

## Thank you for voting!!!!

### President's Message

**Candy Gale**

Hillsborough Educators Association - Retired

Our October speaker was Melissa Erickson of the Alliance for Public Schools, who shared educational joys and concerns at all levels of government. See a separate page on action emails to support our schools and families.

Our next meeting on November 18th will feature **Jason Lauriston** from Florida Wildlife Corridor. You can watch their latest film on YOUTUBE

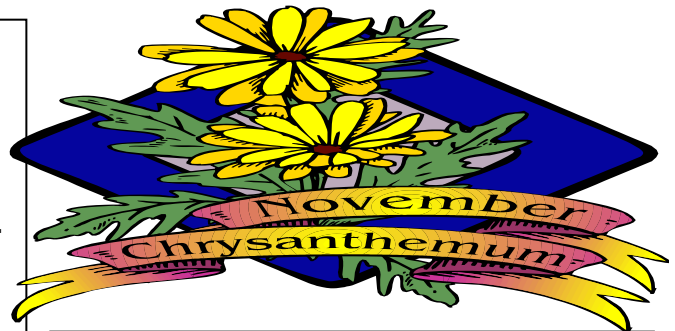
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to learn how lands and waters can be saved to make a path for panthers and bears.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy our holiday luncheon VIRTUALLY at 11:00 AM. Find more information in the December Newsletter.

If you need help navigating the Zoom links, contact Rich Lucas at [richlu22@gmail.com](mailto:richlu22@gmail.com) or 785-3426.

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



**Happy Birthday!**

### November Birthday Wishes

**Allen Levy 11/01**

**Telunda Cutler-Canty 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 \*\*\*

If you haven't already, please submit volunteer hours from September 16 to October 21 to Jim Roney at 813-205-5669 or

[jimroney53@gmail.com](mailto:jimroney53@gmail.com).

Volunteer hours include help for charities and faith groups, friends and neighbors, extended family, and community organizations. Last year's 50,000 FEA-R hours are comparable to \$1,400,000 in value to our state.

## News You Can Use

Congratulations to our new officers President Candy Gale, Membership Chair Jacqueline E. Cross, and FEA District 1 Representative Harietta Willis. Many thanks to retiring board member Rich Lucas!!!!

Have a friend that wants to join us? Dues are only \$56! Write a check payable to HEA-R and send to Merrilyn Crosson, 1708 Woodbine Drive, Brandon FL 33510. Our dues make us members of FEA, NEA, and AFT, with discounts and benefits. Email [Crossonmerrilym@gmail.com](mailto:Crossonmerrilym@gmail.com) for information on monthly payments for a lifetime membership.

The 2020 Innovative Grants for HCTA members have been rolled out with 14 applications so far for Dale Sena and her committee to evaluate. Since FEA-R couldn't provide the grants this year, we voted to fund them from our treasury and donations. You may send a check to Merrilyn Crosson and indicate that it is for the Innovative Grants.

## 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/gift-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](mailto:sabinasue@gmail.com) or 416-5044 to let her know if you are a 1 or a 2!

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A friend took her son to the doctor's office after he sprained his finger. The nurse applied a splint, only to be told she'd put it on the wrong finger.

"I'm sorry," she said. "That's OK," my friend's son said. "You were only off by one digit."

**New Member this month!!!**

George Bartuska