

President's Message

Sue Huttig

Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired

May you enjoy the month of May and springtime with all the new life it brings. This will be our last business meeting for the year. We will meet at the CTA Building on Wednesday May 18, 2022. Please note that we will be meeting at the **CTA Building at 10:00 am. Our speaker will be from The Owls Nest, an owl rescue organization.**

At our May Meeting we will be voting for President, Membership Chair and District 1 Director. Yvonne Lyons presented the slate of officers. All current officers in these positions agreed to continue in their current position. President – Sue Huttig, Membership Chair- Susan Buchanan and District One Director - Norma Goff. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, either for yourself or another member who agrees to carry out the duties of the office. If you are unsure about the duties for an Office, please contact the Election Committee for a list of duties. The Chairperson is Yvonne Lyons: email ylyonstt@gmail.com or call her at (813) 988-8208.

You may reach me at (813) 416-5044 or sabinasue@gmail.com Sue



Happy MAY Birthday!!

Linda Lusk 3
Martha Coulter 4
Cynthia Bauer 8
Marlene Sacarello 8
Norma Killebrew 10
Christine Middendorf 12
Lori Samuelson 12
Fran Roberts 13
Lavern Holloman 17
Adis Choundas 19
Myrtle Guarino 20
Jill Kinney 22
Cheryl Kobres 22
Marie Carothers 23
Norma Goff 24
Joan Anderson 28
Mary Jane Brock 31
Merrilyn Crosson 31
Linda Price 31

Let Jim Roney (813 205-5669) know if we missed your birthday.

Welcome
New Members!

Sharon Hardy

We will have our annual CTA staff appreciation Luncheon in June. It will be catered again this year. See next month's Reporter for more information.

Treasurer's Report - Barbara Toepke

RENEWAL FORMS have been emailed for the 2022-23 membership year. Annual Members, please send in your completed forms and a check for dues by August 17th so that we have time to enter all the data required for FEA membership lists. Lifetime Members do not have to renew since they have already paid in full.

HEAR POLO SHIRTS are available for \$20 in a variety of colors and sizes. Call Treasurer Barb Toepke at 813-439-7481 or email btoepke504@gmail.com for an order form.

JOIN FEA'S POWER HOUR! Go to <http://www.feaweb.org/powerhour> to sign up for a monthly call from FEA President Andrew Spar with the latest news. FEA staff will also give details on one action we can take to support educators around the state.

As you may have noticed, the 2022 Florida Legislative Session passed bills which resulted in big losses to Florida public school educators across the board. These received lots of national attention for the state of Florida and its governor.

HB 7/ SB 148, Individual Freedom, popularly known as the WOKE Act, prohibits educators from teaching subjects that could make students feel responsible for historical wrongs based on their race, sex, or national origin. The **GOOD NEWS** was in the Florida Budget, where education receives a \$1.7 Billion boost in spending, including \$250 million to raise the pay of teachers, and an historic \$214.49 per student increase in the base student allocation. Even though this is a positive development, it still leaves Florida's funding of K-12 Education **AMONGST THE LOWEST** in the nation.

Community Outreach

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma serves their community with family support and case management, health care, education, and hunger relief. Visit their website at www.beth-el.org to donate, to learn more about their programs, and to see vibrant watercolor paintings.

<https://www.facebook.com/befarmworker/>



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Every child deserves the **opportunity** to have their basic needs met.

HB 1557 /SB 1834, Parental Rights in Education, generally known as the "Don't Say Gay Bill," bans classroom discussion about "sexual orientation and gender identity in primary grades or at any level "in a manner that is not age appropriate." Lots of legal problems for school districts will result as this bill gives parents broad powers to challenge what is spoken about in the classroom.

HB 146/ SB 1300, K-12 Education, known as the Book Banning Bill, sets term limits for school board members of 12 years, and sets up procedures for public review of school library materials and allows school districts to ban books based on complaints by the public, including people who live outside of their school district.

HB 865/ SB 758, Education, establishes a Charter Review Committee, within the State Department of Education, which will be able to authorize charter school districts directly, and thereby by-pass local school districts from considering or rejecting charter schools.

HB 1193/ SB 1048, K-12 Assessments, tosses out the current FSA-based system, replacing it with the Florida Assessment of Thinking (FAST).

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