, Georgia for two years. Currently, she has been asked to participate in the Gifted Endorsement Program. She immediately accepted the offer and is now becoming endorsed to teach gifted students. She is involved with the boys' soccer team, was recognized as a "Teacher of the Quarter" nominated by her administrator and as having the

most school spirit today. Finally, Ms. Bellmer plans to continue her education by obtaining a Master's of Education in instructional technology at Georgia Southern University.

Mary Jo Boutwell is a third-grade teacher in the areas of reading, math, science and social studies, at West Bainbridge Elementary School in Bainbridge, Georgia. During her teaching career she has held several positions with outstanding recognition in each. Her teaching began in Quincy, Florida where she was chosen to be a mentor for several new teachers and to facilitate different trainings. Her second year teaching was at Northside Elementary School

in Grady County, Georgia. Here she served on the superintendent's liaison committee as the Voice of Northside. Her experiences are widespread, and she has been a great role model for many other teachers. Currently, Ms. Boutwell is attending Valdosta State University to obtain a Specialist Degree in Instructional Technology with an endorsement in Library Media.

Susan Anne Hagerty is a third-grade teacher at Brookwood Elementary School in Gwinnett County, Georgia. Ms. Hagerty represents one of two teachers on the third grade level to plan for social studies and science. Her responsibility is to plan activities and assessments for each unit in each subject. Furthermore, she attends "Cluster Collaboration" with the third-grade teachers from surrounding schools. In these meetings they analyze the standards



and plan assessments. She has also participated in the Relay for Life Group in her school, as well as the Care Team which identifies families in need in the communities and provides them with necessities when needed. Finally, Ms. Hagerty is seeking a Master's Degree at Piedmont College.

Rebekah Jean Whitlow started out as a paraprofessional in the kindergarten at Hull Sanford Elementary School. Afterwards she taught pre-k. Presently, she is teaching kindergarten. Ms. Whitlow is currently pursuing a Specialist Degree in Special Education. Her Master's Degree is in Early Childhood Education. Ms. Whitlow now serves on the kindergarten action team in her district. This group gives



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*.

her an opportunity to meet with other members of the school district. She is also a participant in her church program by preparing activities for children with special needs, as well as on the ladies ministry team helping to plan for ladies of the church.

Latricia Riggins is currently a media specialist at Matilda Hartley Elementary School, Bibb County School District. Ms. Riggins is actively involved with special clubs at Hartley Elementary School. These include sponsor of the Jr. Beta Club, Quizz Bowl Sponsor, National Scripps Spelling Bee coordinator. She has participated over the years in an internal SACS review in Twiggs County. She has received numerous honors including: lead teacher support coach, mem-



bers of lighthouse team, Bibb Associates for educators, teacher of the year in 2016, just to name a few. In spite of her many achievements, Ms. Riggins acquires a desire to further her education. That is why she is seeking the Certification-Only Tier I Educational Leadership Program, which includes course work and related field experiences leading to a Tier I Georgia certificate in Educational Leadership at Valdosta State University in the fall of 2018.

GRE Foundation Scholarship Information and Application

Application form can be completed on the the Georgia Retired Educators website—garetirededucators.org. The form can be completed online, printed and mailed to:

GRE Foundation Dr. B.J. Bassett 190 New Street Roberta, GA 31078

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 1 The grant is \$500 and is intended for the educator to use in pursuing certification, advanced certification, or adding a field or endorsement. The grant is available to any certified or classified educator employed in Georgia (Pre-K -grade 12).
- 2) Deadline for receiving the application: April 19, 2019
- Only the winners will be notified. June 7, 2019 will be the date by which winners will be notified.
 The check for \$500 will be mailed to the winner as soon as a note of acknowledgment (through email) from the winner is received. The note will be used by the GRE Foundation as verification.
- 4) Information including the name and picture of the winners will be published in *THE GREA BULLETIN*.
- 5) All material is to be mailed in one package to the address above.Printed application form
 - Picture no larger than 5x7 with name and email address on back
 - A sealed letter of recommendation from an immediate supervisor not related to you in a separate sealed envelop. Since this is a busy time of the year for staff and supervisors, it might be helpful if you request this letter early.
- 6) Applications will be forwarded to a GRE Foundation screening committee.
- 7) Pictures nor applications will be returned.

Scenes From Area Meetings



Areas 7 and 8



Areas 11 and 12



Areas 9 and 10



Areas 15 and 16



Areas 17 and 18



Areas 13 and 14

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News From GREA Local Units

Rockdale REA met at St. Pius Catholic Church for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018, with 41 members and guests in attendance. Our July program was conducted by RREA President, Joe O'Neal. He received the GREA goals for our unit and the RREA goals for 2018-2019. Several of the GREA goals have already been completed. The program ended with this challenge: "You might not be an officer, or committee chairperson, however, all of our members have a role to play in our organization. Active participation in our organization might be your only role, but is a vital role."

Dalton/Whitfield/Murray REA held an executive committee meeting recently to plan activities for the 2018-2019 year. In August, five delegates from the unit attended the Area 15 & 16 meeting in Ringgold, Ga.

Peach County REA had 38 members to attend Area 7 and 8 district meeting on August 16th at Macedonia Church in Macon, Ga. The president of area 7, Mary Ann McDaniel, and the president of area 8, Janice Habersham, and PREA president, Mabel Oglesby, were in attendance.

