President’s Message
Candy Gale
Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

As the holiday season approaches the HEA-R officers and I want to extend the warmest holiday wishes to all of you and your families. Thank you so much for your continued support and loyal attendance at our meetings.

Our last meeting we did chair yoga! There was something for everyone. We all used some muscles we had forgotten we had, but had a great time.

Please plan to join us as we celebrate the season with our annual holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. (Details are on page 2 in the “News You Can Use” section.)

Please encourage your HEA-R friends and guests to attend our meetings. It is at the meetings that we can share education updates, build relationships with new members and make everyone feel welcome and valued. We had a very good attendance in November.

We will have a retirement reception in May before the CTA meeting. Thank you to Dale Sena for working hard to improve our presence at HCTA meetings.

This year’s brunch was such a success; we are planning another brunch for the newly retired teachers for the beginning of school next year. Let me know if you are interested in helping plan for it.

Please continue to be safe through this busy season.

You may call/text me at (813) 317-7660 or email: cigid@me.com

Happy Birthday!
05 Sandra Grant
05 Sandra Henry
08 Letericia Kicklister
09 Charles Perdomo
09 Frank Permuy
10 Dorothy Baker
13 Art Guzzetta
14 Debra Kremp
15 Mary Lou Jones
16 Carol Melious
18 Lisa Perry
20 George Summers
21 Sally Catt
21 Carol Driver
22 Nancy J Mikowsk
22 Carolyn Miller
23 Alma Bowers
23 Nancy Stephens
23 Shirley Perdomo
29 Sue Croley
31 Elaine Fess
31 Belinda Harris

If I missed your birthday, please let me know.
We will celebrate the holiday season with our Annual Holiday Luncheon beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 11th at the Embassy Suites USF/Busch Gardens, 3705 Spectrum Blvd, Tampa, FL 33612.

As always, we will have time for fellowship, socialization, and of course, our usual array of numerous door prizes to be awarded at the end of our luncheon. Please plan to join us! Bring a potential new members, spouse, family, or friends.

In order to provide for adequate seating for all and to arrange the room for our group, it is important that we know the number of members and guests who will be attending. Please contact Sue Harmon (813) 843-7336 or harmonbay@verizon.net with your RSVP for you and your guest(s) no later than December 9th. If you were at the last meeting and signed the Holiday Dinner list you do not have to RSVP again. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Our January meeting will be held on January 15, 2018 at HCTA, located at 3102 N. Habana Avenue. At this meeting we will have a very interesting guest speaker: Steve Ove from McDill speaking about Military History.

Please bring items to help make the holiday brighter for the many families that Beth El helps each month. In addition to the food items listed below they appreciate gift cards.

We will also present them with a check for the total amount of money collected at our meetings from August through December.

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.

Please bring any items that will fit within your budget. I appreciate your help with this project.

We are also giving to Oasis, a charity that supplies clothing for school social workers to give to students in need. Any gently used children or adult’s clothing can be given to Rich Lucas, who will deliver it. For more information go to http://www.oasis-network.org/

Thomas Fillion and Mary C. Davis