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President's Message

John Manning

Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

Summer break is over, teachers and students are back to work. Labor day has passed and it's time to start H.E.A.R activities.

We've planned an exciting year for all to enjoy. Sue Harmon will present our speaker and event schedule for the 2017-2018 year at our upcoming September meeting. Our October meeting will be at Eureka Springs Park for our annual "membership drive" picnic.

As your president, I encourage each of you to be an active member and attend the monthly meetings. At the meetings you will connect with old friends and make some new ones. Our programs are intended to enlighten you, help you, and entertain you. Our organization remains strong as we continue to work and relax together.

We have received more annual renewals! A total of 115 annual memberships plus 6 new lifetime members which have now been received and sent to Tallahassee! If you are one of those who have sent yours in on time, you are entered in the drawing for one of the Publix gift cards. The drawing will occur at the September 20st meeting. Good Luck!

I am in need of your help with recruiting new members. This is normally our biggest recruitment time. Please help to get the word out to retired teachers. Invite a retired teacher to visit one of our meetings and encourage them to join H.E.A.R. Remember, our membership recruitment picnic is October 18th at Eureka Springs Park.

You may call or text me at (813) 766-4390
or email: jrman91146@aol.com



Happy Birthday!

September Birthday Wishes

Joe Bohren	09/08	Pasquale Russo	09/08
Amy Himes	09/09	Bob Minthorn	09/11
John Manning	09/11	Barbara Poole	09/13
Brenda Swanson	09/17	Delores Velasquez	09/18
Deborah Larry	09/19	Sarah Hodge	09/19
Lois Robertson	09/21	Sandra Rushing	09/21
Shirley Griffin	09/23	Carl Crosson	09/24
Sue Harmon	09/24	Betty Rosales	09/24
Debby Kruger	09/24	Cynthia Mitchel	09/25
Joie Barksdale	09/26	Cillia Lopez	09/27
David Malberg	09/29		

If I missed your birthday, I apologize, please let me know. See contact information provided in the President's letter.

News You Can Use

Our next meeting for the 2017-2018 meeting year will be held on September 20, 2017. We will meet at HCTA. The CTA office is located at 3102 N. Habana Av, Tampa, FL 33607. Our meeting will start at 10:00 AM. Please plan to arrive by 9:45 AM to socialize and enjoy refreshments together. At this meeting our speaker will be from Bright Now Dental Benefits Program for HCTA members.

If you are a returning member, you will not receive a new FEA-R membership card since the cards issued in 2016 do not expire until 2019. New members will receive their membership card within one month of joining! All new memberships received in the summer months are not processed until after September 2, 2016. If you are a new member and do not receive your card by October 18, please let us know. We will check on the status and let FEA-R know about the issue. After we check, if you still do not receive your card, then we need to know in order to follow up on this issue.

Once you have your membership card remember to use it! Put it in a safe place and don't misplace or lose it. Just follow the easy directions to access your many wonderful benefits! Enjoy all of the savings!

I want to thank all of you for your continued support. I'm here to listen to your concerns and try to resolve any issues about your membership. Each of you contributes to the success of our organization!

Community Service

Beth-El is now distributing food weekly to more than 625 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

Please Note:

The back-to-school sales are still available in many stores. Let's help send the children back to school with lots of school supplies.

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

NEW MEMBERS – WELCOME!

Cheryl Burnett Deborah Chandler Sarah Hodge Gloria Smith Nancy Stephens

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting September 20st!

