President’s Message

John Manning
Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

I have been advised that the Hillsborough County Schools Retirement Seminar will be March 1st at Armwood High School which begins at 4:30 PM with set up at 4:00. HEA-R will have a table setup to greet the prospective retirees and introduce them to our organization. This is a great recruitment opportunity and helps us grow our organization. Volunteers [You] are needed to help at this seminar to explain the benefits and opportunities of membership in NEA-R, FEA-R, & AFT-R as a HEAR member. Our table will be setup and manned to receive teachers at 4:00. Please contact me or Merrilyn Crosson at (813) 689-6509 and/or Rich Lucas if you can be there to help. Yes, HELP! This year we expect more than 300 plus attendees.

Also, as an active retired member, you have an opportunity to be a delegate to the Annual FEA Delegate Assembly (DA). The FEA DA is scheduled for October 11-13, 2018 in Orlando, Florida. The NEA & NEA-R annual meeting is in Minneapolis, MN this year. NEA-R June 27-28 followed by NEA RA June 30 - July 5th.

At this time, the FEA-R group is allotted 33 delegates to the FEA DA. This is our total number of delegates statewide. There are 31 open delegate seats up for election. I urge you to consider this opportunity and to become more involved in our state organization.

I sent a Nomination Form with this newsletter. Please pay very close attention to the deadline for this election. Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than February 17th. Please mail your completed form to the address for the Election Committee, which is listed on the bottom of the nomination form.

You may call or text me at (813) 766-4390
Email: jmman91146@aol.com

Happy Birthday!

February Birthday Wishes

Geneva Murphy 02/01  Emma Simon 02/01
Sherry Bowers 02/03  Elsie Alexander 02/05
Estela Cubano 02/05  Ruth Hall 02/05
Janet Naaktgeboren 02/06  Linda Pasetti 02/10
Peter Terzian 02/20  Mary Anne Pothier 02/23
Jim Roney 02/24  John Brown 02/26
Mary Brumley 02/26  Helen Marie Spieler 02/27

Please let me know if I failed to list your birthday. My contact information is listed at the bottom of the President’s Message.
Our next meeting will be on February 21st at Hillsborough County Public Safety Operations Complex located at 9450 East Columbus Drive Tampa, FL. Parking is available in front of the building. You will need to show a photo ID to sign in & enter the building. Meeting starts at 10:00 so plan to arrive by 9:45 for time to sign-in, socialize and get refreshments.

March 1st Armwood H.S.Benefits Meeting for Retirees.

On March 21 we are back at CTA to hear a speaker from the Tampa Museum of Art.

**Please Note:** Nominations for next year’s open HEAR offices will be coming up very soon. President, District 1, Membership Chairman will be open for nomination. Please consider if you would help by putting your name in for nomination.

Please bring items to the meeting to assist the many families that Beth E1 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.)

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**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.

Barbara Haggerty