

## **GE RETIREE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

**2026 - 2027**

Dear GE Retirees and Spouses,

I am Jim Reeves, your association president, and I would like to welcome all members back for another year of luncheon meetings starting in September! First, I want to thank ALL our board members for all you do to support our Association. In addition, the board would like to thank our members who participated in the "Work on Wilmington" in conjunction with the Wilmington GE businesses, the Food Bank, and the Salvation Army Angel Tree events we held last year. We know there are many of you who also support our communities with Meals on Wheels, American Legions, Red Cross, youth education and sports activities, schools and your church. The GE Retirees Association appreciates everyone's efforts in making a difference in our local communities!

The Board of Directors welcomes you to the 2026-2027 GE Retirees Association. Over the summer months, the Board has worked to plan a fun and informative year for all. We are excited to begin a new year with you. Please consider being more involved in the Association with your suggestions, time and talents. We would love to add board members this year to allow long-serving board members a chance to pass on their knowledge, so please let any one of us know if you are interested. Please feel free to contact any of the Board members with any concerns or suggestions.

### **THIS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION.**

Please check out our website and bookmark it for future reference ([geretireesilm.com](http://geretireesilm.com)).

Send any recommendations for the website to Charles Korman (email below).

### **GE RETIREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMAIL ADDRESSES – PHONE NUMBERS**

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Our annual dues remain \$15.00 for members, which includes your spouse. We collect dues annually in September, so please send your check to Tom MacPherson, Treasurer (see the form on page 3), or pay him at our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Lunches for our meetings are subsidized by GE businesses and remain \$10 for regular indoor meetings at the Wilmington Senior Center (2222 South College Road), and \$15 for the Valentines luncheon and the picnic outings at Long Leaf Park. All meals are catered by Middle of the Island (MOI) catering.

Included is the proposed schedule for speakers and events for the 2026-2027 luncheon meetings. This year we will again have two separate meetings for each business leader - GE Aerospace and GE Vernova.

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| <b>Date</b>        | <b>Organization</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| September 17, 2026 | The UWCFA (United Way Cape Fear Area)<br>presentation will not be a funding request but rather a<br>discussion of our nonprofit community and how they<br>work together to support the needs of the Cape Fear<br>area. |
| October 15, 2026   | Fall Picnic – Long Leaf Park Shelter #5<br>(Bingo and Door Prizes)                                                                                                                                                     |
| November 18, 2026  | GE Aerospace<br>Leader – Mark Moon<br>(Please bring large, canned goods)                                                                                                                                               |
| January 21, 2027   | Costal Therapeutic Riding Academy<br>Kim Niggel                                                                                                                                                                        |
| February 18, 2027  | Valentine Celebration<br>Entertainment: Unresolved String Band<br>(Door Prizes)                                                                                                                                        |
| March 18, 2027     | GE Vernova<br>Leader – Craig Ranson                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| April 15, 2027     | UNCW Osher Lifelong Learning Center Program                                                                                                                                                                            |
| May 20, 2027       | Spring Picnic – Long Leaf Park Shelter<br>(Bingo and Door Prizes)                                                                                                                                                      |
| June - August      | Summer Break                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

We look forward to seeing you at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting!

Jim Reeves, President

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Please print this form and include it with the annual dues. Make checks (\$15) out to GE Retirees Association and mail to:

**GE Retirees Association**

PO Box 7518

Wilmington, NC 28406-7518

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please. tell us your Program and Volunteer Interests:

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☐ I am unable to participate in the GE Retirees' Association in the future. Please remove me from your mailings.

**Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_