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President's Message

Sue Huttig Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired

Happy September to all. Thank you for joining us at the CTA building for our first meeting of the 2022 – 2023 year. **Our next meeting will be on September 21, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the CTA building.** Are you prepared for hurricane season on land or at sea? Our speaker this month is Dr. George Bartuska, a Coast Guard Auxiliary Weather Instructor. He will share his weather experiences and give us a summary of his Hurricane Awareness Training.

Please help us celebrate: John Streater has won the J. W. Strickland Award for Outstanding Service to Others, presented by FLARA, the Florida Alliance for Retired Americans. The ceremony will be September 14 at 7 pm via zoom. Contact Barb Toepke at 813-439-7481 for more information. Congratulations, John!

It saddens my heart as I bring you the following information: Jesse Carl Crosson, a founding member of HEA-R, passed away August 24th. He was a past president of CTA and a CTA staff member. Condolences may be sent to Merrillyn Crosson at 1708 Woodbine Drive, Brandon, FL 33510.

Your HEA-R Board supported me, as I walked through the loss of my brother Bill. Several board members were able to attend his memorial service at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on August 27. My brother was a giver and supporter of others and I know he would be honored with the Innovative Grant given in his name. Thank you to the board members who contributed to this grant.

Treasure's Report – Barbara Toepke: *Membership Thank-You* goes to everyone who sent in their renewal paperwork on time. As of August 27, we sent information for 67 renewing and 14 new members to FEA-R for processing. Missed the deadline? We are able to accept renewals until October 1st, when HEA-R must drop all non-renewing names from our membership list. Contact Barb Toepke, Treasurer, at 813-439-7481 or btoepke504@gmail for more information.



**Happy
Birthday!**

September

02 Carol Carmody
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 Jeffrey Wilson
19 Deborah Larry
21 Judith Cheatham
21 Lois Robertson
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

Voting Records for Congress can be found at retiredamericans.org, the website for the Alliance for Retired Americans. Check out how Florida's Reps and Senators voted on ten key bills important to seniors and retirees. Then go to nea.org/report-card to find results from NEA. Know your candidates' records before YOU vote in November.

Volunteer Hours for July and August can be sent to Jim Roney at jimroney53@gmail.com or 813-205-5669. Jim sends all of our members' hours for the past year to FEA-R, who compiles hours from all retired members in the state. FEA-R announces the total at the state convention in October and reports on the monetary value of our work. The top large and small counties are also recognized, so send in your hours now!

From Dale Sena- FEA-R District

Director: Innovative Grant time is here. Each grant will be \$150.00. Members may 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. Thanks!

Vice President's Report– Stephen Tabin

HEA-R launched its new season with a meeting at the HCTA building in August. Those present listened to Rob Kriete, President of the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association, give his state of the union speech. Members present also heard reports from officers and committee chairs. Business matters were also discussed.

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Community Outreach

Due to the pandemic, many families continue to struggle to meet their basic needs. We will pass the envelope for monetary donations at the meeting for Beth-El. Suzy Buchanan checked with Beth-El and they are accepting donations of food, clothing and school supplies? Suzy also said that if members brought stuff to a HEA-R meeting, she would deliver it to Beth-El.

If you want to donate directly for Beth El or Oasis, please use the following websites.

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/gift-cards-to-feed-students>

Vice President's Report Continued

Following the meeting, our members stayed as we honored the CTA Officers and Staff with an Appreciation Luncheon. Dale Sena treated us to her homemade ice cream in multiple flavors. Thanks to Sue Huttig, Barb Toepke and Jim Roney for making this event happen. If you missed this fellowship opportunity, you can join us for our next CTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon in the spring.

Welcome New Members:

Hollis and David Malberg,

Cassie Wilson, Carol Carmody,

and Joyce Young