



Annual Meeting

Register Today –2014 GSRA Annual Meeting
Decision 2014 – Electing Georgia’s Leaders!

When: October 6-7, 2014

Where: Anderson Conference Center
Macon, Georgia



Another Great Annual Meeting!

Cost

Early Registration (prior to October 1, 2014): \$15

Registration After September 30 and On-Site: \$25

Make plans now to attend this two-day annual membership meeting where the gubernatorial candidates—Governor Nathan Deal, Senator Jason Carter and Dr. Andrew Hunt—have been invited to respond to issues that you have told us are important to you. In addition, four concurrent workshops will provide a variety of discussion topics to guide you in making life choices, and vendor exhibitors will be available throughout the meeting to provide you with information and answer your questions about products and services of interest to retirees. The conference is not all work—it will include time for very important activities—fun and a forum for after-hours camaraderie with friends and former co-workers.

Program & Activities Snapshot



Complimentary Macon Historic Bus Tour, including a stop at Ocmulgee National Monument, will be provided Monday afternoon for paid registrants (limited to the first 50 paid registrants who request the tour).

Training Session for Local Chapters, including updated budget and operations information plus new information on legislative relations, will be held Monday afternoon.

Welcome Reception featuring finger foods, beverages and entertainment will be held at the Anderson Conference Center *Edgar's Bistro* venue on Monday evening for all paid registrants, presenters, exhibitors and invited guests.



Concurrent Sessions on *Investing Now*, *SHBP 2015 Changes*, *Legal Issues for Seniors* and *Social Security Administration Q&A* will be held Tuesday morning.



Lunch catered by "top-notch" chefs from Edgar's Bistro: Edgar's Catering provides on-site catering services for Anderson Conference Center. As part of Helm's College, our caterers are educated in the latest culinary techniques, recipes, and trends.

Georgia's Gubernatorial Candidates will address issues of importance to retired state employees and educators Tuesday afternoon.

Valuable Door Prizes that have been provided by companies and Local GSRA chapters will be distributed by drawing at several times as the schedule allows.

Invited Speakers

Georgia's three gubernatorial candidates have been invited to speak regarding issues of importance to GSRA members, including their views on state tax reform, adequate funding for state pension systems, preservation of state retiree purchasing power, issues with SHBP and member input/transparency in benefit decision making, recruitment and retention of effective state workforce, and more.

Nicole Clark of Morgan Stanley has agreed to present comments and answer questions regarding the session on Tuesday morning for *Investing Now*.

Commissioner Clyde Reese has accepted an invitation for the State Health Benefit Plan staff to present comments about the 2015 benefit changes and to answer questions. The specific individual has not yet been selected to host this session.

Victoria Farrell with the Fayetteville Law Group will present comments during the *Legal Issues for Seniors* session and respond to specific questions.

Sharla Bryant from the Social Security Administration has accepted an invitation to tell us about benefits offered by the SSA and to hold a Q&A session.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, October 6, 2014:

1:00 p.m. **Conference registration**

2:00 p.m. **Opening Comments**

2:30 p.m. Local Chapter Officer Training
Macon Historic Bus Tour
(Paid Registrants)

5:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

8:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

Tuesday, October 7, 2014:

8:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee

9:15 a.m. **Concurrent Workshops**

-Legal Issues for Seniors

-Investing Now

-SHBP (Preview of changes)

-Social Security Admin Q&A

10:30 a.m. **Concurrent Workshops repeat**

11:30 a.m. Lunch in Auditorium

12:30 p.m. **GSRA Plenary Session**

1:30 p.m. **Break**

1:45 p.m. **Welcome**

2:00 p.m. **Candidates' Speeches**

4:00 p.m. **Door prizes/Adjournment**

Location - Anderson Conference Center

The Anderson Conference Center is operated by Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia and is located at 5171 Eisenhower Parkway, Macon, GA 31206. The center is easily accessible from both I-475 and I-75 and is located only minutes from the heart of historic Macon. Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia, Inc. was founded in 1975 to serve individuals with disabilities and other special needs. In 1994, this organization opened its first Job Connection office in Macon, where anyone with a barrier to employment could receive career counseling and job placement assistance. In response to concern for meaningful skill training and education for individuals seeking employment, the Helms Career Institute was established to provide skills training in the culinary arts, medical/health, automotive technology, construction, and other occupational areas that lead to meaningful jobs for individuals.

