



ACTION WATCH

***Georgia State Retirees Association—January 17,
2012***

GSRA Day at the Capitol and Legislative Reception Additional Important Information

Your greatest opportunity for letting your state legislators know how you feel about issues of critical importance to you and your loved ones is coming up in two weeks! Once again, GSRA Day at the Capitol and the GSRA-GCWA Legislative Reception on January 31, 2012 will provide you with the best forum you'll have this year to make YOUR VOICE heard.

As promised, GSRA is providing additional information in this Action Watch related to:

- directions and parking, including handicapped parking, for both events;
- instructions and links for registering for both events;

- directions for registering at the Holiday Inn Select- Downtown near the Capitol, should you desire to stay overnight, and
- access to talking points that can aid you in interacting with legislators throughout the day.

The success of these two events will depend entirely on the number of participating GSRA members and the quality of the messages they deliver during the events. Best of all, you'll have fun in the upbeat atmosphere with other GSRA members and former co-workers.

GSRA Day at the Capitol

GSRA Day at the Capitol – 11:00 AM

Convene at 11:00 a.m. in Room 341 at the Capitol, third floor. After a short orientation, materials for distribution to legislators will be provided.

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 will be asked to visit legislators' offices other than their own. We will provide you with printed versions of "talking points" (see below for how to access) to guide your discussions with legislators, and with brochures/fliers and promotional items to leave with the legislators. If any legislative committee of interest is meeting that

afternoon, GSRA will provide that information and help members who are interested in attending. Last year's large GSRA presence at the Senate Retirement Committee meeting made a big impression with legislative members!

Registration Information

Register at rsvp@mygsra.com. Type your name, city and county of residence in the subject line or the body of the e-mail – we need this information to make GSRA badges.

Legislative Reception

GSRA Legislative Reception-5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Legislative Reception co-hosted with GCWA (Georgia County Welfare Association), will be held in the Empire Room, Floyd Building.

The Reception is being hosted to honor our elected senators and representatives and will provide you another opportunity to meet your legislators and discuss matters of concern to retirees and employees.

We will also be presenting a short program and an award to a legislator who best supported retirees

during the past year at 6:00 p.m. However, attendees are asked to arrive at 4:30 p.m. for a short orientation.

A registration fee of \$35 is required for this event. Finger foods, beer and wine will be available during the reception. **For GSRA members registering by**

the deadline of January 24, 2012, their membership with GSRA will be extended for 12 months.

Registration Information

Register by:

1. Logging-in to www.mygsra.com
2. Click on the link provided for the **ACTION WATCH** in the “What’s New” box on the GSRA home page.

3. The link will allow you to complete the form and charge the \$35 to your credit card.
 ALL registrations must be received by January 24, 2012.

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.**

Directions for Parking Lots and Reception

Directions to parking lots conveniently located within walking distance of the day event and evening reception are described in the document included with this Action Watch. If you prefer to park and ride a shuttle to the events area, directions for that are also given.

For members who prefer to use mass transit, or who find the parking lots have filled up, MARTA

instructions are included, with directions to some of the closest MARTA stations to the downtown area.

Also included with the directions is the GSRA telephone number, which will be monitored throughout the events should you need to call someone for help or to answer questions.

Holiday Inn Select-Downtown

The Holiday Inn Select-Downtown is located about four blocks south of the Capitol and the Floyd Buildings (West Tower-Empire Room). The address for the Holiday Inn Select-Downtown is: 450 Capitol Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30312.

Registration Information

Make reservations by calling 1-800-465-4329 or by copying the following link into your web browser:

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/reservation/roomrate?destination=450+CAPITOL+AVE+ATLANTA+GEORGIA+United+States&hotelCode=atlca &groupCode=GW1&execute=basic>.

Use the Group Code: **GCWA Winter Board Meeting and Training.**

If you have any problem with reservations, please contact Wayne Drummond by email: mail@gcwa.us or 404-694-2588.

Legislative “Talking Points”

Talking points to aid you in your interactions with legislators throughout the January 31st events will be provided to you at the Day Event and are located on the GSRA website homepage at www.mygsra.com. The talking points include information about GSRA the organization, as well as GSRA’s goals and what we, as an organization, support and what we, as an

organization, do not support. We urge you to access the talking points and become familiar with them in order to facilitate your discussions with your elected officials.