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President's Message

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As the holiday season approaches the HEA-R officers and I want to extend the warmest holiday wishes to you all and your families. Thank you so much for your continued support and loyal attendance at our meetings. Stay safe!

Join us on Wednesday, December 9th at 11 AM as we celebrate our virtual holiday luncheon.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89076409529>

Dress up in your festive sweaters, vests, or hats and bring your own treats. Please consider sharing stories of favorite gifts from students, tales of school or family parties, and any special holiday memories. Dale Sena will share highlights of our gifts to teachers through our Innovative Grants.

In November we learned about the Florida Wildlife Corridor which educates and advocates for exploring outdoors and also for more state land for panther and black bear habitat. Executive Director Jason Lauriston suggested four places to visit: Corkscrew Swamp near Naples; Gold Head State Park near Waldo; Tiger Creek Preserve near Babson Park; and Rainbow Springs State Park by Dunnellon. Check out FWC's expedition films on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

I recorded our November meeting and sent it to everyone. One member wrote to say thank you and plans to attend the next meeting. Let me know if you couldn't open the attachment.

You may call/text me at (813) 317-7660 or cigid@me.com



Happy Birthday!

- 01 George Bartuska
- 05 Sandra Grant
- 08 Leticia Kickliter
- 08 Marie Tapia
- 09 Charles Perdomo
- 09 Frank Permuy
- 10 Dorothee Baker
- 10 Lisa Culberson
- 13 Art Guzzetta
- 14 Debra Kremp
- 15 Mary Lou Jones
- 16 Carol Melious
- 18 Lisa Perry
- 18 Judith Schwartz
- 21 Sally Catt
- 21 Carol Driver
- 22 Nancy J Mikowski
- 22 Carolyn Miller
- 23 Alma Bowers
- 23 Nancy Stephens
- 23 Shirley Perdomo
- 29 Sue Croley
- 31 Elaine Fess

If I missed your birthday, please let me know.

News You Can Use

Community Outreach

Can you give a gift to schools and families? Call Sen. Scott at 225-7040 and Sen. Rubio at 853-1099 to ask for extended time and more relief funding for school safety and distance learning. Call Gov. DeSantis at 850-717-9337 to ask for more state funding for school districts. Call our county commissioners at 272-5660 to ensure that CARES Act money is spent by the deadline to help families facing eviction.

Will one of your New Year's resolutions be to exercise more? Put on your workout clothes and join our January 20, 2021 zoom meeting to learn all about Silver Sneakers.

Our dues are only \$56 for the whole year! Be a part of FEA, NEA and AFT and receive discounts and benefits. Write a check payable to HEA-R and send it to Merrillyn Crosson, 1708 Woodbine Drive, Brandon, FL 33510. Email Crossonmerrilym@gmail.com for information on a lifetime membership

Check out FEA.org for stories on school employees coping with this challenging school year. Sign up for emails and podcasts to hear the latest news.

Remember to send volunteer hours from October 21 to November 18 to Jim Roney at 205-5669 or jimroney53@gmail.com. Include help for friends and neighbors, extended family, faith groups, and community organizations.

HEA-R sponsors Beth-El and Oasis community charities all year long. Please consider extra donations at this holiday time.

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry has a new Winter Wish List at bethel.org. Drop off your donations at the CTA building and Susan Buchanan will deliver them.

Items include baby wipes, diapers sizes 4 and 5, personal items, paper products, gas cards, and gift cards of \$20 to Publix, Wawa, and Wal-Mart. Clothing requests are long-sleeve shirts, caps, bandanas, fannie packs, work gloves, socks, and hoodie sweaters. Continued food requests are for 1 lb. bags of rice and beans, 14 oz. cans of fruits and vegetables, and funds to purchase fresh produce.

Rich Lucas will deliver gifts of gently used children and adult clothing to Oasis, a charity organized by school social workers. Please clearly label your donations for Oasis and drop them off at CTA as well. <http://www.oasis-network.org/>

New Members!

George Bartuska

Dorothy Pryor