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President's Message

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Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

I am happy to report that we have collected annual dues from 124 of our returning or new members! Our total membership is about 260 counting all lifetime members. Thanks to all of you who responded and sent in your dues. You are now in good standing with our state and national organizations. We are almost at 100%, with only few members left to get their dues to our treasurer.

At our September meeting, we had the drawing to award lucky winners with a **\$25.00 Publix Gift Card**. All members who had submitted their dues by August 31 were entered in the drawing. Winners yet to claim their gift cards are: **Jennelle Hopf, Yvonne Wilson and Art Guzzetta**. See me at our next meeting to claim your \$25 gift card. After our January 2018 meeting any unclaimed cards will go back into a drawing for next year. Congratulations to all winners!

As a member, we are all winners as we utilize all of the many discounts and services provided by our local, state and national organizations. Remember, your FEA-R membership card is your Access Card to many benefits. Please remember that you do not receive a new card each year. The cards issued last year are valid through **2019**. If you have lost or misplaced your membership card please notify me. I'll request a replacement for you from Tallahassee. New members who do not receive a membership card within 6 weeks of joining our group should notify me and I will check on it for you. If, after I check on this issue, you still do not receive it, I do need to know. If I don't hear back from you, I will presume you have received your card.

I am here to serve you! You may reach me at (813) 766-4390 or at jrman91146@aol.com.



Happy Birthday!

October Birthday Wishes

Dorothy Henning 10/01	Roman Leal 10/01
Sara Bailey 10/03	John Vecellio 10/03
Gregory Jewell 10/04	James Parkhill 10/04
Gareth Rouillard 10/04	Glenda Keith 10/05
Burton Neumeier 10/06	Sandra Maynard 10/08
Patricia Davis 10/08	Carol Williams 10/08
Eva James 10/09	Ann Marie Armstrong 10/11
Kathryn McCaffrey 10/11	Catherine Conover 10/12
Chuck Kiker 10/16	Daisy Wade 10/17
Ethel Chester 10/24	Julia Jennings 10/27
Emma Ross 10/28	Jill Driver 10/29
Dave Reddin 10/29	John Mattox 10/29

Please notify me if I do not have your correct date of birth. See contact information provided in the President's letter

News You Can Use

Our next meeting will be our “Annual Membership Picnic”. It will be held at Eureka Springs Park **Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM**. The park is located at: 6400 Eureka Springs Park Rd, Tampa, FL 33610, Cross Streets: Between Vandenberg Airport Rd and Tampa Executive Airport Rd. Bring your favorite dish and join us for a beautiful lunch in the park. We have reserved a shelter. Please notify **Mary Gonzalez at (813) 748-3586** of the number of **new member prospects** you plan to bring so we can plan the amount of food needed. If you didn’t sign up to bring a dish then call **MARY** to see what she needs you to bring.

The **FEA-Retired** Annual Meeting will occur on October 26th and the **FEA Delegate Assembly** will be held October 27-29 . Your elected delegates to both of these important meetings will present reports on these events at the November meeting. Please plan to attend our monthly meetings in order to get the latest news from our state organizations.

On Wednesday, November 15 we will once again meet at the CTA offices on Habana. Our scheduled guest speaker will be Joe McAuffie from OLLI

I continue to ask for your help with recruitment. We all need to work together to build our organization. The number of retirees from the school district is a significant number. Rich Lucas works diligently to contact each one by mail with information about HEAR.

Community Outreach

Beth-El is now distributing food weekly to more than **625 families**. **Kathy Dain, Executive Director**, sends her sincere thanks for all of our help. In addition to collecting money at each meeting, I urge you to bring an item or two from the list below. Their food pantry is always in need of being replenished.

The underlined food items are in critical need. Please provide 1 lb. bags of rice and beans and the 14 oz cans of vegetables and fruit. (This makes it convenient to distribute the items to more families without the need for repackaging.)

Spaghetti sauce w/meat
Canned Sloppy Joe
Peanut butter
Non-fat dry milk
Pasta/macaroni
Instant grits
Graham Crackers
Mayonnaise
Corn oil
Canned vegetables
Rice
Evaporated milk

Canned Chili
Canned meats
Juices
Jelly
Cereals
Instant oatmeal
Sugar
Coffee
Canned fruits
Pinto beans
Meseca flour

Please Note:

Since many of the families that Beth-El services change often throughout the school year, school supplies are a continuing need as new families arrive. Please bring any items that will fit within your budget. I appreciate your help with this project. **ALERT: We received a critical list of needs from Beth-El. This is in addition to the list that is always welcomed. If you are able to bring a few items listed below, it will be much appreciated!** Toothpaste, toothbrushes, Soap bars, Disposable razors, Mosquito repellent- protection against Zika, baby formula, baby wipes, socks, socks, toilet paper, laundry detergent, Linens, new or gently used shoes for men and women. Long sleeve shirts, hats-baseball caps, and canned goods.

New Members

None at this time – Please help to recruit.

Welcome! I look forward to seeing you at our October picnic meeting!