



Annual Meeting

GSRA - Working Together for the Benefit of All

When: October 16-17, 2017

**Where: Columbus Convention and Trade Center
Columbus, Georgia**



Join Us for the 2017 Annual Meeting!

Make your plans now to attend GSRA's 2017 Annual Meeting in Columbus on the banks of the scenic Chattahoochee at the beautiful Columbus Convention and Trade Center. This two day meeting will feature agency leadership from both DCH/SHBP and ERS providing us with up to date information regarding our retirement health insurance and pension benefits. In addition, representatives from both the Deal administration and from the legislature will discuss the issues and outlook for the State of Georgia in 2018, as well as some of the legislation of interest still being considered. There will be four timely and valuable topics to choose from for the concurrent sessions, with members having the chance to attend two of their choice. And, as always, there will be time for fun and fellowship! There will be an entertaining tour of the noted Springer Opera House Monday afternoon for members interested. Monday evening will feature a welcome reception for meeting attendees, including hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and entertainment. Lunch will be provided on Tuesday. You'll also be able to visit great vendors in the Vendor area before and after meetings and during breaks and cast your door prize tickets for a chance on a variety of fabulous door prizes.

Cost to Register

Early Registration (prior to October 11, 2016): \$25

On-Site Registration: \$30

Program & Activities Snapshot

AMBA Presentation – GSRA Member Benefits

APCU Presentation – Money Talk 101

BCBSGa Presentation – *Get Healthy Georgia*

Springer Opera House Tour (\$5.00)

Local Chapter Training Session

Welcome Reception at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center Monday, October 16, beginning at 5:00 pm for all registrants, exhibitors, presenters and invited guests, featuring entertainment by Jazz Group – Columbus State University Schwob School of Music.

Lunch Included Tuesday

Great Door Prizes that have been provided by companies and GSRA local chapters will be distributed by drawing at meeting's end.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, October 16, 2017:

9:00 a.m. **Conference registration**

11:30 a.m. **Vendor Area opens for duration of meeting**

12:15 p.m. **Welcome/Opening Session: Presentation of Colors**

Teresa Tomlinson, Mayor, Columbus

Rep. Richard Smith, Columbus

Kip Mann, President, GSRA

Allan Hill, Chair, GSRA Annual Meeting Planning Comm.

12:45 p.m. **SHBP Presentation**

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Frank Berry, Commissioner, DCH
Jeff Rickman, Chief, State Health Benefit Plan

1:45 p.m. ***Proposed Legislation – No Surprise Billing***

Rep. Richard Smith
Senator from HHS Committee

2:30 p.m. ***Legislative Report 2017 Session***

Chuck Clay, GSRA Legislative Liaison, Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough LLP
Chuck Freedman, Chair, GSRA
Legislative Committee

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions:**

Local Chapter Officer Training

Bob Pollock, GSRA Board Member/President,
Southwest Georgia Local Chapter

Get Healthy Georgia

Leonard Harvey, MD, MBA, BCBSGa

Money Talk 101

Shavon Roman, APCU

Benefits of GSRA Membership

Ryan Greenfield, Regional Vice-President, AMBA

Tour of Springer Opera House (meet in lobby at 3:15)

5:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception**

Entertainment provided by Jazz Group – CSU Schwob School of Music

7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

Tuesday, October 17, 2017:

8:45 a.m. **General Session**

Allan Hill, Chair, GSRA Annual Meeting Planning Committee

9:00 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions:**

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease

David Marlowe, Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter

Estate Planning and Elder Law

Kimberly Harris, Elder Law Special Needs Planning Attorney

Healthways

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Conya Gibson, Health Promotion Specialist,
SHBP

Social Security – What You Should Know

Meaghan DePalma, Regional Vice-President,
Prudential

- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Concurrent sessions repeat**
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. ***Georgia's Issues and Outlook for 2018: Ways Retirees Can Help!***
Lonice Barrett, Board Chairman, Employees Retirement System
Jim Potvin, Executive Director, Employees Retirement System of Georgia
Teresa MacCartney, CFO, Director, Office of Planning and Budget
Representatives from the House and Senate Appropriations Committees
- 2:00 p.m. **GSRA – Our Accomplishments! Kip Mann, President, GSRA**
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. **Business Meeting/2018 Presidents Report**
Steve Herndon, President Elect, GSRA
- 3:30 p.m. **Door Prizes**
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Location—Columbus Convention and Trade Center at the Historic Iron Works

