

GSRA Annual Meeting Newsletter

Tentative Agenda: A Roadmap Back to 3% COLAs



**Join Us Monday, October 3rdth & Tuesday, October 4th
for the 2022 GSRA Annual Meeting.
Enjoy a lakeside getaway at Veterans Memorial State
Park near Cordele, Georgia.**

Make your plans now to attend the GSRA Annual Meeting in Cordele, Georgia. We have invited Caylee Noggle, Commissioner of the Department of Community Health; Mr. Jim Potvin, Executive Director, Employees Retirement System of Georgia, and Kelly Farr, Director of the Office of Planning and Budget. Our keynote speaker on Monday afternoon will be Jeannie Coffey of AMBA, discussing how community engagement and volunteer opportunities can contribute to chapter life and growth.

You'll have the opportunity to attend concurrent informational sessions planned with your interests in mind on Monday, October 3rd and again on Tuesday, October 4th. And, as always, there will be plenty of time for fun and fellowship at the Monday evening welcome reception at the marina's Cypress Grill, including light fare, cash bar and live entertainment with Josh Carson.

On Tuesday, you'll enjoy a buffet lunch. Rounding out the two-day meeting, you'll have the opportunity to visit with our exhibitors and partners before and after sessions and during breaks, as well as cast your tickets for a chance to win one or more of the great Door Prizes by meeting's end.

Registration Fee

Early Registration (prior to September 1, 2022): \$35

Late Registration (after September 1, or on-site): \$40

Tentative Program & Activities Snapshot

Monday October 3rd

10:00 AM	Registration Opens		Masters Hall Lobby
11:30 AM	Exhibits Open		
12:30 PM	Welcome/Opening Session	Welcome to LBR (Tifton Mayor, someone from LBR/DNR) Beverly Littlefield, GSRA President Allan Hill <i>GSRA Annual Meeting Committee Co-Chair</i>	Main Hall
12:45 PM	Guest Speaker	Jeanie Coffey- AMBA- Community Engagement and Volunteerism	Main Hall
1:45 PM	OUR Physical and Mental Health Health Insurance Update	Caylee Noggle, Commissioner <i>Department of Community Health</i> Executive Director <i>State Health Benefit Plan</i>	Main Hall
2:15 PM	Break		Lobby
2:30 PM	OUR Financial Security: How Do we Get back to 3% COLAs 2023 Budget + Future Years for ERS Retirees ERS Update	Beverly Littlefield, President GSRA Kelly Farr, Executive Director <i>Governor's Office of planning and Budget</i>	Main Hall Main Hall
		and	Main Hall
		Jim Potvin, Executive Director <i>Georgia Employees Retirement System</i>	
3:25 PM	Move To Workshops		

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3:30 PM	Concurrent Workshops iPhones Tips and Tricks	Malcolm Willis <i>BH Tech Group</i>	Break Out A
	Android Phone Tips and Tricks	Dave Oblinger <i>BH Tech Group</i>	Break Out B
	Your UHC Health Care Options/Costs	<i>United Health Care</i>	Break Out C
	How we can invest your money to make you money.	<i>APCU</i>	Break Out D
5:00 PM	Welcome Reception Cash Bar	Josh Carson, <i>Entertainment</i>	Marina Grill

Tuesday October 4th

9:15 AM	General Session	Allan Hill <i>GSRA Annual Meeting Committee Chair</i>	Main Hall
9:30 AM	Concurrent Workshops		
	Local Chapter Training/Strategic Planning	Jim Sommerville, Immediate Past President GSRA Bob Pollock, President <i>Southwest Georgia/Albany GSRA Chapter</i>	Break Out A
	Your Anthem Health Care Options/Costs	Traci Lyon/Janalyn Kelly Anthem BC/BS	Break Out B
	Workshop 3 – YOGA Exercises or Silver Sneakers Program	Silver Sneakers Trainers	Break Out C
	Workshop 4 –Financial Planning for Retirees	Keenan Jackson Element Wealth Advisors	Break Out D
12:00 PM	Lunch	Please Return to Main Hall at the Conclusion of the Morning Workshops	Main Hall
1:15 PM	Recognition of GSRA Annual Partners, etc.	Allan Hill <i>GSRA Annual Meeting Committee Chair</i>	Main Hall

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1:30 PM	GSRA Legislative Review	Chuck Clay , <i>GSRA Legislative Liaison</i> Chuck Freedman , <i>Chair</i> <i>GSRA Legislative Committee</i>	Main Hall
1:50 PM	Business Meeting & President's Report	Beverly Littlefield <i>GSRA President</i>	Main Hall
2:30 PM	Door Prize Drawings	Allan Hill	Main Hall
3:00 PM	Adjournment		



Reserve A Room or Cabin at the Lake Blackshear Resort @ Veterans State Park

You can make reservations on-line or by phone. To get this low rate, reservations must be made by **September 1, 2022**. For on-line reservations, go to the website www.lakeblackshearresort.com. In the upper right-hand corner click on the orange box: Lowest Rate Guaranteed BOOK ONLINE. Enter arrival date and select number

of room nights. **Enter Group ID: 394467**. Click on Check Now: Click on Book Now and complete required information to make reservation.

