



## ***ACTION WATCH***

***Georgia State Retirees Association—January 5, 2013***

### **GSRA Day at the Capitol and Legislative Reception January 30, 2013**

**GSRA is once again providing you an opportunity to express your opinion to legislators face-to-face at its third annual GSRA Day at the Capitol and Legislative Reception on January 30, 2013.**

The success of both events will depend entirely on the number of GSRA members who participate, as well as the quality of the messages we deliver. This is our opportunity to express the retirees' point of views on issues important to us and to dispel any negative preconceptions legislators might have about active or retired state employees and educators.

As a special note, please **look for the email Action Alert coming out later this month** which will allow you to easily contact your legislators to ask them to attend the reception. Invitations from members are critically important in assuring legislative attendance.

Circle this date on your calendar and make plans now to attend both events. **This may be one of the most important things you can do this year to help safeguard the retirement and health benefits you were promised by the state.**

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**Event: GSRA Day at the Capitol**

**Date:** January 30, 2013

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Location:** Capitol, staircase near Room 301

**Details:** Meet at the Capitol at 9:30 for a photo with Governor Deal. Immediately following, convene in Room (to be identified that day) so that you can be briefed on the day's activities. We will finalize and distribute promotional bags by local chapter so that members can deliver the bags to legislators on Capitol Hill. After lunch (on your own at Capitol Hill cafeterias or area restaurants) members are encouraged to attend committee meetings (schedule will be provided that morning). Room (to be announced), probably 341 State Capitol, will be our staging and gathering area for the day.

**RSVP:** [rsvp@mygsra.com](mailto:rsvp@mygsra.com) (not required, but appreciated!)

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**Event: Joint GSRA/GPHSA Legislative Reception**

**Date:** January 30, 2013

**Time:** 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

**Location:** Floyd Building/20<sup>th</sup> Floor/Empire Room



**Details:** Meet at the Empire Room between 4:00 and 4:30 PM in order to be ready to meet and greet legislators as they arrive. Members should make every effort to speak with their legislators at the reception, if they are in attendance. Hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be available from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. GSRA/GPHSA will recognize our annual “thank you” awards winners at the short program beginning at 6:00 PM. (Note: You will receive additional information when databases are updated for the 2012 election and districts about inviting your legislators to the reception.)

**Registration:** Registration fee is \$37.00. Members must be registered by January 25<sup>th</sup> and no registration will be done on site. Go to [www.mygsra.com](http://www.mygsra.com) and click the link under *What's New* to register online or use the Registration Form below to mail in your registration/payment. If you encounter any problems registering, please contact [help@mygsra.com](mailto:help@mygsra.com) or call 770-312-2799.

### **Parking and Lodging Information**

**Parking:** There are several commercial lots located on or around Capitol Hill, including the Underground Atlanta lot. For the Legislative Reception, the Pete Hackney lot at 162 Jesse Hill Jr. Dr. SE is the best location. However, if you need “Help” in walking, you can take advantage of the \$5.00 parking/van offered by the Holiday Inn Select Capitol Plaza at 450 Capitol Ave., SE. (Note: There may be a short wait time before being driven to the Capitol.) You need to mention that you are associated with the GCWA Winter Training and Board Meeting to get that rate.

**Lodging:** GPHSA has reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Select Capitol Plaza at 450 Capitol Ave., SE, Atlanta, GA 30312. The room rate is \$99.00 per night (single/double). To make reservations call 1-800-465-4329 and identify yourself as a member of the group GCWA Winter Training and Board Meeting. The deadline for reservations is 1/14/2013.



**GSRA/GPHSA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION  
JANUARY 30, 2013  
5:00PM TO 7:00PM  
EMPIRE ROOM - FLOYD BUILDING**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK FOR \$37 PAYABLE TO GSRA AND MAIL TO:  
GSRA P.O. BOX 108, BETHLEHEM, GA 30620  
REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 25, 2013**

**IMPORTANT: THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION ON SITE!**