

HEA Reporter

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President's Message – Sue Huttig

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May April Showers Bring May Flowers. It's hard to believe that Spring is around the corner. With that I wish every one of you a Happy Springtime.

I am sad to announce that our April Ferry Trip has been cancelled, due to unavailable Wednesday dates. Since the CTA building is booked on **our April 20th meeting date, please note that we will meet at USF Botanical Gardens at 10:00 am.** Our speaker will be Jim Junecko, IUOE, with the Florida West Coast Apprenticeship Program. Do you know any high school graduates who want to learn a skilled trade and earn a good living? Jim will tell us how Operating Engineers work in the labor movement, in construction, and building maintenance. Visit iuoe487.org for more information. Thank you, Barb Toepke, for getting our speaker for this month and last month. Our speaker last month was Nadia Combs, School Board Chair She talked about teacher pay, student base allocation funds from the state, charter schools, Her email is nadia.combs@hcps.net.

I have appointed **Yvonne Lyons** as Nominations Committee Chair. Positions to be voted on at our May meeting will be President, Membership Chair and District 1 Director. Yvonne will present our slate of officers at our April meeting,

Membership – Susan Buchanan – Chair
As of the March meeting we have 301 HEA-R members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April Birthday Wishes

Kathleen Thompson 04/01

Delores McMillan 04/04

Billie Jo Lasher 04/08

Gwen Butler 04/09

Arlie Page 04/11

Janet Burt 04/14

James Samuelson 04/16

Deborah Thompson 04/16

Vernadill Young 04/16

Bertha Smith 04/18

Emma Thomas 04/19

Ben Cooper 04/20

Patricia Savage 04/23

Penny Haun 04/25

JoAnne Reed 04/25

Michelle Manieri 04/25

Charles Gomez 04/26

Jeanette Whitman 04/26

Rich Lucas 04/28

Barbara Wiggs 04/29

Marjie Boyd 04/30

Leo Haggerty 04/30

New Members

George Greenlee

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 or send a check to Beth-El at 18240 US 301, Wimauma, FL 33598.



Donate online today –

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/oasis-network-of-new-tampa-inc>

Every child deserves the *opportunity* to have their basic needs met so they can achieve personal and academic success. As we celebrate our 20th 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.*

For legislative session summary please look at the FEA Frontline Reporter- Week 9. I believe Jim forwarded it to our email-members.

From Dale Sena (FEA District 6 Director) and Renita Bates (FEA Staff liaison to FEA-R): They suggest if you do not want email from FREA (our rival retired group), you can:

- DO NOT open and write on the unopened envelope, "REFUSED" and "RETURN TO SENDER."
- Drop it in the mail, no postage required.
- Contact FREA requesting to be permanently removed from their database. (I did this using different wording).

Treasure's Report -Barb Toepke

Have any retired friends that want to join HEA-R? Have them visit the HCTA's website for an application form or contact our Treasurer Barb Toepke at 813-439-7481 or btoepke504@gmail.com.

RENEWAL TIME is coming up soon for Annual members. Look for an email or a letter in mid-April with an application form for the 2022-23 year.

Thanks Barb.

Vice President's Report- Stephen Tabin

It's baseball seasons, Take me out to the Ball Game. I am feeling positive, optimistic and hopeful during these troubled times as we move forward towards our common goal of high-quality education and highly qualified staff in our schools.

Thank you to Mary Gonzalez and Norma Goff for organizing our refreshments for last month's meeting.

VP report Continued

Thank you HCTA for thinking of our HEA-R members at your 100-year celebration. Each of us HEAR-R members will receive in the mail a CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, thanking you for your "commitment and years of service, support to public education, and our union.

Our current Program Chair, Russ Patterson, announced that he is leaving his position at the end of June. This creates a one-year spot for a replacement, to be appointed by our President, Sue Huttig. If interested in learning more about this opportunity please let Sue know.