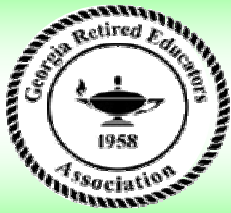


# BEREA NEWS



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**



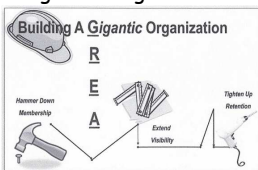
## A Message from the President:

*As I pondered what I needed to write, I decided I had two choices. I could copy Faye Hodges' great message from last year or find a ghostwriter. Neither of those seemed like a good plan, so I had no choice but to write it myself and expose my poor writing skills.*

I want to welcome you all back from your summer break. I especially want to congratulate and welcome our new retirees. For me the first year of retirement was more than a little unsettling. I found BERE A meetings and fellowship helped me to settle into this new phase of my life. I hope all of you new retirees will embrace the family of BERE A as you start your new life.

I met with the planning committee July 27<sup>th</sup>. With their help, we have planned interesting and informative programs for this year. The biggest challenge so far has been updating the committees. If you would like to participate in any of the committees, please let me know and I will gladly add your name.

The new State President's, Doris Wilson, Motto for GRE A this year is "Building A Gigantic Organization." One of her projects is



HOPE (H<sup>e</sup>lping O<sup>o</sup>ther P<sup>e</sup>ople E<sup>n</sup>dure). She is asking the local units to collect socks and T-shirts (all sizes)

for hospitals across Georgia. We will donate our collection to Georgia Regional Hospital.

I am counting on your support and advice this year. Remember you told me you would help and I am holding you to that promise.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting in September. Call or bring a new or "old" retiree to our first meeting.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email anytime with any thoughts, ideas, or concerns. My email address is [lamiller\\_2@msn.com](mailto:lamiller_2@msn.com).

Anne



## September Meeting Program:

Our first meeting is on **Tuesday,**

**September 14,** at the Pembroke United Methodist Church.

The program will be "Fall Gardens" by **Don Gardner**- Bryan County Extension Agent.



## Meeting Date/Programs:

9-14-10 **Pembroke** - UMC -  
Don Gardner

10-12-10 **Claxton** - Mrs. Roger's Rest. - Jack Kingston\*

11-9-10 **Richmond Hill**- Southern Image Rest. - Doris Wilson

12-14-10 **Pembroke**- BCMS  
BCMS Chorus: "Christmas Program"

2-8-11 **Claxton**- Mrs. Rogers' Rest. Hospice

3-8-11 **Richmond Hill**- Southern Image Rest.- Lottie Scott -62+\*

4-12-11 **Pembroke** - UMC, Program about Truett Cathy,

May 10-12, 2011 - GRE A State Convention in Savannah  
\* not confirmed



## General Meeting Agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



## New Retirees:

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

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



## BREA 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



## Membership in GRE A/BEREA

If you have not already sent your membership applications to the state office you may bring it to the meeting and give it to Anne Sanders, Treasurer of BERE A.

### Local Membership dues are

\$10.00

State GRE A dues are \$24.00

State Life dues are \$360.00

We encourage you to select the ADD (automatic deduction) payment method which is only \$2.00 per month deducted from your TRS check for the GRE A dues. Membership in the state GRE A is really important when it comes to legislation, especially when the state government is constantly trying to "play" with our retirement funds.

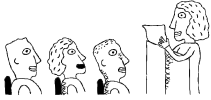


## Using Technology

I want to continue using email as a way to contact you and give you the latest news about GRE A/BEREA. At the area meeting in Savannah, it was suggested that we might want to use Calling Post. This site will call the members of an organization and remind them of meetings and other important information. I hope to have this in operation by the first meeting, so you might get an automated telephone call from BERE A.

## Brunch

According to tradition, the first meeting is a brunch given by members of the BERE A at the Pembroke United Methodist Church Social Hall. Nancy Page has so graciously offered to organize this brunch. If you would like to help, please contact Nancy at 858-2800. We will eat before the meeting, so you can skip breakfast and come hungry. The brunch will start around 10:45 and our meeting will follow the brunch.



I want to thank Delores Fields, Dorothy Geter, Gloria Carter, Nell Purcell, Nancy Page, and Claudia Christiansen for attending the GRE A Area V and VI meeting in Savannah on August 17<sup>th</sup>. I really appreciated their support and advice.



Please remember that we need socks and T-shirts for the hospital. Bring what you can to support our president, Doris Wilson, and her project. Mr. Hite will be picking them up sometime in October. Thanks, Anne



**What: BRYAN-EVAN REA MEETING**

**Where: Pembroke United Methodist Church Social Hall**

**When: September 14, 2010**

**Time: 10:30 AM**



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Anne Miller, President

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