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Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired

President's Message

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Dear HEA-R Members,

This has gotten to be the strangest time of our lives. It reminds me of a song in the musical Hamilton, "The World Turned Upside Down". It's like we have to rethink everything. One thing that will be different for the foreseeable future is that we will have to be meeting virtually for our HEA-R meeting! If you have questions about how to do this please call or email me before the meeting and I will talk you through it.

Please join our Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, August 19 from 10 AM until NOON. Click below at 10:00 on 8/19/20:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85864027732?pwd=dTJ6aGU0VWdFbnlYbFR4NUluT1E4QT09>

Meeting ID: 858 6402 7732

Passcode: 700254

There will be phone numbers for those of you who want to call in and we will have a practice beforehand. I will send out information closer to the time.

I can be reached at:

(813) 317-7660, cigid@me.com or candyLgale@gmail.com

The message from John Lewis' celebration of life was "VOTE." As his administrative assistant put it so well, "For the love of God, please vote!" VOTE!!!! Primary Election Day is Tue, Aug 18. Early voting Aug 3 - 16. It is too late to request a mail-in ballot, but if you have previously requested one and have received it, MAIL IT IN. It must be received by 7pm on Aug. 18, and you need to allow 6 days for delivery and signature confirmation.

Happy Birthday!

03 Patricia Brinser
05 Arlene Schindler-Slater
06 Hiedi Glick
06 Russell Patterson
07 Leslie Butler
08 Dessie Williams
09 Nancy Tokarz
10 Marilyn Moore
10 Sharon Hogan
11 Avis Chaplick
12 Gordon Johnston
14 Sharon Wingo
15 Roberta Washington
18 Judie White
19 Nancy Harris
19 Janice Stewart
21 Joyce Carroll
21 Jo Ann Rudes
22 John Carmody
22 Donna Violette
23 Paula Marczynski
23 Carol Ayers
23 Elsa Alfaro
24 Lois McLane
24 Willie Thomas
25 Pat Lantis
27 Sue Creekmore
26 Naomi Ryan
29 Lois Plaag
30 Alice Brayton
30 Denisse Albuquerque
30 Diana Bennett
30 Jeannette Trotter
31 Diana DeNitto
31 Cheryl Burnett
Please let me know if I missed your birthday! Thanks. Candy

News You Can Use

Community Outreach

The Executive Board met virtually on June 17th. We reviewed suggestions for programs. Sue Harmon, our program chairperson is now contacting speakers and making reservations. There will be a copy mailed with this newsletter.

Our first HEA-R meeting for the 2020-2021 meeting year will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 19 at 10:00 AM.

Nominations are being accepted for 2020-21 board positions: President, Membership Chair and Director 1. Please contact Yvonne Lyons 988-8208 or ylyonstt@gmail.com. We will also be accepting nominations from the floor at the meeting August 19th and will vote at the September 16th meeting.

Plans for the FEA-R Annual Retiree Meeting in October are still being finalized. If you would like to attend let us know.

Due to the pandemic, many families have struggled over the past four months to meet basic needs, and direct monetary donations to either Beth-El or OASIS, or both would help many students and families in our community. The best thing you can do for right now is to give directly:

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Inc. 18240 US 301, Wimauma, FL <https://beth-el.org/donate/>

OASIS (Outreach assisting children in school) <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/oasis-network-of-new-tampa-inc/egift-cards-to-feed-students> ~~~~~

A little closer to home: Our vice president, Sue Huttig is setting up a telephone touching tree. She needs to identify two kinds of members: 1. People who like to make phone calls and 2. People who would like to receive phone calls. She is going to pair them up and get you talking to each other! Contact her at sabinasue@gmail.com or 416-5044 to let her know if you are a 1 or a 2!

Have you renewed your annual H.E.A.R. membership?

RENEW your annual HEA-R membership now! Catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Learn about amazing community organizations and how you can get involved and support them. Keep our numbers strong to send more members to the annual FEA-R meeting. **RENEW by our first meeting August 19th** so that Merrilyn can send dues to FEA before September. Don't wait too long and jeopardize your existing benefits. The renewal dues are currently **\$56** payable to "**HEA-R**"

Mail to: **Merrilyn Crosson, 1708 Woodbine Drive, Brandon, FL 33510** merrilynkay@aol.com. Lifetime memberships are available for \$500. For monthly payments contact Merrilyn Crosson.

LOOK! <https://www.irishcentral.com/culture/irish-american-teachers-poem-covid19-outbreak>

Welcome to our New Member - Shirley West