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<http://www.geocities.com/gaeoponline>

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Message from a Co-President

From the desk of Paulette Woodard, CEOE

Dear Special fellow GAEOP,

I apologize for the inability to further work with you for our GAEOP since the fall conference in Rome, GA. Shortly after that time my husband's health declined. He has had 3 mini strokes that have led to Dementia.

He and I are on an uncharted path now and not sure where we are going or how to handle this new life. He hates the forgetfulness/the memory loss that has begun. We both feel angry with this new development but. . .

I have had to step back and away from several responsibilities I have/had in the past months. I work two jobs and try to help him focus and look out for him. In so doing you and I have missed so much I had planned and hoped for GAEOP in 07-08. Again, I apologize. I had asked Barbara as the other co-president to take over then she too has had problems. I owe much to Barbara who has helped me greatly in the past year with GAEOP. And, she helped me to earn my CEOE and attend the July NAEOP conference in Seattle, WA to receive it. I am forever grateful to her! To each of you I also owe much. GAEOP has always been a fun, learning experience. I desire to always be a member and in time . . . maybe more.

Now to the point of my letter to you, I do not want GAEOP to diminish - to cease to exist if at all possible. I ask any and all that can and want to do for GAEOP to do so. If the by-laws need to be changed for the benefit of GAEOP to continue and we have willing workers then my vote is to do so. And this is why; even though we need new people we must first have someone in the Lead to reach out to those new people to get their interest and thus take on these positions of leadership.

I have learned it has been suggested to meet in the fall for a brief meeting to gather our thoughts and make plans for the future of GAEOP. Good, let's do so.

Let's get our membership paid, place and plans to meet this fall and us a very active GAEOP.

Please contact any of the following about your desires and choices for the future of GAEOP.

Much love and God Bless you and yours I pray,

Paulette Woodard

Cc: Barbara Pisano

Beth Harris

For more information on the plans, thoughts and suggestions—see the “conversations” on the next page.

Conversations about the future of GAEOP

Glenda Harrison, back in June, wondered what was going on with GAEOP— there had been little communication since the Fall conference so she emailed a few people to find out what they had heard or knew.

Due to the responses that Glenda received, she sent me (Beth) an email asking what I knew - and the Conversation started.

From: Elizabeth.Harris@gpc.edu Date: 11 Jun 2008

The plan which was discussed via email between Paulette, Barbara and myself was that we [GAEOP] would:

- a. roll all 2007-2008 memberships into 2008-2009 without dues being necessary for those who had paid;
- b. that a newsletter be sent out explaining that GAEOP essentially had no board, no officers (other than the treasurer) and no one who wished to plan a conference at the present time
- and
- c. put it to the membership for ideas - if there were people who would be willing to serve on the board/elected then we could also vote to suspend the service requirements for the various offices OR if no one was interested in keeping it going, that we would submit, to the membership, a proposal to disband GAEOP and forward the remaining funds to NAEOP for one of the funds they maintain - my suggestion would be the scholarship fund.

I too am heartbroken at the current situation. With so many of the long time members being retired now, and many of the new workers in education not being interested - due to budget cuts or just a "not a career" mentality - it's just hard. And it isn't just Georgia that is suffering with this - from what I hear, there are chapters all over the US having these same types of problems.

My job is possibly changing - I may lose the financial support I have had in the past. So I am reaching my own crossroads.

We need new people to take up the mantle of leadership, we can't just keep going back to the folks who have been around for years. But with those folks stepping back in their roles, there is no one to teach the new folks either.

I had planned the newsletter for the end of this month - in timing it so that the announcement about the rolling of memberships could be distributed about the same time that the new year's dues request normally would go out. Nothing was ever suggested or sent to me for inclusion in any other newsletters this year, so none were produced.

GAEOP is a membership organization without a leader right now. It is up to the members to keep it going. Or to decide that it won't.

From: glenda harrison, gceop Sent: June 15, 2008

Do you suppose we could have a meeting in Central GA and ask anyone who wants to participate to come for a discussion about all that is included in this letter? Or could we meet in Atlanta? we could make it a 10am - 3 pm meeting with lunch if necessary and go dutch for the lunch. I hate to see us fold, but I know I'm retired and can't get funding, so anything that will cost a lot of money is out. Let me know what you decide. Glenda

From: Elizabeth.Harris@gpc.edu Date: 16 Jun 2008

Those are good ideas. I will include them in the newsletter. We'll see what the majority want to do. I don't want to plan anything with just a couple and then have a lot of no shows - we've had enough of that in the last few years.

Did you have any places or dates in mind? Until I know what is going to happen with my job, I can't volunteer the college as a meeting place.

From: glenda harrison, gceop Sent: June 18, 2008

Late July or early August would be best. Most go back to work the second week of august. If that doesn't work, I'd plan it for September. thanks for trying. Glenda

From: Elizabeth.Harris@gpc.edu Date: 18 Jun 2008

I will put the idea in the newsletter. Others will have to do the actual planning - I'm up to my ears with the new duties I have.

Thanks for your interest.

From: glenda harrison, gceop Sent: June 21, 2008

I would be happy to help someone plan a get together for the fall. it doesn't even have to be a conference. **Ask if anyone wants to help me in the newsletter.** Glenda

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Please contact Glenda if you are interested in helping to put together a meeting— she and I were thinking maybe a nice lunch somewhere if not a meeting—include other suggestions with your membership information form when you send it in, I will see that she gets anything submitted. Thanks! Beth

**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership Year: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

No DUES ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2008-2009 YEAR IF YOU WERE A PAID MEMBER IN 2007-2008

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership | \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Past President's Council (GAEOP) | \$5.00 (in addition to dues) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Membership | \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Membership | \$5.00 (annual) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership | \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life membership | \$300.00 (May be paid in quarterly payments) |

Please print or type information! You may fill this form out online (www.geocities.com/gaeoponline/membershipform.pdf) and print it out!

Name: (Mrs., Ms., Miss, Mr., Dr., Rev.) _____
What do you like to be called? (i.e. "Beth" or "Liz" if your name is "Elizabeth") _____

Are you a member of **NAEOP**? ____ (Please check if Yes)

Do you hold a PSP certificate? If so, what level? _____

Do you hold a GCEOP certificate? ____ (Please check if Yes)

Home Address & Information:

Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip(+4): _____
Telephone: (Home Phone) _____ (Home Fax) _____

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Which address should GAEOP use to contact you? Home ____ Work ____ (Please provide both above!)

Service Area: (please check one)

____ Elementary ____ Middle School ____ Secondary ____ Higher Education ____ State Department
____ Administration ____ Vocational ____ Retired ____ Other (Specify) _____

How did you hear about GAEOP? _____

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DID YOU KNOW?

Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!

Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in and then beat them up.

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.

Leftover snickers bars from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes!!! Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yummy!

Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to medium and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. I saw this on the cooking channel and it really works.

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar and calories per serving.

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing pantyhose. Place pin in seam of slacks and ... ta da! ... static is gone.

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the window's foggy, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola! It unseals easily.

Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair.

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it 1/2" with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home," can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!