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President's Message

John Manning, President

Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

Thanks go out to Sharon Hogan for helping to spread the word about our great organization at the District's Retirement Seminar on February 25th at Armwood High School! Again, Sharon had a prime location at this event and received many positive responses that evening. Participation in this annual event is crucial for our organization's growth.

A significant number of teachers are reaching retirement age at this time. Please keep our organization growing by asking a friend who is retired or planning to retire to come along to one of our meetings and check us out.

Several of you have inquired about volunteer opportunities and the NEA convention this summer.

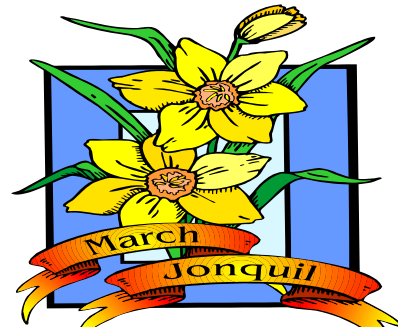
I am attaching a letter with the information you will need to offer yourself as a volunteer.

Many thoughts and prayers have been offered up on my behalf as I had back surgery recently. I am so grateful. Thank you for your cards. Now I am taking it easy preparing for rehab.

Merrilyn Crosson has removed her boot and is in rehab.

My condolences to Carl Crosson on the recent passing of his sister.

You may reach me at (813) 766-4390 or jrman91146@aol.com



Happy Birthday!

March Birthday Wishes

Michael Kaye 03/03

Dee Perry 03/04

Martha Kinsey 03/05

Gladys Mitchell 03/09

Wendy Carnahan 03/12

Barbara Henderson 03/14

Gwendolyn Lamb 03/18

Linda Harmon 03/24

Barbara Blanchard 03/28

MaryAnn Bostick-Pidick 03/28

Ed Fabian 03/29

Please let me know if I failed to list your birthday. My contact information is listed at the bottom of the President's Message.

News You Can Use

This month we return to the HCTA building located at 3102 No. Habana Av., Tampa, FL 33607. The meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th and begins at 10:00 AM. Please plan to arrive no later than 9:45 AM to enjoy visiting with your fellow members and enjoying the delicious refreshments. At this meeting our speaker will be Dr. Gary Mormino who will give a presentation on Italian Immigrants and food. He spoke to our group last year and has agreed to return by popular request.

Our meeting in April will be on the 3rd Wednesday, April 15th. At this meeting we will have a boat tour of the beautiful Port of Tampa courtesy of the Tampa Port Authority. We will have more detailed information available in the next newsletter.

As in the past, an election committee will soon be appointed for this year. The offices up for election are as follows: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, District 2 Director, and Program Chairperson. All of the current officers are eligible to run for re-election. The committee will poll each of the current office holders to determine their wishes. Also, any member who is in good standing can be nominated to run for any of these offices. Anyone interested in helping by serving, please contact me.

The Election committee will present the slate of nominees at the April meeting and the election will be held at the May meeting.

Community Outreach

Please bring items to the meeting to assist the many families that Beth El helps each month.

Food Items: (Please note underlined items are a priority. They are asking for 1 lb. bags of rice and beans, and the 14 oz size of fruits and vegetables.)

Spaghetti sauce w/meat

Canned Sloppy Joe

Peanut butter

Non-fat dry milk

Pasta/Macaroni

Instant grits

Graham Crackers

Mayonnaise

Rice

Canned vegetables

Evaporated milk

Canned Chili

Canned meats

Juices

Jelly

Cereals

Instant oatmeal

Sugar

Coffee

Canned fruits

Pinto beans

Meseca flour

Personal Items:

Priority needs are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, linens, and towels.

School Supplies:

Due to the transient population that they serve, they are always in need of replenishing their supplies: Notebook paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, washable markers, and folders are always appreciated.

New Members

None to report at this time.....Time to recruit!