President’s Message

John Manning
Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

2018! Wow! Happy New Year to you all!
2017 was a very busy year. Yes, another year has slipped by. They seem to go by faster as we get older. I understand that the holiday luncheon was delightful. Unfortunately, I couldn’t attend because of my heart cath the day before. A special thanks goes out to Sue Huttig, Sue Harmon, Merrilyn and Carl Crosson for their work at making it a special event.
We will be updating the member’s directory soon. If any of your contact information has changed since last year, please let us know so we can update to the most current information.
As we begin a new calendar year, I urge you to continue recruiting new members. Growing our membership is key to building a vital organization.
I thank you for your generosity to Beth El mission. Many Food items and other needs have been donated by our membership. In addition, we have raised $1,200 to help with their needs.

NOTE: We received 57 requests from HCTA teachers for the $100 classroom grant. FEA has funded 2 and two of our members have given donations to fund 2 more. Anyone else wishing to help fund a grant request, please send your check(s), made out to HEAR, to me at 14516 Thornfield Ct., Tampa 33624 Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on
Wednesday, January 24th at the CTA building.
You may reach me at (813) 766-4390
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Happy Birthday!

January Birthday Wishes

Nancy Thomas 01/01 Connie Snyder 01/03
Lien Delavan 01/06 Evangeline Best 01/08
Mildred DuBose 01/08 Elizabeth Lynch 01/08
Susan Key 01/14 Joann Myers 01/15
Carolyn Lee Pierce 01/15 Yvonne Wilson 01/17
Carol Engstrom 01/20 Abba Gayle Schmidt 01/20
Sam Rosales 01/22 Carmen Thomas 01/22
Beverly Johnston 01/25 Belinda Stanley 01/25
Emma Donofry 01/26 Fred Brewer 01/31
News You Can Use

Our January meeting will be held on **Wednesday January 24, 2018** at the HCTA Building, which is located at 3102 N. Habana Avenue, Tampa, FL 33603. Coffee and snacks will be available by 9:45.

Our speaker will be from Suncoast Credit Union. This will be a very enjoyable and informative meeting.

On **February 21** we will meet at the Emergency Operations Center.

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Please bring items to the meeting to assist the many families that Beth El helps each month.

**Food Items:** (Please note underlined items are a priority. They are asking for 1 lb. bags of rice and beans, and the 14 oz. size of fruits and vegetables.)

- Spaghetti sauce w/meat
- Canned Sloppy Joe
- Peanut butter
- Non-fat dry milk
- Pasta/Macaroni
- Instant grits
- Graham Crackers
- Mayonnaise
- Rice
- Canned vegetables
- Evaporated milk
- Canned Chili
- Canned meats
- Juices
- Jelly
- Cereals
- Instant oatmeal
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Canned fruits
- Pinto beans
- Meseca flour

**Personal Items:**

Priority needs are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, linens, and towels.

**School Supplies:**

Due to the transient population that they serve, they are always in need of replenishing their supplies: Notebook paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, washable markers, and folders are always appreciated.

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**New Members**

Robert Halczyn        Mary Hobley        Catherine Paunov

Mary Taylor        Willie Williams

We welcome you and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting.

Please help us recruit, Thank you!