For telephone reservations, **call 800-459-1230** and ask for **group block # 394467**. Reservations for the event will be made by individual attendees directly with the hotel prior to the Cut-off Date. All guests should identify themselves as a member of GSRA in order to obtain the organization's rate.

Additional Lodging options are available in Cordele, Georgia just a few miles away.

Hampton Inn & Suites

Cordele

2-star hotel - Eco-certified

1709 16th Ave E, Cordele, GA 31015

(229) 273-7150

OVERFLOW
HOTEL LISTINGS:

Best Western Colonial Inn

2-star hotel

1706 16th Ave E, Cordele, GA 31015

(229) 273-5420

Comfort Inn & Suites

3-star hotel

2803 Frontage Rd, Cordele, GA

31015

(229) 273-7117

Registration instructions

Register by Credit Card: Sign into the GSRA Website, www.mygsra.com, and click the link on the home page. Only members can register by Credit Card on the GSRA website. Online Registration is available to GSRA members through September 1, 2022.

If registering a spouse who is not a GSRA member, please complete the form on the next page and mail the completed form with a check.

Register by Check: [Print](#) a form for each registrant and mail with check to:
GSRA, P.O. Box 6308, Elberton, GA 30635

**GSRA 2022 OCTOBER 3 – 4, 2022
LAKE BLACKSHEAR RESORT & GOLF CLUB
GEORGIA VETERANS PARK
2459 US HIGHWAY 280 WEST
CORDELE, GA 31015**

REGISTRATION – **COMPLETE ONE PER PERSON** – GSRA MEMBERS CAN LOG IN AND REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MYGSRA.COM WITH CREDIT CARD UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 NON MEMBERS PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM

Early Registration Prior to September 1, 2022: \$35 After September 1, 2022: \$40

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

GSRA Chapter: _____

OCTOBER 3 – 3:30 PM – PLEASE INDICATE YOUR OPTION BELOW BY CIRCLING #1, #2, #3, or #4

#1 – Tips and Tricks for Your iPhone	#3 Your UHC Health Care Options/Costs-United HealthCare
#2 – Tips and Tricks for Your Android Phone	#4 – How we can invest your money to make you money - Atlanta Postal Credit Union

**OCTOBER 3 – 5:00 PM Reception – PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL PARTICIPATE BY CIRCLING THE WORD “YES” OR “NO”.
NOTE: An accurate count for the reception is needed.**

Reception	YES	NO
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OCTOBER 4 – 9:30 AM - PLEASE SELECT ONE WORKSHOP FOR 9:30 AM BY CIRCLING YOUR CHOICE #1, #2, #3, or #4

#1 – Local Chapter Training/Strategic Planning Jim Sommerville, GSRA Past President	#3 – Yoga/ Silver Sneakers
#2 – Your Anthem BC/BS Health Care Options/Costs	#4 – Financial Planning – Jackson Keenan

**ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH A BUFFET LUNCH IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL WHO REGISTER FOR THE GSRA ANNUAL MEETING
SERVED IN THE RESTAURANT: BEVERAGE AND DESSERT IS INCLUDED**

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outline of Annual Meeting</u> Monday – October 3, 2022</p> <p>12:30 pm – Opening Session – 12:45pm – Guest Speaker 2:00 pm – DCH Commissioner 3:00 pm – ERS Executive Director/OPB Director 3:30 pm – Workshops (Concurrent 4) 5:00 pm – Reception – Cypress Grill</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, October 4, 2022</p> <p>9:15 am – Opening Session 9:30 am – Concurrent Workshops (four options) 12:00 noon – Lunch – Buffet in Restaurant 1:15 pm – Recognition of GSRA Annual Partners 1:30 pm – GSRA Legislative Review 1:50 pm – Business Meeting 2:30 pm – Door Prizes 3:00 pm – Adjournment</p>
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**Complete One Form per person - mail with check payable to:
GSRA, P.O. Box 6308 ELBERTON GA 30635**

**Questions? help@mygsra.com or 770-312-2799
For the Schedule of the Annual Meeting, please visit the website: www.mygsra.com**