

Levy-Gilchrist Retired Educators Association

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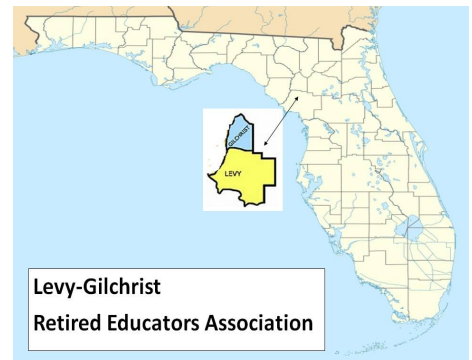
Sunshine & Shadows—Betsy
Scott

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:

- Oct 18 — FREA Dist 4 Meeting, Ocala
- Oct 21 — Education Update for Levy & Gilchrist (SUPERINTENDANTS), Betsy Scott, hostess
- Nov 18 — SRO/SCHOOL SAFETY (LCSO), Larry Bachle, host
- Dec 16 — CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE
- Jan 20 — DISTRICT 4 REP (ALONZO BRADDON, JR), Harriet Bachle, hostess
- Feb 17 — BLACK HISTORY MONTH (ALPHONSO JOHNSON), Alphonso Johnson, host
- Mar 16 — SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT (PAULA MARCZYSKI), Rick Reed, host
- Apr 20 — TBD, Sue Reed, hostess
- May 12-14 — STATE FREA CONFERENCE, Daytona Beach
- May 18 — TBD
- JUNE & JULY — NO MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

Members were reminded to bring in new books for the Margaret Poppell Literacy for Life Project. Books can be turned in to Karen Philman, drive chairperson. Paula has updated the list of guidance counselors for the area high schools and will contact them about our scholarship opportunity for students interested in going into the field of education.

We discussed the upcoming District IV meeting in Ocala. Alphonso, Karen, and Paula plan to attend.

Our program this month was on school safety, focusing on the Guardian program and School Resource Officers. Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz gave a very interesting presentation and we learned a lot about the program as well as other issues. Thank you for all you and your officers do for us!



Door Prizes were won by Mary Jo and Alphonso.

L-GREA Activities

AUGUST

We met on August 19th to plan our events for the year. These are posted on the Schedule of Events — be sure to always check there for any additions or changes throughout the year/

After the business was taken care of, we enjoyed the wonderful buffet at The Gathering Table.

MAY

Betsy called the meeting to order in Rick's absence. Alphonso gave the Thought for the Day and led the Pledge and God Bless America. This was followed by the Minutes, Treasurer's, and committee reports.



Alphonso and Paula gave a report on the FREA State Convention (see highlights below).

Our main agenda for today was the election of new officers. See the list in the top left corner of the front page. We look forward to a new year after the summer break. Hopefully we will be able to gain some new members during this time.

Door prizes were won by Harriet, Alphonso, Paula, Karen, Larry, and Mary Ann.

FREA CONVENTION — DAYTONA BEACH

Alphonso and Paula attended the FREA state convention, held at the Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach. It was a very informative and entertaining experience as we “Let the Good Times Roll”!

Alphonso was recognized at the Extravaganza for his long-time service and dedication to the organization and to AARP. So proud of him!

We brought a basket for the FREF fundraiser filled with goodies that represented items from both counties. It contained Kickin' Cowboy Barbeque Sauce (both mild and spicy) from Bell, and a variety of items from the Red, White, and Blues Farm in Williston (corn

relish, onion relish, jelly, honey, blueberry pops, honey sticks, and a Farm Life tshirt and decal).



Our Opening Speaker, Lily Liu, AARP Historian Emeritus talked about Ethel Percy Andrus, the founder of NRTA and AARP... “Ethel, One Woman Who Changed America”. One of the highlights of the convention was the Rise and Shine Speaker Breakfast Buffet with Ersula Knox-Odom as Mary McLeod Bethune. It was an outstanding performance!



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