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President's Message

Candy L. Gale Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired

Our August speakers were Cheryl Schroeder and Kyle Gawroriski from the Central Labor Council of the AFL-CIO. We learned about union support, apprenticeships, and political action. Contact Kyle at kgawroriski@flaflcio.org or wcflc.org/volunteer to make union member phone calls to get out the vote!

Have you signed up for vote-by-mail?

Our next meeting is **September 16th at 10:00 a.m. via zoom**. Need help? Go to zoom.us to find tutorials. We will hear **Rep. Diane Hart** speak about **race relations, criminal justice, and the legislature**.

I hope you can be there with us. Come at 9:30 to get checked in. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89076409529?pwd=UXRTQmZjc0pWbDk0UEdnclAyQ1dGdz09>

Meeting ID: 890 7640 9529 Passcode: e1SaQM

If you don't have a computer you can dial in from a cell phone to 646 558 8656. Enter the Meeting ID and the Passcode when prompted. You'll be able to listen to and participate in our meeting.

Haven't renewed your membership yet? Write a check for \$56 payable to **HEA-R** and send it to: **Merrilyn Crosson, 1708 Woodbine Drive Brandon, FL 33510**. The annual dues cover **HEA-R, FEA-R, NEA-R, and AFT-R**. Become a lifetime member of all groups for only \$500. Email merrilynkay@aol.com for monthly payments. I can be reached at: (813) 317-7660 or cigid@me.com

We will also elect three officers in September. The candidates are Candy Gale for President, Jackie Cross for Membership Chair, and Harietta Willis for District 1. Thank you and congratulations! We will be taking nominations from the floor at the meeting!

+++++++ If you have changes in your contact information please send change of address, phone number or email to Jim Roney: (813) 205-5669 or jimroney53@gmail.com.



**Happy
Birthday!**

September:

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| 03 | Mary Hobley |
| 07 | Patricia Mulholland |
| 08 | Joe Bohren |
| 08 | Joann Lund |
| 08 | Pasquale Russo |
| 10 | Lillian Rentas |
| 11 | Bob Minthorn |
| 13 | Barbara Poole |
| 17 | Brenda Swanson |
| 18 | Jeffrey Wilson |
| 18 | Delores Valasquez |
| 18 | Annie Gadson |
| 19 | Deborah Larry |
| 19 | Sarah Hodge |
| 21 | Lois Robertson |
| 21 | Judith Cheatham |
| 23 | Shirley Griffin |
| 24 | Carl Crosson |
| 24 | Debby Kruger |
| 24 | Sue Harmon |
| 25 | Cynthia Mitchell |
| 26 | Joie Barksdale |
| 27 | Cillia Lopez |
| 29 | David Malberg |

Please let me know if I missed your birthday!
Thanks. Candy

News You Can Use

Each year FEA-Retired and the Hillsborough Educators Association Retired (HEA-R) offer an Innovative Grant that helps teachers provide a little extra to enrich their teaching.

The \$100.00 Innovative Grant is awarded to an FEA member educator for a project that will add to efficient and effective teaching and enhance student learning.

The funding from FEA-Retired comes from the sale of Lifetime Membership raffle tickets and money raised from a silent auction at the annual meeting. Because meetings this year have all been virtual, those funding sources are not available, and FEA-Retired cannot fund this project this year.

Not wanting to abandon this program completely and wanting to continue this program that supports our local teachers, our chapter voted to fund this ourselves this year from treasury reserves and private donations.

If you would like to donate money to this fund, please send a check to our treasurer, Merrilyn Crosson, 1708 Woodbine Dr., Brandon, 33510. Be sure to specify that the donation is for the INNOVATIVE GRANTS.

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The Census2020 count will end September 30. Please remind all your friends and neighbors to call 844-330-2020 or go to my2020census.gov. Thank you to member Pat Hall for helping the League of Women Voters and the School District to put reminder signs at every school.

Community Outreach

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>

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Save the Post Office! Call Sen. Rubio at 813.853.1099 and Sen. Scott at 813.225.7040. Go to [aflcio.org](https://aflcio.org) for more details on the Heroes Act which also will provide funds for schools, hospitals, and unemployment.

## New Members

Shirley West

Stanley J. Kosmoski, Jr.

Judith K. Schwartz

***Please submit Volunteer Hours from February 19 – August 18 to Jim Roney (813) 205-5669 or [jimroney53@gmail.com](mailto:jimroney53@gmail.com)***