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President's Message

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Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

Time to VOTE! Be safe and vote by mail or try early voting from October 19 through November 1.

Go to votehillsborough.org to read all about the election in Hillsborough County, sign up for a vote by mail ballot, look at a sample ballot, and even view videos featuring our Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer with county staff. The website answers every possible question about voting this fall. Call 813.744.5900 for more information.

Why VOTE? Do you want to save Social Security and Medicare? Do you want good public schools? Do you want eligible people to have the right to vote? Your vote matters!

Who to VOTE for? The HCTA sent an email last week with recommendations for candidates and the amendments.

Who will VOTE? Tell all your friends and neighbors, and if you have time, go to wcfic.org to volunteer. You can easily learn how to make calls to union members with help from Kyle, our AFL-CIO speaker in August.

We haven't collected annual dues from some of our returning members, but they are still coming in. I hope you are up to date. Thanks to all of you who sent in your dues. You are now in good standing with our state and national organizations. Contact Merrilyn Crosson: merrilynkay@aol.com.

As members, we are all winners as we have discounts and services provided by our local, state and national organizations. Remember, your FEA-R membership card is your Access Card to many benefits. You do not receive a new card each year. The cards issued last year are valid through **2021**. If you have lost or misplaced your membership card please notify me. I'll request a replacement for you.

New members who did not receive a membership card within 6 weeks of joining, please notify me and I will check on it for you.

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



Happy Birthday!

October Birthday Wishes

- 01 Dorothy Henning
- 01 Roman Leal
- 03 Sara Bailey
- 04 James Parkhill
- 04 Gary Rouillard
- 05 Glenda Keith
- 05 Patti Griffing
- 06 Burton Neumeier
- 07 Vivian Rothstein
- 08 Patricia Davis
- 08 Sandra Maynard
- 08 Carol Williams
- 09 Eva James
- 11 Ann Marie Armstrong
- 12 Catherine Conovor
- 13 Analene P. McColloch
- 14 Denise Ankudowich
- 15 Kenneth Perry
- 16 Chuck Kiker
- 21 Jacqueline Cross
- 21 Dorothy Simmons
- 22 Dorothy R. Pryor
- 27 Julia Jennings
- 28 Emma Ross
- 29 Jill Driver
- 29 John Mattox
- 29 Dave Reddin

Please let me know if I missed your birthday. Candy

News You Can Use

Our next meeting will be hearing from **Melissa Erickson** in a Zoom meeting.

Topic: HEA-Retired Monthly Meeting
Time: **Oct 21, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern.**
Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar.

Monthly:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0tcO-srjIvGN1o2iHGLMxTiWYyMXppVpco/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhrjwsHtSctRuORpx5Ao_CM-jziFhYjY0Mk03sKwd_TxvCP9V7K59HAMjm](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0tcO-srjIvGN1o2iHGLMxTiWYyMXppVpco/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhrjwsHtSctRuORpx5Ao_CM-jziFhYjY0Mk03sKwd_TxvCP9V7K59HAMjm)

To Join Zoom Meeting click below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89076409529?pwd=UXRTQmZjc0pWbDk0UEdnclAyQ1dGdz09>

Meeting ID: **890 7640 9529**

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 890 7640 9529

Passcode: 214373

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbmaCcEwFG>

Community Outreach

Due to the pandemic, many families have struggled over the past 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 school children) <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/oasisnetwork-of-new-tampa-inc/egift-cards-tofeed-students>

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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!

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Coronacoaster

noun. **The ups** and **downs** of a pandemic. One day, you're loving your bubble, doing workouts, **baking banana bread** and going for long walks and the next you're crying, drinking gin for breakfast and missing people you don't even like.

I'm on a coronacoaster.

No New Members

This month