

Remember to Vote, if you haven't already!!!!

President's Message

Candy Gale

Hillsborough Educators Association - Retired

Our picnic at Tampa's Julian Lane Park was delightful. The weather was bright and sunny and the surroundings were very beautiful. We send out a big thank you to Sue Harmon for arranging a lovely picnic and to all those who brought the delicious dishes, necessary supplies, and tables and chairs!!

Halloween has passed and holiday season music will soon be playing in the retail stores. We are quickly approaching the merry season. Our meeting this month will be Nov 14th at HCTA with Aaron Warner speaking about NEA Member Benefits. The following meeting will be December 12th. It will be our Holiday Luncheon at the Embassy Suites on USF Campus at 11:00 AM.

We have a member who can't drive anymore. She lives near Nixon and Gunn and would like a ride to meetings. If you would like to offer her a ride please contact me and I will put her in touch with you. Thanks!

In the spirit of thankfulness, it is important to remember Beth-El in their endeavor to provide for the less fortunate. Willie Norwood will be collecting the items as listed in this Reporter. Also, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Make checks out to H.E.A.R. and memo Beth-El.

Looking forward to seeing all of you November 14th at the HCTA building.

I am here to serve you!
You may reach me at
(813) 813-317-7660 or cigid@me.com.
Sincerely,
Candy



Happy Birthday! November Birthday Wishes

Allen Levy 11/01
Suzanne Bopp 11/03
Mable Jones-Avery 11/11
Evelyn Butts 11/12
Juanita Cook 11/13
George Schultz 11/18
Gwen Drapela 11/22
Jeanie Russo 11/23
Rene Tamargo 11/25
Eura Robinson 11/26
Debra Graff 11/28

Please notify me if I do not have your correct date of birth. See contact information provided in the President's letter.

News You Can Use

On November 14th we will meet at the CTA Building, which is located at 3102 North Habana Avenue. As always, our meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. Please plan to arrive by 9:45 AM in order to enjoy coffee, snacks, and a wonderful social time together.

In December we will enjoy our holiday luncheon at the Embassy Suites on USF Campus at 11:00 AM. This meeting will be held on December 12th. We will have more information about this holiday tradition in the December Newsletter.

I continue to ask for your help with recruitment. We all need to work together to build our organization. Let your friends know how much fun we have and that you would like them to join us!

Several of you have taken advantage of our monthly installment payments plan toward a lifetime membership. Lifetime memberships protect you from future dues increases and you're able to maintain the NEA/AFT/FEA discounts and benefits and association with the AFL-CIO and FLARA. While recruitment is very important, there is another aspect to our organization's growth and strength that is equally crucial! That is the retention of our annual members. Membership and involvement is key! Come and join us at our monthly meetings. Make some new friends and see old ones.

We're growing. Membership is up to 286!!!

Community Outreach

Beth-El is now distributing food weekly to more than 625 families. Kathy Dain, Executive Director, sends her sincere thanks for all of our help. 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 Chili
Canned Sloppy Joe	Canned meats
Peanut butter	Juices
Non-fat dry milk	Jelly
Pasta/macaroni	Cereals
Instant grits	Instant oatmeal
Graham Crackers	Sugar
Mayonnaise	Coffee
Corn oil	<u>Canned fruits</u>
<u>Canned vegetables</u>	<u>Pinto beans</u>
<u>Rice</u>	Maseca flour
Evaporated milk	

Please Note:

Since many of the families that Beth-El services change often throughout the school year, school supplies are a continuing need as new families arrive.

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Rich Lucas will accept any gently used children's clothing and take it to the Oasis. For more information go to <http://www.oasis-network.org/>

Welcome New Members!!!

Grant Wilson
Martha Coulter

Virginia H. Roebuck
Elaine H. Fess

Welcome! I look forward to seeing you at our November meeting!