

Levy-Gilchrist Retired Educators Association

September 2020

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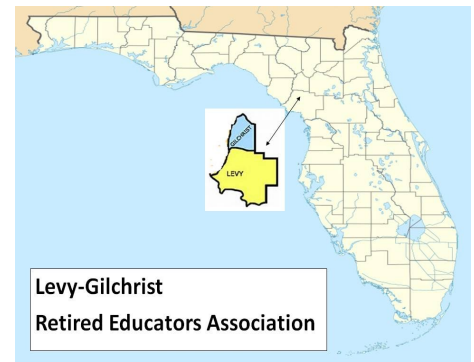
Sunshine & Shadows—Cora Lord

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:

- **SEPTEMBER 21 —FALL SYMPOSIUM SIGNUP & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING,** Paula Marczyński, hostess
- **OCTOBER 19 —SHARING OF INFORMATION FROM THE FALL SYMPOSIUM —** Sue Reed, hostess
- **NOVEMBER 16 —TBD,** Larry Bachle, host
- **DECEMBER 21 —CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE**
- **JANUARY 18 — TBD,** Harriet Bachle, hostess
- **FEBRUARY 15 — BLACK HISTORY MONTH** (Alphonso Johnson, presenter), Cora Lord, hostess
- **MARCH 15 — SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT** (Paula Marczyński, presenter), Alphonso Johnson, host
- **APRIL 19 — TBD,** Rick Reed, host
- **MAY 17 — TBD,** Karen Philman, hostess
- **JUNE & JULY — NO MEETINGS**

SEPTEMBER

This was our first meeting back since March due to the COVID-19 crisis. It was good to see everyone and catch up on what had happened during our time apart as we practiced social distancing.

Paula presented the information on the upcoming FREA Central Fall ZOOM Symposium. Members were polled on who wanted/needed to attend which meeting; these names will be submitted to the state office.

We worked on our organizational plans for the year. There are a few openings to schedule presenters. We discussed several possibilities. Several people volunteered to follow up with contacting people.

Door prizes (chocolate from Angell & Phelps Chocolate Factory in Daytona Beach) were won by **Harriet, Alphonso, Cora, and Betsy.**

Rick shared some beautiful, fragrant roses he grew.



L-GREA Activities

FEBRUARY

We had a very informative meeting this month. **Paula** reported **Mikayla Armstrong** is our new local scholarship winner from CMHS. **Rick** and **Sue** went with Paula to interview Mikayla. The results from her interview were submitted to the FREF office for consideration for the state scholarship. Mikayla will attend next month's meeting with her school counselor.

We received our \$75 Unit Grant funds from the state and we used it to purchase a banner and information cards to post around the community and to distribute to new retirees. Thank you **FREA** for making this possible!



Alphonso made a presentation for **Black History Month** and per requests in the past, he made it on HIS life. He has truly led an interesting and spectacular life and we are proud to have him as a member of our unit!



JANUARY

Several items of interest were dealt with at this meeting. **Rick** brought an updated version of our unit by-laws. After some discussion, we approved the changes and he will submit this to the state.

Paula mentioned the unit grant offered by the state for public relations and suggested we apply for it in order to purchase a unit banner and cards to distribute to potential members. She will submit the grant and follow through on getting the items.

The program for the meeting was a presentation by **Paula** on how to navigate the FREA website. It included highlights of the different drop downs and gave specifics on how to login to the members only section.

Door prizes were won by **Rick, Paula, Karen, Teresa, and Cora**.

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