

GASTON COUNTY



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!Come Aboard!

What is GCRSP?

The Gaston County Retired School Personnel is a division of the North Carolina Retired School Personnel. Its membership includes all categories of retired school system employees certified and non-certified. There are seven regions in the state of North Carolina and GCRSP is a local of Region 3 including Anson, Cabarrus, Kannapolis, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly Counties.

What is the Mission of GCRSP?

Recruiting and retaining members while working to enhance and protect retirement and health benefits, and serving the community and our schools.

What are the Goals of GCRSP?

GCRSP goals are to provide social interaction among our members and to give each member the opportunity to stay professionally and socially engaged with colleagues through local unit activities, region and state meetings, convention, activities, and training. GCRSP also strives to strengthen the academic voice and advocacy in Gaston County by increasing membership annually.

What Goals has GCRSP Accomplished?

- Maintains Calling Post, Email Database, recent Facebook page
- Regular schedules meetings with guest speakers, entertainment, business, food, fun, and fellowship
- Keep members informed and aware of developments between meetings using email, Facebook, and Calling Post
- Volunteer in schools and collect and distribute school supplies
- Track good news, illness, and death of members and retired personnel in general
- Given donations to community organizations
- Awarded scholarships to high school seniors

What are GCRSP needs?

- Members who have skills in technology?
- Website
- Newsletter
- Gold Star Coordinator

What are the Offices and Committees?

GCRSP Officers include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer who are elected bi-annually by members of the organization.

Committees include **Membership, Legislation, Community Service, Communication, Quality of Life, Scholarship, Memorials, Volunteer, and Devotion**

How does a Retiree become a Member of GCRSP?

- Complete and application with correct finances
- Refer questions about financial responsibility to Treasurer Bob Grau at (704)864-0242. If there is no answer, please leave a message, and your call will be returned. -

Volunteerism

GCRSP encourages our members to stay active in our schools and communities by volunteering, continuing to keep active with our gifts and talents, to serve others and to fulfill our purpose in life. Although we have retired from our life's calling, there are many areas where our services are still needed, including our schools.

For instance:

- assist in a school/classroom
- volunteer in a hospital/clinic
- serve as an officer or a committee chair
- help with church, mission, religious work
- assist the sick and senior citizens who no longer drive with transportation
- mentor or help a child to read
- help prepare meals and contribute food
- assist in a pantry or help unload food and supplies for charity
- help deliver meals to sick and elderly (Meals on Wheels)
 - serve as a companion or caregiver
- assist at a library
- assist a committee chair with his/her duties
- work with a non-profit or civic organizations on community projects
- assist with after school programs, etc.

All members are encouraged to keep a record of all volunteer hours from January 1 through December 31 each year. Group hours as education and non-education. At the end of the year, total hours are turned in to the Volunteer chairperson by the date that will be announced.

What are other Benefits of Membership?

For additional information on the many other benefits of membership, go to the NCRSP website at www.ncrsp.org.

As you consider becoming an official member of GCRSP, we invite and encourage you to attend not only the September meeting but all of the meetings so that you will have the opportunity to become familiar with how our meetings are conducted and to engage in the camaraderie and social gathering of GCRSP. We also encourage all retirees to ask other non-member retirees to join Gaston County Retired School Personnel and bring new ideas to enhance our professional organization. We firmly believe that Involvement is Healthy, Knowledge is Power, and that there is Power in Numbers.

“Only those who have learned the power of sincere and selfless contribution experience life’s deepest joy – true fulfillment.”

