



**Recruiting and retaining members
*Working within the district
organizing to achieve the goals of the
Division while serving the community
and our schools*

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Dear Gaston County NCRSP Member and Retirees,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 year of service and camaraderie with Gaston County Retired School Personnel. We begin this year with greater anticipation for success and productivity exceeding past efforts.

However it remains a fact that we will not be successful or productive without your participation. So prepare yourself for a great year and let our voice be heard.

Members are our mission as North Carolina Retired School Personnel, division of NCAE, is the only state association dedicated solely to working on behalf of all retired school personnel.

Please renew and pay your membership today. You can pay membership using bank draft from your checking account or by credit card. Annual membership is \$81.00 if you already have an NEA-Retired life membership; \$81.00 if you want to buy an NEA-Retired life membership now (\$250.00 check payable to NCAE. Total amount \$331.00); or \$116.00 if you wish only to pay the regular membership.

GCRSP will hold four luncheon meetings this year at Jackson's Cafeteria, at 10:30AM on the following dates: Second Thursdays ... September 14, 2017, December 14, 2017, March 8, 2018, and May 10, 2018. Please save these dates. Provide us your telephone number and email address if you have one in order to receive all pertinent messages and updates. Please keep that information current with the organization. We will not share your information, but we will use it to keep you informed.

Remember that the volunteer calendar runs from January to December. Please update your Education and Other volunteer hours on the form that you receive. Barbara Grau will keep record of your volunteer hours, and she invites you to call her monthly if necessary (704)864-0242 to report your volunteer hours. Our goal remains to increase our volunteer hours percentage. Completed forms are due in December when you will receive a new form. Keep in mind that every day you do something for someone, volunteer to transport, volunteer at church, volunteer in schools, volunteer to write or to read for someone, volunteer at the polls, volunteer at medical facilities or visit friends, volunteer with like minds to plan, implement or resolve issues, and a myriad of other volunteer services: log that time. Caring for family members in the home does not necessarily qualify.

Please put on your to do list "provide school supplies", and bring them to the September meeting for distribution to a local school or schools, depending on the quantity collected. Ask for donations where you do business; also ask family and friends. If you cannot attend the meeting, call someone to pick up your supplies, your membership, your volunteer hours, etc., or send it by a friend. If you or you know a member who has moved to an assisted living facility, moved away

from the area, no longer wishes to be a member, or is now deceased, please share that information so that we can keep our local records and reports current for the region and state.

Keep in mind also that there are **numerous member benefits** that are provided with your membership including Financial, Everyday Discounts and Savings, Insurance, Travel and Tourism, Professional Development Resources, professional publications, and a member discount card from NCAE with savings up to 50% on dining, shopping, cruises, recreation, golf, health and beauty, and much more.

Again, we welcome you to your GCRSP and hope you will use your talents to make the organization the best that it can be. Let us work together to recruit new members and to retain our current roster. If needed, call me when you have any concerns at (704)865-9342 or email whitesidescharle@bellsouth.net. We look forward to seeing you September 14, 2017 for the premier of a greater, more successful and productive year. Bring a friend or recent retiree with you. Our mission is serious, but our meetings are informative and fun; and we eat our lunch and fellowship at the cafeteria in exchange for use of the facility. GCRSP takes an active role in RSP at all levels local, regional, and state to achieve mutual legislative and political action goals. **Our overall mission is Protecting the State Health Plan, Keeping the teachers and state employees retirement secure, and Enabling volunteerism in public schools and community by our members. Our group includes certified and non-certified retirees.** All are welcome! Please come and visit if you need to make a decision, but the efforts of the group benefits ALL retirees. Love you and hope to see you!

Sincerely,

Charles K. Whitesides, President

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