

Get everyone you know to register to VOTE!!!!

President's Message

Candy Gale

Hillsborough Educators Association - Retired

Our picnic at Eureka Springs 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!!

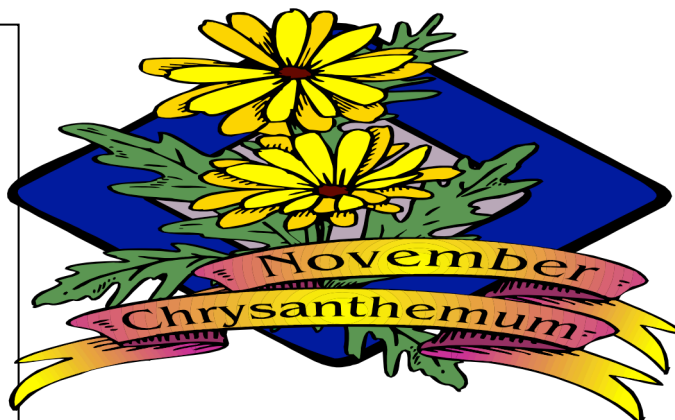
Halloween has passed and holiday season music will soon be playing in the retail stores. We are quickly approaching the *merry* season. Our meeting this month will be Nov 20th at HCTA for chair YOGA. There will be something for everyone, so please join us. The following meeting will be December 11th. It will be our *Holiday Luncheon* at the Embassy Suites on USF Campus at 11:00 AM. Be there or be square!!

In the spirit of thankfulness, it is important to remember Beth-El in their endeavor to provide for the less fortunate. Susan Buchanan 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 20th 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
Donald Hill 11/7
Juanita Cook 11/13
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. - Candy

Want to make a difference?

John Streater is planning a working committee on Political Action that supports the agenda of HCTA (FEA, NEA, AFT...) that finds the most effective ways to involve our members in advocating for that agenda. The planning meeting will be at the CTA building on November 4 at 1. Contact Barb Toepke btoepke504@gmail.com to RSVP or john_streater@hotmail.com for further information.

News You Can Use

On November 20th we will meet for chair yoga at the CTA Building, which is located at 3102 N. Habana Avenue. Our meetings 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.

On December 11th we will enjoy our holiday luncheon at the Embassy Suites on USF Campus at 11:00 AM. Find more information 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 to see them at our monthly meetings!

Several members 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 longtime ones.

We're growing. Membership is up to **297!!!** We got an award for membership growth at the Annual Retired District Meeting last week!!!

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 or adult clothing and take it to the Oasis. For more information go to <http://www.oasis-network.org/>

Welcome New Members!!!

Marilyn Moore

Diane L. McKee

I look forward to seeing you at our November meeting!