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President's Message

Sue Huttig Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired

Happy September to all. Thank you for joining us on Zoom for our first meeting of the 2021 – 2022 year. We will be meeting on Zoom again this month. Our guest speakers will be Rob Kriete - President of CTA and Lynn Gray – School Board Chair. **We are planning to have our Annual Picnic next month at Eureka Springs Park.** Due to Covid food items should be in individually wrapped servings. More details will be discussed at our September Meeting. Maybe we want to order box lunches.

HEA-R Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, September 15

10:00 A.M. Logon any time after 9:45 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89076409529?pwd=em56ampXcmNCdmlyS2VySi9YL3IxUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 7640 9529

Passcode: hear

If you don't have a computer, you can dial in from a cell phone to 646 558 8656. Enter the Meeting ID and the Passcode when prompted. You'll be able to listen to and participate in our meeting.

Thank you again to Merrilyn Crosson, currently retiring as Treasurer, for her service on the HEA-R Board from 2004 to 2021 in various positions (President, Secretary, and Treasurer). We recognized her at our August meeting with gifts, letters, and inspiring tales of her leadership.

Thank you to our **90 Annual Member Renewals** and welcome to our **11 New Members**. We will have a drawing for three \$25 checks for Annual Members who renewed by August 19th, and three for Lifetime Members. Haven't renewed yet? You still can send a check with the revised renewal form to Barb Toepke, PO Box 360085, Tampa FL 33673. Please call Barb at 813-439-7481 for the renewal form.



**Happy
Birthday!**

September

- 03 *Mary Hobley*
- 05 *Connie Vebel*
- 08 *Joe Bohren*
- 08 *Pat Russo*
- 10 *Lillian Rentas*
- 11 *Bob Minthorn*
- 13 *Barbara Poole*
- 17 *Brenda Swanson*
- 18 *Annie Gadson*
- 18 *Jeffrey Wilson*
- 19 *Deborah Larry*
- 21 *Judith Cheatham*
- 21 *Lois Robertson*
- 24 *Carl Crosson*
- 24 *Sue Harmon*
- 24 *Debby Kruger*
- 25 *Cynthia Mitchell*
- 26 *Joie Barksdale*
- 27 *Cilia Lopez*
- 29 *David Malberg*

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

News You Can Use

Please note that **ESP Dues** have been reduced to \$42.00 for this year while Instructional dues remain at \$56.00. Refund Checks will be sent in September to all annual ESP members who renewed at \$56.00. If you are a retired ESP & didn't get a call from a board member, please contact Barb at 813-439-7481.

RX Prescription for Medicare! Reduce the cost by allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prices like the Veterans Administration does. More than 54 million seniors rely on Medicare for guaranteed quality health coverage yet many are still struggling to afford prescription drugs. We celebrated Medicare's 56th birthday on July 30th. Please call or write our senators and tell them to lower drug prices by July 30th next year. Visit retiredamericans.org for more information.

Dale Sena- FEA-R District Director:
FEA-R announced that it raised the amount of their Innovative Grants from \$100.00 to \$150.00. The HEA-R Board voted to raise the Grants given by HEA-R to \$150.00. Members are encouraged to contribute any amount towards the grants. If you know of an organization that would like to contribute please share this information with them. Please send a check to our treasurer, Barbara Toepke at, PO Box 360085, Tampa FL 33673., Be sure to specify that the donation is for the INNOVATIVE GRANTS.

Community Outreach

Due to the pandemic, many families continue to struggled to meet their basic needs. Direct monetary donations may be sent to either Beth-El or OASIS, as 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>

Welcome New Members:

Carol Coon

James Cosky

Katherine Eberhardt

Lisa Perry

Coleen Rybak

Louan Tolbert

Connie Uebel