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President's Message

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Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired

We enjoyed hearing from Marilyn Warner FEA-R President and Kathy Betancourt last meeting and are looking forward to finding out more about H.O.P.E. and their quest for affordable housing from Sharon Streater this month.

Our membership drawings will be a bit different this year. We will have some drawings for **renewals** AND some drawings for **lifetime members!** The drawings will be for \$25 checks, rather than gift cards. If your name is drawn, you must claim your prize before the December meeting or another name will be drawn!!!

The renewal dues are currently **\$56**
payable to "**HEAR**"
[NEA-R, FEA-R, AFT & HEA-R]

Mail to: **Merrilyn Crosson**
1708 Woodbine Drive
Brandon, FL 33510

Lifetime memberships are currently available at \$450. For monthly payments contact Merrilyn: merrilynkay@aol.com.

Note: We have been notified that lifetime dues will increase \$50 next year. Now is a good time to upgrade an annual membership to a lifetime membership.

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I hope all of *you* voted and I hope the elections turned out the way you wished! Get ready to vote in the general election. It's time to start mobilizing for 2020!

Happy Birthday!

September Birthday Wishes

Mary Hobley 09/03
Joe Bohren 09/08
Pasquale Russo 09/08
Bob Minthorn 09/11
John Manning 09/11
Barbara Poole 09/13
Kenneth Weber 09/15
Brenda Swanson 09/17
Delores Velasquez 09/18
Annie Gadson 09/18
Deborah Larry 09/19
Sarah Hodge 09/19
Lois Robertson 09/21
Judith Cheatham 09/21
Shirley Griffin 09/23
Carl Crosson 09/24
Debby Kruger 09/24
Willie Williams 09/24
Cillia Lopez 09/27
Cynthia Mitchell 09/25
David Malberg 09/29

Please let me know if I missed your birthday! Thanks.

News You Can Use

The Executive Board met on August 28:

We are going to move our sign-in materials to the other side of the room, so latecomers will not find themselves in between the speaker and the audience.

Our October meeting will be a picnic at Julian Lane Park on the 17th. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends to join us and learn a little bit about HEA-R!

We are working on a new DIRECTORY!! It should be ready by early 2019.

I've appointed a By-laws Committee to review our by-laws: Rich Lucas, John Streater, Yvonne Lyons, Merrilyn Crosson and myself.

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The following Delegates will attend the FEA-R Annual Retiree Meeting, which will be held on October 11th in Orlando.

They are: **Rich Lucas, Harrietta Willis, Carl Crosson, and Russ Patterson.**

Alternates (in the event that one of our delegates is unable to attend) are: **Sue Huttig, Merrilyn Crosson and John Streater.**

John Manning is registered as a guest.

Automatic Delegate is: **Candy L. Gale, President.** Information about location and times will be sent to each delegate in the near future.

The State organization, FEA-R, is collecting classroom books for Florida's Young Remarkable Educators (FYRE), passing on books from retired teachers to young educators beginning their careers.

They are also collecting new and gently used purses filled with toiletries to give to women in a homeless shelter in Orlando. I have three ready to go!

Community Outreach

Beth-El is now distributing food weekly to more than 630 families. 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

The board decided to add an additional charity. Rich Lucas will accept any gently used children's clothing and take it to OASIS (Outreach Assisting Students in Schools). OASIS is an organization committed to providing basic necessities to underprivileged students in Hillsborough County Public Schools to prepare them for success. For more information go to <http://www.oasis-network.org/>

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We will continue our regular meetings at the HCTA Building, which is located at 3102 N. Habana Avenue, Tampa 33607. Our meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. However, we would like to have you come 15-30 minutes early to get time to socialize before our meeting.

New Members

Mable Jones-Avery
Gloria Lazier

Nancy B. Bolen
Nancy Mikowski

Diana Bennett
Karen Simpson

Jacqueline E Cross
Barbara Toepke