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Happy Birthday!

October Birthday Wishes

- 01 Dorothy Henning
- 01 Roman Leal
- 03 Sara Bailey
- 04 James Parkhill
- 04 Gary Rouillard
- 05 Patti Griffing
- 05 Glenda Keith
- 05 Deborah Toth
- 06 Burton Neumeier
- 07 Vivian Rothstein
- 08 Patricia Davis
- 08 Sandra Maynard
- 08 Carol Williams
- 09 Eva James
- 12 Catherine Conovor
- 13 Analene P. McColloch
- 14 Denise Ankudowich
- 15 Kenneth Perry
- 15 Jane Poppell
- 16 Chuck Kiker
- 20 Sharon Leto
- 21 Jacqueline Cross
- 21 Dorothy Simmons
- 22 Dorothy R. Pryor
- 27 Julia Jennings
- 29 Jill Driver
- 29 John Mattox
- 29 Dave Reddin

Please let me know if I missed your birthday.

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President's Message

Sue Huttig

Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

Dear Members:

As I think about the past week and those to come, my heart goes out to all those who experienced difficulty from the hurricane and flood situations. Please let us know if we can help you or your family. As members we are here to support one another, especially in a time of need.

On a brighter note, I am reminding all members of our Annual Picnic which this year will be a catered breakfast. The cost for members will be \$10.00. Please let Suzy Buchanan (205-531-8960 or suzyq36542@yahoo.com) know if you are coming and would like a breakfast.

RSVP Deadline is FRIDAY October 7, 2022. For more information see the letter you received in your email or US mail. **Let's make this a time to rejoice over our protection from the past week and celebrate with one another our Thanksgivings. Note the Time Change and place for this event.** It will be at 9:30 on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. The place will be Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park (1101 N. Boulevard).

Report of the Vice President - Stephen Tabin

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of colleagues and others that were hit the hardest by Hurricane Ian. We understand that many of us lost electricity and suffered damage to our properties and landscape, including fallen trees from this hurricane. But we are fortunate to be spared from what looked like it may have been a direct hit. The people of the Fort Myers area, extending north and south, were lucky to escape with their lives. The videos shown on our local TV and national news exhibited horrible destruction. Our thoughts and prayers to everyone. Hope all of you are staying safe and healthy.

News You Can Use

The FEA Retired Annual Meeting will be held in Orlando on October 13, 2022. **The FEA Delegate Assembly** will be held in Orlando October 13-16. Your elected delegates to both of these important meetings will present reports on these events at the November HEA-R meeting. Please plan to attend our monthly meetings in order to get the latest news from our state organizations.

Barbara Toepke – Treasurer’s Report
Membership expired? FEA asks us to drop Annual Members who have not paid but they will reinstate you upon renewal. Contact Barb Toepke at 813-439-7481 or btoepke504@gmail.com for more information.

Order a HEA-R polo shirt for \$25 and spread the word about education retirees.

THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN FLORIDA IS ON THE BALLOT! Use these websites to help you choose candidates who support public education and senior issues: vote411.org is a non-partisan guide from the League of Women Voters. It has photos and information on all state and local candidates plus their written answers to LWV questions. The site also has explanations of the referendums on the ballot. Vote for candidates who support public schools and employees!
votehillsborough.gov is from the Supervisor of Elections office. It gives instructions for voting, and has explanations and videos on how they process and count the votes. Vote-by-mail ballots go out October 6, early voting begins Oct. 24, and Election Day is November 8. Plan how you will vote.
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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 each meeting for Beth-El. Currently Beth-El is accepting donations of food, clothing and school supplies. Suzy Buchan will deliver items members bring to the meeting.

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 33598
<https://beth-el.org/donate/>

OASIS (Outreach Assisting Students In Schools)
<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/oasisnetwork-of-new-tampa-inc/egift-cards-tofeed-students>

New Members

This month

Cindy Harnest

Michael Mistretta

Janine E. Rose

Treasurer’s Report (continued)

retiredamericans.org is from the Alliance for Retired Americans. Find out how our US Senators and Representatives voted on ten key bills on senior issues such as Social Security, Medicare, voting rights, age discrimination, and consumers' rights. Vote for candidates who support senior and issues.

The Science of Hurricanes was a timely topic for our September meeting. George Bartuska kept us enthralled and entertained as he explained the variables of time, geography, and water that create storms. He also displayed meteorologists' tools and instruments, both old and new. Some advice? Drink water all day, go inside when it thunders, read books on weather, and buy a rain gauge and a sling psychrometer. Go to weather.gov to learn more from NOAA. Thanks, George!