Registration instructions (One Form per Registrant)

Register by Credit Card: Only members can register by Credit Card on the GSRA website. If registering a spouse who is not a GSRA member, the registrant must complete the form and register by check.

Register by Check: Print a form for each registrant and mail with check to:
Georgia State Retirees Association
P.O. Box 108
Bethlehem, GA 30620.

Hotels

HOTEL INFORMATION – CONTACT HOTEL BY PHONE OR EMAIL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE DOES NOT INCLUDE REGISTRATION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. BE SURE TO CONTACT THE HOTEL OF YOUR CHOICE DIRECTLY TO REGISTER.

HOTEL	PHONE	CODE	RATE	Note
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Macon-West 4970 Harrison Rd.	478-803-0033	GSRA Conference	\$79	Our Host Hotel for the Annual Meeting/only hotel with contracted rate. Please note, this GSRA Conference rate is only available by phone, booking online yields a higher room rate
La Quinta Inn & Suites Macon West 4615 Chambers Road	478-788-6226		From \$85	Same exit as the host hotel. Pet Friendly. Rate information from their website.
Fairfield Inn Macon West 110 Plantation Inn Dr.	478-474-9922		From \$89	Two exits north of the conference center exit. Rate information from their website.

Hope to see you in Macon!

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"DECISION 2014 – ELECTING GEORGIA'S LEADERS"
ANDERSON CONFERENCE CENTER - 5171 EISENHOWER PARKWAY, MACON, GA

REGISTRATION – COMPLETE ONE PER PERSON – GSRA MEMBERS CAN LOG IN AND REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MYGSRA.COM WITH CREDIT CARD UNTIL 9/30/2014 – NON MEMBERS PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM

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On-site Registration: \$25

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email Address:

Chapter:

From what Agency/School System did you retire?

ACTIVITY CHOICES

OCTOBER 6 – 2:30 PM – Please indicate one option below by placing an "x" in the box to the right.

GSRA Chapter Officer Training

Macon Historic Bus Tour – Free with Registration
 Limited to 50 people – Pick up/Drop off at Anderson Center

OCTOBER 6 – 5:00 PM – Please indicate if you will participate by placing an "x" in the box to the right.

Reception – Edgar's Bistro

OCTOBER 7 – 9:15 AM and 10:30 AM - Please choose one workshop for each time by placing an "x" in the column.

	9:15 AM	10:30 AM		
Legal Concerns for Seniors				
Social Security Administration Overview				
Investing Advice				
SHBP-Preview of Changes for 2015				

LUNCH CHOICES – OCTOBER 7 – 11:30 AM – ALL INCLUDE CHIPS & COOKIE, SWEETENED/UNSWEETENED ICED TEA, CANNED SODAS, WATER - SELECT LUNCH #1, #2, #3, #4 OR #5 BY CIRCLING YOUR CHOICE

LUNCH #1 - CHICKEN SALAD CROISSANT
 Homemade chicken salad with lettuce and sliced tomato

LUNCH #4 - TUNA SALAD CROISSANT
 Homemade tuna salad with lettuce and sliced tomato

LUNCH #2 - ROAST BEEF
 Thinly sliced roast beef on ciabatta bread with lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese & horseradish mayo

LUNCH #5 - HAM & CHEESE CROISSANT
 Smoked ham & sharp cheddar cheese with lettuce & sliced tomatoes

LUNCH #3 - TURKEY BREAST
 Thinly sliced turkey on ciabatta bread with lettuce tomato, swiss cheese & horseradish mayo

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Holiday Inn Express & Suites Macon–West, 4970 Harrison Rd. Rate: \$79 – only available by phone – 478-803-0033 - Use Code "GSRA Conference" – Note: booking online yields a higher room rate – Although other hotels are available in the Macon area, prices may be higher than reflected above.

Complete One Form per person-mail with check payable to: GSRA, P.O. Box 108, Bethlehem, GA 30620
Please see the 2014 Annual Meeting schedule for additional information
Questions? help@mygsra.com or 770-312-2799-Directions: www.AndersonConferenceCenter.com