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President's Message

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Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

It was disappointing that we had to cancel our annual picnic last month due to weather. However, we are quickly approaching the holiday season. Our meeting this month with Jack Espinosa will be one you do not want to miss. There is no other Tampa figure that is more colorful and exciting than Jack. Please do not miss this one.

Merrilyn Crosson will bring us a report from the FEA-R Annual Meeting.

The delegates who attended the DA will also be giving a report from the FEA Convention.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, it is important to remember Beth-El in their endeavor to provide for the less fortunate. Bob Minthorn will be collecting the items as listed in this Reporter. Also, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing all of you November 19th at the CTA building.

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Happy Birthday!

November Birthday Wishes

Allen Levy 11-01

Carolyn Hash 11/10

Juanita Cook 11/13

Stan Swanson 11/14

George Schultz 11/18

Gwen Drapela 11/22

Jeanie Russo 11/23

Rene Tamargo 11/25

Eura Robinson 11/26

Debra Graff 11/28

Please notify me if I do not have your correct date of birth. See contact information provided in the President's letter.

News You Can Use

On November 19 we will meet at the CTA Building, which is located at 3102 North Habana Avenue. We will meet on the fourth floor. As always, our meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. Please plan to arrive by 9:45 AM in order to enjoy coffee, snacks, and wonderful socialization time together.

Our speaker will be Mr. Jack Espinosa, who is a noted historian and a former teacher. We are honored to welcome him to our meeting and am sure we will all thoroughly enjoy his presentation.

In December we will enjoy our holiday luncheon at the Golden Corral Restaurant. This meeting will be held on December 17. We will have more information about this holiday tradition in the December Newsletter.

I continue to ask for your help with recruitment. We all need to work together to build our organization.

While recruitment is so very important there is another aspect to our organization's growth and strength that is equally crucial! That is the problem that we have with retention of our annual members. Each year we lose too many new members who do not rejoin the following year.

Your District Director will be presenting a way for all of us to help turn this situation around and **Keep** all of our current members while recruiting new ones! Please come to the meeting in November to see how you can help.

Community Outreach

Beth-El is now distributing food weekly to more than 625 families. Dave Moore, Executive Director, sends his sincere thanks for all of our help. In addition to collecting money at each meeting, I urge you to bring an item or two from the list below. Their food pantry is always in need of being replenished.

The underlined food items are in critical need. Please provide 1 lb. bags of rice and beans and the 14 oz cans of vegetables and fruit. (This makes it convenient to distribute the items to more families without the need for repackaging.)

Spaghetti sauce w/meat	Canned Chili
Canned Sloppy Joe	Canned meats
Peanut butter	Juices
Non-fat dry milk	Jelly
Pasta/macaroni	Cereals
Instant grits	Instant oatmeal
Graham Crackers	Sugar
Mayonnaise	Coffee
Corn oil	<u>Canned fruits</u>
<u>Canned vegetables</u>	<u>Pinto beans</u>
<u>Rice</u>	Meseca flour
Evaporated milk	

Please Note:

Since many of the families that Beth-El services change often throughout the school year, school supplies are a continuing need as new families arrive.

Please bring any items that will fit within your budget. I appreciate your help with this project.

New Members

Sue Harmon

Welcome! I look forward to seeing you at our November meeting!