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Hillsborough Educators Association - Retired
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President's Message by Candy Gale

Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

Coming attractions... 10:00 am - 12

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*. He will share insights on current events virtually.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78049993600?pwd=dkZvQ1RDVUFZUG5sbW81WGtoRnFVZz09>

May 19 HCTA Staff Appreciation with creative box lunches!

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## NOTICE

*Nominations for next year's open HEA-R offices are being accepted now for Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Program Chair, and the First District. Please put your name in for nomination. Your union needs YOU!!!*

The Election committee will present the slate of nominees at the April meeting and an election will be held at the May meeting. *HEA-R needs your talents to serve our members and help us grow.* Please contact Yvonne Lyons 988-8208 or [ylyonstt@gmail.com](mailto:ylyonstt@gmail.com) if you are willing help by serving or have someone to nominate.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### April Birthday Wishes

**Delores McMillan 04/04**

**Billie Jo Lasher 04/08**

**Gwen Butler 04/09**

**Arlie Page 04/11**

**Janet Burt 04/14**

**Bertha Smith 04/18**

**Ben Cooper 04/20**

**Patricia Savage 04/23**

**Penny Haun 04/25**

**JoAnne Reed 04/25**

**Michele Manieri 04/25**

**Charles Gomez 04/26**

**Hazel Robles 04/26**

**Rich Lucas 04/28**

**Marjie Boyd 04/30**

**Leo Haggerty 04/30**

Please let me know if I failed to list your birthday. You may reach me at 813-317-7660 or [cigid@me.com](mailto:cigid@me.com)

## New Members

**Louan Tolbert Leo Haggerty**

## ***Please Call and Email!***

The legislative session is half over but our calls and emails can still make a difference. [FEA.org](http://FEA.org) and [flaflcio.org](http://flaflcio.org) are websites to sign up for text alerts and more information.

**SB 84 Pensions.** No more denied benefit FRS pensions after July 2022. Workers will have to make their own risky investments and the pension fund will be depleted.

**SB 1014, HB 835 Membership.** Dues cards for instructional employees, but not for police or firefighters, will have to be resigned every two years. Administrators will turn them in which gives them power over membership. No more payroll deduction.

**Higher Ed SB 220, HB 997.** University presidents can be chosen in secret. **SB 264, HB 233.** Limits academic freedom yet permits recording of classes.

**SB 48 Vouchers.** Not only corporate tax credits but also the education budget will fund this expansion. Power and timing of oversight by school districts will be reduced.

**Related Union Bills. SB 1076, HB 53.** Cancels city and county regulations on public works projects that require salary levels, local hiring, and state-certified apprentices. **HB 15 Unemployment.** Taxes internet sales but reduces business contributions to the unemployment fund. Does not increase the weeks or amount of compensation, one of the lowest in the country, or make applications more

## Community Outreach

### ***Things to do today.....***

#### ***Beth-El Farmworker***

**Ministry** continues to serve their community. Visit their website to see vibrant watercolor paintings of workers, learn their history, review activities, and view a storytelling event. Go to [beth-el.org/donate](http://beth-el.org/donate) or send a check to Beth-El at 18240 US 301, Wimauma, FL 33598.



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Every child deserves the **opportunity** to have their basic needs met so they can achieve personal and academic success. As we celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> school year of serving students in Hillsborough County this fall, OASIS has a new name...a new look...but the same mission.~ *To be a premier provider of clothing and fundamental necessities for at-risk and low-income Hillsborough County Public Schools students to ensure personal and academic success.*

Google "**Find your legislators**" if you don't know who to call, or "Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation" and call all the senators! The delegations for Pasco, Polk, Pinellas and other counties are also on the web.