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President's Message

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Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

Fellow members in order to continue to grow in numbers and strength, our Membership Chairperson, George Schultz, continues to send invitations to new retirees. In addition to his hard work, we need each of you to continue to recruit new members.

I would like to be able to award the promised gift card for the member who recruits the most members. However, we have had only two members to recruit one new member each. I encourage you to do your part in helping our organization to grow. The personal touch is always the best way to get a prospective member to join and to remain an active member.

This final gift card will be for \$100.00! At this point we have no one eligible to win this valuable prize. Let's race to the May meeting with new members who join and pay their annual dues. You, the recruiter will walk away with the prize! Who will it be? It can be YOU!

Continue to pay close attention to the legislative session. I will forward to you any emails that I receive that impact our pensions and / or our Health Insurance Subsidy. (HIS)

We also want to keep vigilant about the threat to divert more money to private schools. The first bill on this issue was withdrawn. However, that was not the end of this battle. Watch for more information about this issue.

We want to show our support for our retiring CTA members by hosting a retirement reception for them. This will be held on May 8, 2014 at 5:00 PM. This will be held at the CTA building. Please volunteer to help with this event. This is a good chance to do some recruiting!

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

Happy Birthday! April Birthday Wishes

Barbara Hess 04/02Dolores McMillan 04/04Gwen Butler 04/09Arlie Page 04/11Mary Palmer 04/11Madeleine Tellecamp 04/13Janet Burt 04/14Vernadill Young 04/16Judy Newberry 04/18Emma Thomas 04/19Ben Cooper 04/20Marla Rouillard 04/21Mary Palmer 94/21Joyce McMullen 04/23Patricia Savage 04/23Marcia Saffold 04/24Penny Haun 04/25JoAnne Reed 04/25Michele Manieri 04/25Robert Shuck 04/25Hazel Robles 04/26Charles Gomez 04/26

Belated birthday wishes to: MaryAnn Bostick-Pidick 03/28

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



April 2014

News You Can Use

Our meeting this month will be held on <u>April 9</u> <u>at 10:00 AM at the USF Botanical Gardens.</u> We will have a brief business meeting. At this time the election committee will present the slate of nominees for our election, which will be held at our May meeting. Following the business meeting we will be treated to a tour of the gardens. The weather should be lovely and the flowers in full bloom. There is a \$5.00 fee for the tour. I hope to see all of you there to enjoy this outing.

Our May meeting will be held back at the ISC in Room 163. Our speaker for that meeting will be Gary Momino. He will be speaking on Florida History.

At the May meeting you will have a chance to fill out your choices for speakers and places to visit for our next meeting year.

In June we will host the CTA staff appreciation luncheon. This will be held on June 4. We will meet at CTA at 10:00 AM and then invite the CTA staff to join us for a potluck luncheon. Geneva Murphy will have a sign-up sheet available at the May meeting. We will need all of your favorite recipes to make this a success.

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 <u>Rice</u> <u>Canned vegetables</u> Evaporated milk Canned Chili Canned meats Juices Jelly Cereals Instant oatmeal Sugar Coffee <u>Canned fruits</u> <u>Pinto beans</u> 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.



Connie Snyder