President’s Message

John Manning, President

Our last meeting was at the new $35 million Hillsborough County Emergency Management Offices operated by the Hillsborough County fire department. They have an emergency center that can manage any type of major crisis/event that occurs within the county and coordinate efforts between local county, city, state and federal emergency response agencies.

The annual SDHC Retiree seminar was held on March 1st at Armwood High School. Rich Lucas, Dale Sena, George Schultz, Merrilyn Crosson and I were present at our information table to greet prospective HEAR members. The seminar was attended by 300+ future retirees. We were able get printed information about our organization into the hands of prospective members. I believe we have already gained a few new members from this meeting. Rich Lucas has obtained a new list of retirees and will be mailing HEAR information to them.

Please keep our organization growing

by asking a friend who has retired or is planning to retire to come along with you to one of our meetings.

You may reach me at (813) 766-4390 or jorman91146@aol.com

Happy Birthday!

March Birthday Wishes

Ed Hess 03/01
Lavinia Wade 03/02
Dee Perry 03/04
Mirta Martinez 03/05
Paula McQuillan 03/07
Kathryn Yttri 03/07
Gladys Mitchell 03/09
Wendy Carnahan 03/12
Barbara Henderson 03/14
Gwendolyn Lamb 03/18
Linda Harmon 03/24
Cynthia Hope Sakai 03/27
MaryAnn Bostick-Pidick 03/28
Michelle Landert 03/28
Ed Fabian 03/29

Please let me know if I failed to list your birthday. My contact information is listed at the bottom of the President’s Message.
News You Can Use

We will present 14 $100 innovative classroom grants to current HCTA teachers at the March 8th rep council meeting. You are invited to attend.

Spring break is March 12 thru March 16. Therefore, this month [March 21] we be meeting at HCTA on N. Habana and will have speaker Britney Bevel from the Tampa Museum of Art.

Then our next meeting on April 18th will be at Beth El in Wimauma.

As in the past a nomination/election committee has will be appointed for this year. The offices up for election are as follows: President, Membership Chairman & District 1 Director. All of the current officers are eligible to run for re-election. The committee will poll each of the current office holders to determine their wishes. Also, any member who is in good standing can be nominated to run for any of these offices. Anyone interested in helping by serving please contact me.

The Election committee will present the slate of nominees at the May 16th meeting and an election will be held at the May meeting.

NOTE: Our Staff appreciation luncheon is scheduled for May 16th.

Membership:   Lifetime   142
Annual         131
Total:        273

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

**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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Mable S. Jones-Avery