

# HEAR Reporter

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**Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired**

## President's Message

Sue Huttig

Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired

Dear HEA-R Members:

I can't believe that its time to begin another meeting year. I wish you well and was looking forward to meeting with you in person. However, in light of the rising number of COVID cases here in Florida, your board voted by phone to continue Zoom meetings at this time. We will take it month by month as we look at the situation and keep your safety in mind.

**Please join our Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, August 18 from 10 AM until NOON. Our speaker will be Rob Kriete - President of Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association (CTA) Click below at 9:45 am on 8/18/21:**

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

**Current HEA-R board members please plan to stay after our meeting for a short board meeting.**

***Thank you, board members!*** At our August ZOOM meeting we will recognize board members who have served the past few years. Thank you to everyone for their time and contributions to support HEAR and all our members.

I can be reached at:  
(813) 416-5044 or [Sabinasue@gmail.com](mailto:Sabinasue@gmail.com)

## Happy Birthday!

03 Patricia Brinser  
05 Arlene Schindler-Slater  
06 Hiedi Glick  
06 Russell Patterson  
07 Leslie Butler  
08 Stanley Kosmoski ,Jr.  
08 Dessie Williams  
09 Nancy Tokarz  
10 Sharon Hogan  
11 Avis Chaplick  
12 Gordon Johnston  
14 Sharon Wingo  
15 Roberta Washington  
18 Judie White  
19 Nancy Harris  
19 Janice Stewart  
21 Joyce Carroll  
21 Jo Ann Rudes  
22 John Carmody  
22 Donna Violette  
23 Carol Ayers  
23 Paula Marczynski  
24 Lois McLane  
24 Willie Thomas  
25 Pat Lantis  
26 Naomi Ryan  
27 Sue Creekmore  
29 Lois Plaa  
30 Denisse Alburqueque  
30 Diana Bennett  
30 Alice Brayton  
30 Jeannette Trotter  
31 Cheryl Burnett  
31 Diana DeNitto

**Please let me know if I missed your birthday! Thanks. Sue**

## News You Can Use

## Community Outreach

**Our first HEA-R meeting for the 2021-2022 meeting year will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.**

**Our Annual Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Our Holiday party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2021.** We will keep you updated on the situation closer to the events. The breakfast/lunch for newly retired educators is on hold.

***Happy Birthday to Social Security and Medicare!*** Medicare turned 56 on July 30 and Social Security will celebrate 86 years August 14. Congress can keep Social Security fully funded if they lift the salary cap of \$133,000 on taxable wages, and can sustain Medicare if they allow it to negotiate lower drug prices like the VA does. Read all about it at [retiredamericans.org](http://retiredamericans.org), the website for ARA, the Alliance for Retired Americans.

**Have you renewed your annual H.E.A.R. membership?**

***RENEW your annual HEA-R membership now!*** If you renew your annual membership by August 19th your name will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$25 checks. Fill out the renewal form and send it with a check for \$56.00 payable to HEAR to our new Treasurer Barb Toepke at PO Box 36005, Tampa, FL 33673. Recently retired Merylyn Crosson and Barb have talked every week over the summer to ensure a smooth transition and to record all HEAR renewals. Thanks, Merylyn! We have only 31 annual members who have not yet renewed. Many thanks as well to our 176 lifetime members who will also have three chances to win \$25 in September.

Due to the pandemic, many families continue to struggled to meet basic needs. 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 children in school)** <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/oasis-network-of-new-tampa-inc/egift-cards-to-feed-students>

### **FEA-RETIRED INNOVATIVE GRANT 2021**

These awards are used by teachers and others who work with students for a project that enhances student learning. FEA-Retired has increased the Innovative Grant amount to \$150. FEA-Retired funds only two Grants per local (\$300), HEAR raises money to fund more. If we are to maintain our previous number of Grants (21 in 2020,) donations to this fund are more important than ever. The more money we raise the more classrooms we can impact. Any amount you are able to contribute will be most welcome. Many of us belong to other organizations that will also donate to this worthy cause, so please don't be shy about asking. We want to support as many projects as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Dale Sena at [begoniababe@yahoo.com](mailto:begoniababe@yahoo.com) or call her at (813) 221-0567. If you would like to donate to the Grant Fund, please send a check to our Treasurer, Barb Toepke, at PO Box 360085, Tampa, FL 33673. Be sure to write "Innovative Grants" on the check memo line or in a letter.