

President's Message

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Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

As an active retired member, you have an opportunity to be a delegate to the Annual FEA Delegate Assembly (DA) and / or NEA Representative Assembly (RA). The FEA DA is scheduled for October 16-18 in Orlando and the NEA RA will be held in Denver, Colorado from July 1 to July 6. I urge you to consider this opportunity to become more involved in our interests at the state and/or national level.

I have enclosed a Nomination Form with this newsletter. Please pay very close attention to the deadline for this election. Nomination forms must be postmarked not later than February 22nd. Please mail your completed form to the address for the Election Committee, which is listed on the bottom of the nomination form.

At this time, the FEA-R group is allotted 30 delegates to the FEA DA and 3 delegates to the NEA RA. This is our total number of delegates statewide.

I am happy to say that we were one of ten locals state-wide to receive a \$900 grant to help us mobilize and engage retired members who are members in their home state but reside in our county. I need your help to assist with phoning these retired members to invite them to our first regional meeting, which will be held on February 28 from 1-3 PM at the CTA building. A script will be provided to assist us with the phone calls.

There are 210 NEA-R members who now reside in Hillsborough. This meeting will consist of HEA-R members, along with Pinellas Retired members, and Pasco Retired members. **Please contact me to let me know that I can count on your help with this task.** I will have more information after attending a conference call on February 11.

You may reach me at 679-1643 or merrilynkay@aol.com



Happy Birthday!

February Birthday Wishes

Geneva Murphy 02/01	Sherry Bowers 02/03
Elsie Alexander 02/05	Janet Naaktgeboren 02/06
Linda Pasetti 02/10	Sharlene Carrell 02/12
Joann Watkins 02/17	Nancy Mitchell 02/18
Joe Rudy 02/22	Connie Brasier 02/24
Jim Roney 02/24	John Brown 02/26
Mary Brumley 02/26	Helen Marie Spieler 02/27

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

Our next meeting will be on February 19 at 10:00 AM. We will gather at the Veteran's Memorial Park for our annual Membership Picnic. The park and Museum is located at 3602 U.S. 301, Tampa. Their phone number is (813) 744-5502. At our January meeting many of you signed up to bring a covered dish. However, if you have not signed up, it is not too late. Simply call me to let me know what you will bring to our picnic.

One thing that I would love to see you bring is a prospective member who can get to know us and perhaps decide to join our group. Remember our Recruitment incentive is ongoing and I hope to see more of our members in the drawing for the gift card to be given in May.

All of our HEA-R members are invited and encouraged to attend the Regional Meeting at CTA on February 28 at 1-3 PM. Please RSVP your attendance to Merrillyn. (Please see contact information in President's Message.)

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.

Although we usually meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month, our meeting in April will be on the 2nd Wednesday, April 9. At this meeting we will tour the beautiful USF Botanical Gardens.

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.