



Cobb-Marietta Retired Educators Association

Making a difference in our schools and communities

Monthly News & Updates

December 2023

Next Meeting -
December 14, 2023
11:00 AM

Program: Scholarship Awards!

Charity: Cobb County School District Homeless Education Program (See Homeless article below)

Location:
Ben Robertson Community Center
2753 Watts Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152



No Lunch - Let's Nibble Instead!

Remember those munchie days before the Winter Holidays when people would bring treats to share? **Bring an appetizer or desert to share** at the meeting and let's recreate those days of little nibbles that automatically make it a party! Remember to RSVP to your invite so we know how many plates we need!

President's Corner



I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. My husband, the two dogs and I traveled to Tennessee to spend time with his family. It was a relaxing week filled with cool temperatures and lots of good southern food. The Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa season is here and I know we all get busy, but I hope I will see you at our December meeting.

Remember, we'll be **returning to the Ben Robertson Community Center** in Kennesaw. We will be **awarding our scholarships** to four future/current educators. For our **charity**, we'll be collecting cash and gift cards for **homeless students** of Cobb County. **We are a giving organization.**

Do join us at our December meeting. We won't have a meeting in January, so the time is now to see your retired educator friends.

Janet Robison, President



Homeless Students in Cobb????

Yes, there are homeless students in Cobb County. The Homeless Education Program of Cobb County School District operates in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, which ensures educational rights for children and youth experiencing homelessness. The primary goal is to provide educational stability by eliminating educational barriers and promoting academic success for students facing homelessness.

For many years, C-MREA has collected gift cards and cash to be used by the Homeless Education staff in their efforts to keep homeless students in school. While the McKinney-Vento Act provides funding for education purposes (tutoring, some transportation, counseling, etc.), there are other expenses that the Act will not cover (emergency food assistance, coats, gas, etc.) That's where C-MREA can help. Gift cards (\$25.00 or less) to Wal-Mart, Target, Kroger, Quick Trip, Race Trac, etc. can provide a little help to students in need where McKinney-Vento funds cannot be used.

We're asking NO CHECKS for this charity collection. Our treasurer will not be at the meeting to write a C-MREA check to the Homeless Education Program. Cash can be directly given to the Homeless Education Program.



Who Will Be This Year's Scholarship Recipients????

Cobb Marietta Retired Educators believe in giving back to the profession. Thanks to the generosity of previous members there are endowments for the Ruby Sewell Wright and the Fanny B. and Charlotte McClure scholarships. Current members fund the Peggy

Whitfield scholarship through donations, purchases of books, and memorial gifting. This year, there will be five scholarships awarded to students preparing for initial certification or experienced teachers working toward advanced degrees. Each scholarship is for \$2,000 which even at today's prices is a big help. Join us in celebrating the five scholarship recipients!

Membership!

This would be a wonderful meeting to invite a retired educator or a non-educator who believes in education! This meeting shows all the great things Cobb Marietta Retired Educators are famous for: Giving hearts to fund future educators, giving hearts to help students in need, and of course....tasty treats because it's not a party without treats! Georgia Retired Educators Membership has it's privileges for things like AMBA insurance, professional lobbying for education and educators (retired or active), and webinars/videos addressing topics of interest to retired educators. Invite a friend to come to our December meeting and talk with Judy Munson about membership in GREA and C-MREA.



