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President's Message

Sue Huttig

Happy New Year 2023

Greetings to all for a Happy New Year filled with Peace and Good Health.

Thanks to all who attended our Holiday Celebration at the Embassy

Suites- USF. Good food was enjoyed by all. Musical entertainment was provided by Betty Chester – organist at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. She played Holiday music on both her keyboard and accordion. It was nice to see many dressed in Holiday Attire. Thank You Sue Harmon and Yvonne Lyons for bringing Holiday gifts to our door prizes. A Holliday trivia game challenged all.



Report of the Vice President - Stephen Tabin

I would like to wish you and your family a Better, Happier, and Healthier New Year, this 2023.

Many thanks to the HEAR Officers: Sue Huttig, President; Stephen Tabin, Vice President; Jim Roney, Secretary; and Barb Toepke, Treasurer; along with Sue Harmon and Yvonne Lyons for their hard work in the preparation for the Celebration of our HEA-R Holiday Party at the Embassy Suites on the USF campus on December 14.

Report from Jim Roney our Secretary

Hon. E.J. Salcines will be our speaker at the January 18, 2023 meeting.

A native of West Tampa, E.J grew up 7 blocks from the CTA building and Has lived over 57 years on Braddock Street. He was elected State Attorney and served 16 years in that capacity. He was then appointed to the Court of Appeals, where he served for 14 years. He will speak to us on the history of West Tampa. He previously spoke to us in 2019.

Report from Barbara Toepke – Treasurer

We collected \$51.00 dollars for Beth-El at our Holiday Celebration.

Happy Birthday!

01 Nancy Thomas
03 Connie Snyder
04 Laurie Gallo
04 Catherine Paunov
06 Lien Delavan
08 Evangeline R. Best
08 Mildred DuBose
08 Elizabeth Lynch
09 Stephen Tabin
14 Susan Key
15 Barbara Berckley
15Carolyn Lee Pierce
15 Thomas McPeek
15 Joann Myers
15 Kelly Willis
20 Carol Engstrom
22 Sam Rosales
24 Barbara Mitchell
25 Beverly Johnson
25 Belinda Stanley
25 Charles Thompson
26 Emma Donofry
26 Candy Gale
26 Regina T. Grandner
26 Diane Ortiz
31 Fred Brewer

Membership. Have any retired friends who want to join? Tell them to visit the HCTA website, scroll to the bottom for HEA-R, print an application and send a check to HEA-R or call Barb Toepke at 813-439-7481. Please note that we do not take credit cards. Want to order a HEA-R polo shirt for \$25 or a short-sleeve denim shirt? Email btoepke504@gmail.com.

NEA Member Benefits can be found at neamb.com or 800-637-4636. Explore the variety of NEA's programs for personal finance, discounts, home and car insurance, travel, student loans, and retirement planning.

Volunteer Hours for December (or any month you missed!) can be sent to Jim Roney at jimroney53@gmail.com or 813-205-5669. Your gifts of time and talents helped us win last year's volunteer award from FEA-Retired. Please note: we are members of **FEA-Retired**. Discard mailings from any other mix of initials!

Vote By Mail requests have all expired due to our new Florida law. To vote by mail in 2023 and 2024, go to VoteHillsborough.gov or call 813-612-4180. City elections are March 7, 2023 so register now.

Dear HEA-R members:
The HCPS Elementary Science Team invites you to join us as a judge in the HCPS Elementary Regional STEM Fair.

Students in grades K-5 will be presenting scientific studies, experiments, inventions and solutions to showcase their work in science. We are currently requesting our community partners, business leaders, and school district staff to join us in engaging in conversations with our student presenters in grades 3-5.

Details:

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023
Location: The Tampa Convention Center
Time: 8:00 A.M – 12:30 P.M.

Please feel free to reach out to Michele Wiehagen by email (Michele.Wiehagen@hcps.net) or phone her at (813-892-1555) if you are able to commit to this date or have any questions.

Community Outreach

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry continues to serve their community during these difficult times. Go to <https://beth-el.org/donate/> or send a check to Beth-El at 18240 US 301, Wimauma, FL 33598. Their website has articles on last summer's "camp at home" boxes, and many past volunteer activities. To donate items, see their Winter Wish List on the website and take your purchases to HCTA. Susan Buchanan will deliver the items to Wimauma.

OASIS was organized by school social workers to provide gently used clothing to children. Please consider a financial donation at this time for www.oasis-network.org.

Coming Attractions...

*January 30, 2023 FRS Retirement Seminar
Armwood High School 4:00 – 7:00 pm.
*FEA Leadership Training will be January 25, 2023. Presidents, Membership Chairs and Member Activist are asked to attend.