

President's Message

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I wish all of you a very Happy New Year! As we embark on a new calendar year, I urge you to begin actively recruiting new members. This is the time to reach out to new retirees. Remember we do still have our AFT funded Grant program incentive for members to win a gift card for recruiting new members and bringing them to a meeting. The next winner will be announced in March. To be eligible for this drawing, the recruitment must occur between December 19 and March 19. The final award for the member who recruits the most new members throughout this meeting year will be awarded at our June meeting.

It is my pleasure to announce the name of the recruiter who won a \$50 gift card at our December meeting. Congratulations go to Barbara Mitchell! Great work!

At the December meeting the Grant Reading committee brought forward a recommendation to fund 7 additional grants. Bob Minthorn made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. George Schultz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Grants will be awarded to the recipients at the January CTA Representative Council Meeting on January 16. (This presentation helps to keep the CTA Membership aware of our Group.)

I am pleased to inform you about an event that is coming up on Saturday, January 25 at 2:00 PM. **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights and Labor: A Discussion Forum.** This event will take place at the North Tampa Branch Library located at 8916 N. Boulevard, Tampa 33604.

John Streater will lead this panel discussion! The panel participants will include students and members Civil Rights and Union groups.

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Happy Birthday!

January Birthday Wishes

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| Nancy Thomas 01/01 | Joe Alfonso 01/04 |
| Elizabeth Lynch 01/08 | Mildred DuBose 01/08 |
| Richard Sullivan 01/14 | Lee Pierce 01/15 |
| Joann Myers 01/15 | Yvonne Wilson 01/17 |
| Abba Gayle Schmidt 01/20 | |
| Hilda Haas 01/20 | Brenda Watson 01/21 |
| Gail Walker 01/21 | Sam Rosales 01/22 |
| Carmen Thomas 01/22 | Shirley Sweetwine 01/22 |
| Barbara Mitchell 01/24 | Belinda Stanley 01/25 |
| Beverly Johnston 01/25 | Emma Donofry 01/26 |

News You Can Use

Our January meeting will be held on January 15, 2014 at The Hillsborough Educational Foundation Building, which is located at 2306 N. Howard Avenue. At this meeting we will have a tour of the facility, including Teaching Tools. We will then have Ms. Rhonda Trainer and Mr. Charles Delp, speakers from USF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. They will provide us with information about the Lifelong Learning Center. This should be a very informative and interesting meeting. There is ample parking available on the north side of the building. . Directions to the facility will be in the meeting invitation.

February 19 we will gather at the Veteran's Memorial Park for our annual Membership Picnic. Geneva Murphy will have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting for you to indicate what dish you will provide to make our picnic a success.

On March 19 we return to the Instructional Services Center, Room 163. At this meeting our speaker will be Mr. Jim Vuille who will give a presentation on Meditation for your Health.

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

We have no new members to report as of this date.