



## ***ACTION ALERT***

***Georgia State Retirees Association—December 28, 2010***

# **GSRA Legislative Day and Reception**

**January 25, 2011**

**You** have told us in several ways that GSRA should become more proactive in legislative matters. We have had members suggest a “day at the capitol” and others suggested a reception for our legislative members.

We have complied with the requests and now need support and attendance by YOU on January 25, 2011. GSRA has planned two events—Day Event beginning at 11:00 a.m. and Legislative Reception from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Success at these two events will depend on the number of members who attend and the quality of the messages they deliver. We need to express the retirees’ viewpoints on issues important to retirees and to hopefully mitigate any legislators’ preconceptions based on negatively biased reports about both active and retired employees.

### **How You Can Help**

The first event will begin around 11:00 AM. The minimum we ask you to do is walk the halls of the Capitol, smiling and wearing a GSRA badge. For the members who feel comfortable doing more, we would like for them to visit their legislator’s office and drop off some promotional items (GSRA pens and coffee mugs). The second event is the Legislative Reception starting at 5:00 PM.

#### **First Event – 11:00 AM**

We need as many members as possible walking the halls of the Capitol, smiling and wearing a GSRA badge. If you are comfortable visiting with your Senator and/or Representative, let him or her know the issues that are important to you. Our goal is to visit all of the legislators, so GSRA members who volunteer may be assigned to visit legislators other than their own. We will provide “talking points”, brochures/fliers and promotional items (e.g. pens, coffee mugs) to leave with the legislators. If any legislative committee of interest is meeting that afternoon, we hope that GSRA members will attend the meeting. We will convene at 11:00 AM at the Capitol, second floor, rotunda. We will provide a short orientation and distribute materials to you.

Registration information for the two events is shown separately in this e-mail.

#### **The Second Event – Reception (5:00 to 7:00 PM) – January 25**

Secondly, GSRA will be co-hosting a legislative reception, with the Georgia County Welfare Association, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The reception will be an opportunity for members to meet with their legislators and discuss matters of concern to retirees and employees. We will also be presenting awards to two legislators who best supported retirees during the past 2 years. The reception will be held in the Blue Room of the old train Depot East of Underground Atlanta and West of Courtland/Washington Ave (the name changes at a near-by intersection). The Blue Room is to the left as you enter the Depot.

To defray some of the cost (room, food and drink for legislators), we ask attendees to donate \$35 to attend. Included in this donation will be free beer and/or wine and finger foods. Attendees are asked to arrive at 4:30 p.m. for a short orientation.

**Due to space limitations only 100 members will be able to attend the Legislative Reception, so get your registration for this event in quickly.**

Regardless of whether you personally attend either event in Atlanta, it will be crucial for you to contact your legislators and invite them to attend the reception. The invitation should be in your words, but something like the following will be sufficient: “I thank you for your service in the General Assembly to represent us in \_\_\_\_\_

county (area, etc.). In order to honor your 2011 service, the Georgia State Retirees Association is co-hosting a reception, with the Georgia County Welfare Association, on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. As a member of the GSRA, I invite and will appreciate your attendance at the reception.”

### Registration Information

**Some** members have received an e-mail from their local chapter president or from the NE Metro GSRA Chapter about the planned activities. In that case, this is a second notice indicating to you how important this day will be for GSRA. You can register as shown in this Action Alert or with your local chapter president as indicated in that contact. **However**, if you have not received information through a local chapter president or you would like to register separately, you can **register** as follows:

**Event 1:** 11:00 AM at State Capitol: Register by sending an email to [rsvp@mygsra.com](mailto:rsvp@mygsra.com). Type your name and address in the subject line or the body of the e-mail.

**Event 2:** 5:00 to 7:00 PM Legislative Reception: Register by:

1. Log-in to [www.mygsra.com](http://www.mygsra.com) using your Username and Password.
2. Click on the link provided for the **Legislative Reception Registration** in

the “What’s New” box on the GSRA home page.

3. The link will take you to a form to complete and allow you to charge the \$35 to your **credit or debit card**.
4. If you want **to pay by check**, print the form below, attach a check for \$35 made payable to Georgia State Retirees Association, Inc. Send the check and registration form to:

GSRA, Inc.  
PO Box 108  
Bethlehem, GA 30620

The registration form and check **must be received by January 11, 2011**. Because of the limitation of 100 members, acceptance of registrations will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. GSRA will return checks to members whose registrations exceed the 100-person limit. **CAUTION:** There will be no registration at the reception. **If you do not pre-register, you will not be allowed to attend. So get your registration in early.**

The success of both events depends heavily on the number of GSRA members who attend and the quality of the messages we deliver. We need to express the retirees’ viewpoints on issues important to retirees and to hopefully mitigate any negative preconceptions based on biased reports indicating the devaluation of both active and retired employees.

**YOU** are important, so sign-up for both events. GSRA will become much more adept in representing your opinions to the General Assembly and State Leadership when you become active in these events. **Thank you for your support!**

## REGISTRATION FOR GSRA/GCWA RECEPTION FOR LEGISLATORS JAN 25 GEORGIA DEPOT BLUE ROOM

(Complete this form only if you did not register electronically)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, COUNTY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (BEST TO BE REACHED AT) \_\_\_\_\_

GSRA CHAPTER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### **Register online:**

1. Log-in to [www.mygsra.com](http://www.mygsra.com) using your Username and Password
2. Go to GSRA Home Page – What’s New
3. Click the provided link: Legislative Reception Registration
4. Your Profile Information will be displayed, scroll down and click Submit
5. Complete the credit/debit card information and click Submit.
6. An email confirmation will be sent to you.

(Note: The member’s electronic registration form will allow for the registration of only one (1) \$35 and, therefore, only one (1) person.

- If your spouse is also a GSRA member, you can register each electronically by using the spouse’s separate e-mail address.
- If you wish to register your spouse or companion and that person is not a GSRA member or does not have a separate e-mail address, the electronic registration can only be used one time and the “US Postal Service” must be used to register the spouse or companion.”)

### **OR Register by US Postal Service**

**Please complete this form and make check for \$35 payable to  
Georgia State Retirees Association.**

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