

Levy-Gilchrist Retired Educators Association

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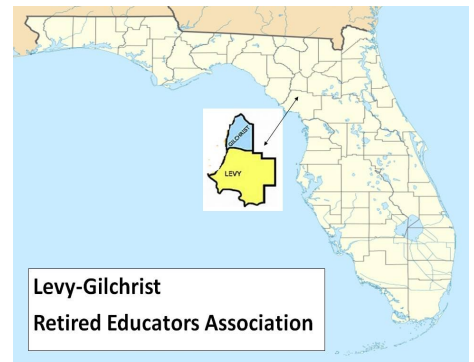
Legislative Representative—
Alphonso Johnson

COME JOIN US!

Levy and Gilchrist counties are located in rural north central Florida. The Suwannee River forms the western boundary of both.

We meet on the **3rd Monday** September thru May at **10:30 a.m.** at **The Gathering Table** restaurant in Chiefland. **We welcome all retired school personnel living in our area, no matter where you worked.**

The Levy-Gilchrist Retired Educators Association is a unit of the state-wide **Florida Retired Educators Association.**



Schedule of Events:

- NOV 19—RETIREMENT FINANCIAL PLANNING (Michael Kovacs) Larry & Harriet Bachle hosts
- DEC 17—CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE
- JAN 21—TBA, Betsy Scott hostess
- FEB 18—BLACK HISTORY (Alphonso Johnson), Sue & Rick Reed hosts
- MAR 18—SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, (Paula),
- APR 15—TBA
- May 14-16 — State FREA Conference, Daytona Beach
- MAY 20—TBA
- **NO MEETINGS JUNE OR JULY**

NOVEMBER

Special guests at our regular monthly meeting were Mr. Alonzo Bradon, District Chairman, and his wife. He gave a report on the district meeting held in October.

We welcomed back Mrs. Mary Jo Mansfield who has been ill. She brought Mrs. Cora Lord as a guest.

Our program speaker was Mr. Michael Kovacs, a representative of Florida Retirement Group. He spoke on Medicare plans and the options those on Social Security have or can have at age 65.

Mrs. Harriet Bachle was our hostess and the door prize winners were Mrs. Sue Reed, Mr. Rick Reed, Mrs. Cora Lord, Mrs. Braddon, and Mrs. Nancy Hauk.

We missed Mrs. Paula Marczynski due to having surgery, as well as Mrs. Karen Philman.

L-GREA Activities

OCTOBER

Alphonso and Rick gave a presentation on the upcoming proposed ballot amendments and how voting one way or another could impact us. Alphonso will represent us at the district meeting in Ocala. Paula brought chocolate from the Angell and Phelps chocolate factory in Daytona Beach for door prizes and provided enough that everyone was a winner.



Charlie Watson of the Bell Woodturners gave the program and talked about the art of woodturning. It was very interesting and informative!

SEPTEMBER

Larry updated us on issues with finding a bank that won't charge fees.

COMMITTEES:

There were no legislative updates, but members were encouraged to become informed about the candidates and issues for the upcoming General Election...and get out and **VOTE**. There are many proposed constitutional amendments as well as key political seats to fill.



Paula shared printouts of the L-GREA webpage and reported on disbursement of scholarship information to all area high schools and superintendents. Karen requested books for the Margaret Pop-pell Literacy for Life Project. Door prizes were won by Larry, Harriet, Paula, Rick, and Sue. Our program was entertainment provided by Don Thomas and Dwight Smith.

L-GREA Activities cont.

AUGUST

Our planning meeting was sparsely attended, so it was difficult to plan activities for the year. We planned for the first few months and those that people especially wanted to handle. The meeting for our scholarship recipient was moved to March instead of May due to extensive EOY testing during that time. Several programs and activities were mentioned, with various members assigned to check into them. We also discussed ways to get new members.

Scholarship Program

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT SARAH LOURCEY OF CHIEFLAND MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL IS THE 2018 L-GREA RECIPIENT of \$500!

SARAH IS ALSO THE WINNER OF THE STATE \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE BUZZELL-WEBSTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

If you are a high school senior in either Levy or Gilchrist county and are interested in pursuing a career in teaching, contact your guidance counselor for a scholarship application. Or you can contact our scholarship chair, Paula Marczynski, at marczyp52@gmail.com.

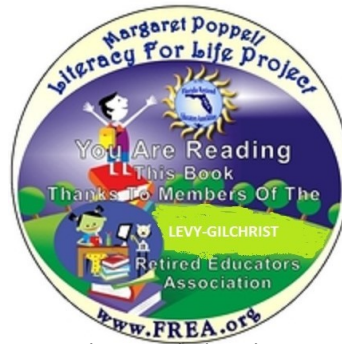


IN MEMORIAM



Mrs. Betty Lou Ramey
Betty Lou Ramey was born on November 17, 1944 and went to be with the Lord on September 16, 2018

We are sad to announce the passing of long-time member and friend, **Betty Lou Ramey**. We send our condolences to her family. We will miss her!



It's time to bring in new books for the Margaret Poppell Literacy for Life Project. Books can be turned in to Karen Philman, drive chairperson. Last year the books we donated were distributed to Bell and Trenton Elementary Schools in Gilchrist County. This year we plan to donate to Levy County elementary schools.