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President's Message

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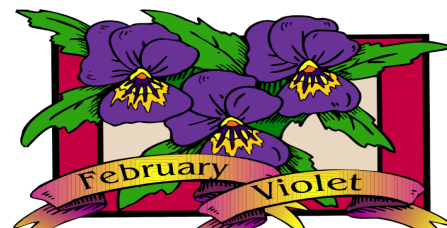
As an active retired member, you have an opportunity to be a delegate to the Annual FEA Delegate Assembly (DA) and NEA & NEA-R annual meetings. The meetings don't have firm plans for this year yet because of COVID19.

Do you want to be a delegate to the FEA and NEA annual meetings? Look for a letter from FEA and return it by US mail. Delegate voting will be by **email only** unless you request a paper mail-in ballot in that same letter from FEA. Send any email or US mail address changes to jimroney53@gmail.com.

I urge you to consider this opportunity and to become more involved in our state organization.

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on **February 17th**. Wear **Red for Ed** or your favorite Valentine outfit. Meetings in 2021 are still virtual so look for a link to be sent one week before the meeting or keep this link handy: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89076409529>

Our speaker will be from the **Senior Connection Center**. The center is a private, non-profit organization that connects seniors and caregivers to community programs and services, including information on Medicare and Medicaid. Read all about it at SeniorConnectionCenter.org or call 1-800-96-ELDER. (1-800-963-5337)



Happy Birthday!

- 01 Geneva Murphy
- 01 Emma Simon
- 02 Jean Clements
- 05 Estela Cubano
- 06 Janet Naaktgeboren
- 08 Nancy Bolen
- 10 Linda Pasetti
- 15 Rhoda Garcia
- 17 Mary Gonzalez
- 17 Eileen Hinchliffe
- 21 Aura Perez
- 23 MaryAnne Pothier
- 24 Jim Roney
- 25 Mirta Martinez
- 26 John Brown
- 26 Mary Brumley
- 27 Helen Spieler

Please let us know if we missed your birthday.

Coming Attractions...

- March 17** USF Botanical Gardens
- April 21** Paul Ortiz, Associate Professor of History at the University of Florida, and author of *An African American and Latinx History of the United States*.
- May 19** HCTA Staff Appreciation with creative box lunches!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Nominations for next year's open HEA-R offices will be coming up very soon. Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, District 2, and Program Chair will be open for nomination. Please consider putting your name in for nomination. We want you!!! Your union needs YOU.

Remember the wonderful "Back to School" brunch held in August 2019? HEA-R won a grant from FEA to organize that again this year. The grant covers the cost of lunches and mailing invitations to all new retirees. The board suggested meeting at Julian Lane Park like we did in 2018. Board members can bring extra tables and chairs for social distancing if still necessary. We plan to vote on the following motion at our February meeting.

Motion: Provide an outdoor catered lunch in August 2021 for new retirees.

Things to do today.....

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

continues to serve their community during these difficult times. Go to <https://beth-el.org/donate/> or send a check to

**Beth-El 18240 US 301,
Wimauma, FL 33598.**

Members can also donate to **OASIS**, organized by social workers to provide clothing for school children, at Oasis-Network.org.

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***Call your state senator about SB***

***78!*** It would harm school employees and all public sector workers in three ways. 1) Dues authorization cards would need to be re-signed every three years or every time a new contract is passed. 2) Employers would have to confirm that employees really intended to sign up for union membership before they gave the card to payroll. 3) Dues cards must have bold text stating that no one has to join! Google "Find your legislators" if you don't know who to call, or else google "Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation" and call all the senators! (also for Pasco, Polk or Pinellas).

**No New Members this month**