

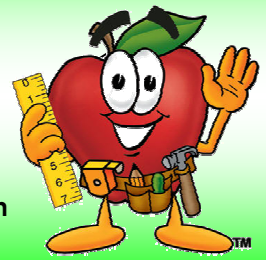


BEREA NEWS

BRYAN-EVANS RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
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GREA-BEREA UNITED

"BUILDING A GIGANTIC ORGANIZATION" 2010-2011
Hammer Down Membership Extend Visibility...Tighten Up Retention

<http://www.primarygradesclasspage.com/BEREA.htm>



A Message from the President:

I have enjoyed being your president this year. I was reluctant to step into this position because I have never been a president of anything before now, and this was my second year being a member of BEREA. With your encouragement and helpfulness, it has been a pleasant and rewarding experience.

Thank you for all your contributions for Mrs. Wilson's "Project HOPE." This has been an ongoing project and I appreciate all of you that have contributed to this.

May 10th - 12th, the State GREA Convention will be held in Savannah. I want you all to think about joining us at the convention. The 2010 GREA Convention in Macon was a wonderful experience. If you have not been able to attend one I want to encourage you to attend this one. This is a great way to end this year and get excited about next year.

Updates of Past Meetings:

Sept: Don Gardner, the county extension agent, was our speaker. He talked about container gardens (planting vegetables in buckets). I have his slide show on how to start your own container garden if you are interested.

Oct: Jack Kingston was our speaker. He explained how our government works or does not work in regard to education and taxes. He also entertained us by telling some of his pupil/teacher experiences while growing up in public education in GA.

Nov: Mrs. Wilson, GREA's President, explained the importance of GREA to retired teachers as well as to those teachers who retire in the future. .

Dec: The Bryan County Middle School staff welcomed us with refreshments

and a beautifully decorated meeting room. Then the BCMS chorus entertained the group with a Christmas program and afterwards we were served lunch by the staff for our BEREA unit.

Feb: Gloria Wilkes, a Hospice Nurse, was our guest speaker. She spoke to us about "What is Hospice", and how Hospice plays an important role in helping patients and their families deal with terminal illness.

Meeting Date/Programs:

3-8-11 Richmond Hill- Southern



Image Restaurant:

AASU's 62+ Program that is geared towards people 62 years of age and older.

The program offers many AASU classes for audit or credit if senior students register through the 62+ office.



4-12-11 Pembroke -

United Method Church:

The program will be about **Truett Cathy**, the founder and chairman of the **Chick-fil-A** restaurant chain, and a successful businessman and one of the country's most generous philanthropists.

May 10-12, 2011 - GREA State

Convention in Savannah at the Savannah Hyatt Regency Hotel



General Meeting Agenda

2nd Tuesday of each Month

- 10:30 - Registration and Fellowship
- 10:45 - Business Meeting Begins
- 11:00 - Program/ Guest Speaker
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:00 - Adjourn



BEREA Officers 2010-2011

Anne Miller - President	858-2362
David Green - President-Elect	739-1771
Delores Fields - Secretary	234-4975
Anne Sanders - Treasurer	653-2263
Mamie Moore - Parliamentarian	236-6479

Attention:

BEREA Officers 2011-2012

We will need a president-elect for the upcoming year 2011-2012. Please think about someone or yourself for this position.

New Retirees:

These are the contact numbers if you need more information about our meetings or check the website.



<http://www.primarygradesclasspage.com/BEREA.htm>

Claxton:	Jerry Swain 739-2686
Pembroke:	Nancy Page 858-2800
Richmond Hill:	Sallie Brewer 665-1018



Membership GREA/BEREA

A reminder if you have not taken care of your dues. See Anne Sanders.

Local Membership dues are \$10.00

State GREA dues are \$24.00

State Life dues are \$360.00

You can also find an application on line at:
<http://www.garetirededucators.org/GREA/MembershipApp.htm>



Using Technology

Email has been a very effective way of staying in touch, and giving you the latest news in GREA/BEREA. I have had many positive comments about using "Calling Post." I hope to continue using it next year. I also made a webpage for BEREA so members will be able to locate information and find the latest activities in our BEREA Unit.