Cobb/Marietta REA meeting was a great success. We welcomed 100 members and guests. There wasn't an empty seat to be found. Our September speaker was Anna Oakley from the Atlanta Dream Center. She presented information about the Metro Kidz Ministry. Our community service project is monetary donations to The Metro Kidz Ministry.

Griffin/Spalding REA is excited to announce that Alberta Blanton, James Johnston, Georgia Matchett and William Matchett have been inducted into the 2018 Griffin/Spalding Hall of Fame. Inductees must be exemplary educators who made outstanding and significant contributions to students, staff, parents and the community during their employment at GSCS. Supt. James D. Smith said, "Their love for education and dedication to student success have influenced hundreds of lives and made a lasting impression on GSCS."

Toombs County REA was busy over the summer preparing for the upcoming year. A planning session was held in June for officers and committee members at which programs were planned and bylaws were reviewed. July brought in new members by our membership chairman, Mary Alice Wilder. Our newsletter chairman, Lisa Parker, was busy completing our first edition. In August, eight members attended the Area 5 & 6 District Meeting in Savannah. Lastly, but important, TCREA was the third chapter this summer to meet the 10% membership growth.

Effingham REA began their new year with a banquet at the Effingham College & Career Academy. We had great attendance and welcomed many new retirees. Rep. Jon Burns was our guest speaker and Dr. Gray, Area 6 Director, participated in our installation service for our new slate of officers. We enjoyed lunch and the distribution of many raffle items. We will be partnering with Family Promise, a home-less program in our county and bringing in books to the homeless center and reading to the children. Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 15.

Clayton REA hosted the Jonesboro High School mock trial team that placed fourth in the nation in competition. CCREA also hosted the Area 9 and 10 meeting a week after its first meeting. GREA President, Mickey Wendel and other state and local dignitaries, including Mayor Joy Day of Jonesboro and Clayton County School Superintendent, Dr. Morcease Beasley, were a part of this event.

Chatham REA installed officers for the 2018-2019 year at its May meeting. CREA was recognized as Unit of Distinction at The GREA Convention. CRREA hosted the GREA Area 5 and 6 meeting in Savannah. We had 133 members in attendance. GREA President Mickey Wendel presented his goals and Dr. Bill Sloan, State GREA Executive Director, emphasized the importance of recruiting new members.

Muscogee REA had a successful 2017-2018 year. We earned the Unit of Excellence Award, gained more than 60 NEW members, won third place in the Spotlight Ad. We met all our local goals in Charitable giving to The Muscogee County School District REACH program for disadvantaged youth and the Shriner's Childrens' Hospital. We attended the Area 9 and 10 meeting in Jonesboro. This years charitable projects will be FERST READERS and the Children's Network of Atlanta.

Oglethorpe County REA welcomed guests to their August meeting. Visitors included Area 17 Director Al Money and artist Jean Westmacott who shared ideas for the unit's scholarship fund. Seven members attended the Areas 17 and 18 meeting in Gainesville.

Madison County REA plans to have interesting programs such as a Front-Line Panel with teachers from elementary, middle and high schools sharing their concerns as well as the areas they are most proud of in the state of education today. Another program that this group planned is having a law officer share professional safety ideas for retirees.

Burke County REA congratulates Past President Emanuel Larkin, Jr. who now serves as Area 12 Director. We are proud of his accomplishments. New officers for 2018-2019 were announced. In July, we contributed to CSRA United Way Stuff-the-Bus Project to provide school supplies for Burke County Schools. In August, ten members attended the GREA Area 11 and 12 meeting. We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable year as we "Share the Light."

Paulding County REA met September 1, 2018, at the Dallas First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Mr. Alan Daws, one of our 2018 Scholarship winners and an Assistant Principal in our system, spoke with the group. He shared his appreciation for the scholarship, and unknowingly became our first "Share the Light Spotlight." His story was about a school principal who "shared the light" with him about how a good administrator should be. One of our members shared that she worked with Jump Rope for Heart for 40 years, and students at her small school raised \$10,000! Another member will be 100 years of age in September, and a special birthday party is planned. It is hoped she will receive 100 birthday cards. Members were encouraged to wear the special ribbon on November 4, 2018 to, celebrate Georgia Retired Educators Day.

Houston County REA met on Thursday, September 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the Wellston Center in Warner Robbins. After lunch we heard from our 2018 scholarship winner, Lindsey Scott, who is a special education teacher of sixth through eighth graders in Math and Science. She graduated from Georgia Southern and has been accepted into a Master's Program. Also, we had Janice Habersham (GREA Area 8 Director) to install Joy McNeil as our secretary.

Thank You to Everyone Who Bought a Brick 7/1-9/19/2018

The following individuals or organizations purchased a brick for our Honor Roll Plaza outside the State Office/Museum Building. A \$100 brick purchased will allow GREM to pay an extra \$85 toward the mortgage on our building. We will be listing the names of people or organizations, who purchase a brick each time. We hope to see your name here real soon! Forms are available on our website at: garetirededucators.org or you can call us and we will send you a form! There is also a form on page 6 of this *Bulletin*.

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Ben Hill/Irwin Donates a Brick



At a recent meeting in Fitzgerald, the Ben Hill Irwin REA presented a brick donation in honor of the TRS of Georgia.

Picture above are Dr. Bill Sloan, Mary Ann McDaniel, Dr. Buster Evans of TRS and Betty Campbell, President Local President.

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