**801 Front Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31901
706-327-4522**

Hotels

Columbus Marriott 800 Front Ave Columbus, Ga. 31901 706-324-1800	\$129 for King or Double by noon on 9/18/17	Group code GSRA See link below for reservations 800-228-9290
Doubletree by Hilton 5351 Sidney Simons Blvd Columbus, Ga. 31904 706-327-6868	\$119 by 9/18/17	See link below for reservations

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Candlewood Suites 6611 Whittlesey Blvd. Columbus, Ga. 31909 706-940-0900	\$74 for Queen Studio or Queen Double by 9/15/17	Contact the hotel directly at 706-940-0900 Code GSRA
Wingate by Wyndham 1117 Rollins Way Columbus, Ga. 31904 706-225-1000	\$79 for single or double by 9/17/17	Contact the hotel directly at 706-225-1000 Code GSRA
Extended Stay America 1721 Rollins Way Columbus, Ga. 31904 706-563-9938	\$79.99 for a single \$84.99 for queen or double	Contact the hotel directly at 706-563-9938 Code GSRA

For Columbus Marriott reservations: **Booking link:** [Columbus Marriott Link](#)

For Doubletree By Hilton reservations: **Booking Link:** [Doubletree by Hilton link](#)

Notes for Hotels:

The Columbus Marriott, our host hotel, is directly across the street from the Convention Center and the Riverwalk, and within easy walking distance of a number of downtown restaurants and shops. It offers free parking and Wi-Fi, but not breakfast. A Houlihan's restaurant is located in the hotel and serves breakfast.

The Doubletree is located at I-185 at the Airport Thruway exit, about 6.5 miles drive to the Convention Center. It offers free parking, Wi-Fi, and breakfast. There are a number of local and national restaurants nearby.

The Candlewood Suites, the Wingate, and Extended Stay are all located at JR Allen Pkwy (Hwy 80), about a 6 mile drive to the Convention Center. All offer free parking, Wi-Fi and breakfast. There are a number of local and national restaurants nearby.

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. The form can be found at the end of this announcement.

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.

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COLUMBUS CON VEN TION & TRA DE CENT ER, 801 F RONT ST RE ET, COLUMB US, GA

REGISTRATION – COMPLETE ONE PER PERSON – GSRA MEMBERS CAN LOG IN AND REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.MYGSRA.COM WITH CREDIT CARD UNTIL 10/11/2017 – NON MEMBERS PLEASE C OMplete AND MAIL THIS FORM

Early Registration (Received by 10/11/2017): \$25 After 10/11/2017 & On -site Registration: \$30

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email Address:

GSRA Chapter:

OCTOBER 16 – 3:30 PM – PLEASE INDICATE YOUR OPTION BELOW BY CIRCLING #1, #2, #3, #4, or #5.

#1 - GSRA Local Chapter Officer Training

#3 - GSRA Member Benefits provided by AMBA

#2 – Money Talk 101 - APCU

#4 – Get Healthy Georgia - BCBSGA

#5 - Tour of Springer Opera House

**(Note: \$5 fee, pay at Opera House – limited to groups of 40 –
circle if you plan to take the tour so that enough tour guides will be available)**

OCTOBER 16 – 5:00 PM – 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

OCTOBER 17 – SELECT ONE WORKSHOP FOR 9:00 AM AND ONE WORKSHOP FOR 10:30 AM BY CIRCLING YOUR CHOICE.

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

#1 – The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer’s Disease –
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#3 – Finding Time for Fitness
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PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR LUNCH SELECTION: #1, #2, #3, #4

**EACH BOXED LUNCH INCLUDES A FRESH BAKED COOKIE AND POTATO CHIPS – SANDWICHES ARE SERVED ON FRESH BREAD WITH LETTUCE, TOMATO AND
ARE ACCOMPANIED WITH A PICKLE SPEAR AND CONDIMENTS
BEVERAGES INCLUDE SWEET AND UNSWEET TEA AND WATER**

LUNCH #1 CHICKEN
SALAD SANDWICH

LUNCH #3
SMOKED TURKEY W/AMERICAN CHEESE

LUNCH #2
ROAST BEEF W/AMERICAN CHEESE

LUNCH #4
VEGGIE WRAP

Complete One Form per person - mail with check payable to:

GSRA, P.O. Box 108, Bethlehem, GA 30620

PLEASE SEE THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions? help@mygsra.com or 770-312-2799

**For the Schedule of the Annual Meeting, please visit the website: www.mygsra.com Please
submit questions for any of the speakers to help@mygsra.com by October 11, 2017**