

# Levy-Gilchrist Retired Educators Association

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## 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 Trenton Library in Trenton.** 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.** Association (FREA) organization.



Congratulations to **Harriet** who won our raffle for a T-shirt quilt gift certificate!

Raffle proceeds go to a scholarship for a local HS senior who plans to go into education.

## Schedule of Events:

- **MAY 15 — ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- **MAY 16-18 — FREA STATE CONVENTION (Panama City Beach)**

## APR

We had a very eventful meeting this month!

**Harriet** announced that **Paula** will be recognized at the state convention as the District IV Volunteer of the Year! She presented Paula with flowers. In honor of **Cheri's** birthday, we sang Happy Birthday to her. Paula showed the engraved pens we purchased as PR items for our county's retired teachers; they give our name and meeting date/time/place.



We worked on finalizing plans for the state convention. This included selling Extravaganza tickets, getting donated items for our FREF basket, and verifying attendees. **Alphonso, Karen, & Paula** will represent L-GREA.

**Rick** videotaped our raffle drawing on our FB page. Harriet was our winner! Door prizes were won by **Larry, Sue, Alphonso, Paula, & Harriet.** **Cheri** gave a presentation on **Kirton's Adaption & Innovation** theory.

## L-GREA Activities

### MAR

**Rick and Sue** introduced our \$500 scholarship winner, **Andrea Faircloth**, at our meeting. She is a senior at Trenton Middle High School and will also graduate with a dual enrollment A.A. degree. She intends to work with younger students. We wish her well in her future career in education!



### FEB

**Alphonso** gave a presentation for Black History Month.

Larry shared a picture with last year's scholarship winner with quilt she had made.



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### JAN

Our opening thoughts were quotations from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We discussed our scholarship raffle. **Paula** passed around promotional flyers to post around the community and distributed ticket books for those who needed them.

Door prizes were won by **Sue, Rick, Larry, and Cheri**.

**Cora** provided our program which consisted of a variety of board games which we enjoyed playing.

### DEC

Our December meeting is basically a social meeting. After **Paula** distributed raffle tickets for our scholarship quilt raffle, we exchanged gifts and enjoyed snacks provided by members.

### NOV

**Cherie** was the winner of our district FREF fundraiser raffle. Congratulations!

In lieu of door prizes, Rick and Sue treated us all to pizza. Delicious!



## L-GREA Activities cont.

### OCT

**Alphonso** did our opening devotion/pledge/and leading in singing God Bless America. **Rick** and **Sue** updated us on scholarship activities — contacting schools and guidance counselors about the online application. Rick reported on medical issues with **Larry** and **Harriet**. He brought their committee/officer reports for the group. He also introduced his mother as his guest. **Paula** shared web page information with the group.

**Cora, Karen, and Paula** gave a report on the FREA District IV Officer Training Symposium in Crystal River.

Rick presented our program which included a video demonstrating how he makes his celebrated cinnamon rolls. It ended with samples to enjoy!



### SEP

We had an excellent presentation by representatives of the **Suwannee Valley Players** in Chiefland. Several members of the group — including students — shared information about the plays (both current and past performances) and how it impacted them and the community. This is quite a treasure in our community!

**Larry** reported that as the result of last year's quilt raffle we are in good shape this year with our budget. We decided to have another raffle this year. **Harriet** reminded everyone to continue keeping track of their volunteer hours. These are due at the end of the calendar year. Anyone needing forms should see her. **Sue** said she contacted 5th grade teachers in our counties about the student's essay and contacted guidance counselors about the senior scholarship. She will send reminders later in the year. **Paula** shared information about the District IV meeting in Crystal River. Members planning to attend are **Alphonso, Karen, Cora, and Paula**



### AUG

Our August meeting was held at the **Trenton Library** due to loss of access to the Gathering Table. We determined to make the library our permanent meeting site for now. This was our organizational meeting for the fiscal year. We set up a schedule of programs and activities for the year (see Schedule of Events on bottom left of first page).

Since it was so successful last year, we decided to have another quilt raffle this year for our local scholarship fund. Dates have not been determined at this time.

**Paula** and **Rick** gave reports on our Opening Day activities for Gilchrist and Levy counties