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## **President's Message**

#### **John Manning**

Hillsborough Educators Association Retired

If you didn't make our last meeting you missed a great opportunity to hear Mr. Jack Espinosa. He was sensational. His stories of Ybor City and Tampa laced with his humor kept us laughing until our sides hurt.

Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Cyber Monday and Give Tuesday have now passed us by. It must be time for Mr. Santa Claus. We will be celebrating the season with our annual luncheon at the Golden Corral located at 11801 56<sup>th</sup> St., Temple Terrace. Please mark your calendar for December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. We will have our usual drawings for door prizes and gifts. You may bring a guest, a current member or a prospective member.

Please remember Beth El ministries. Bring your food items and monetary gifts. Your efforts over this past year have been blessed.

Some of you have yet to claim your \$25 gift certificate. Please see me at this meeting to claim your certificate. Unclaimed gift certificates with go back into the hat for a drawing next month.

Information will soon be out about our M.O.R.E. outreach to out of state teachers who retired and now live in Florida. We have received a grant that will enable us to reach out and invite them to join in with our local retiree organization. We are a growing organization with about 246 members. Help us to continue to grow!

I thank everyone for their assistance through this new year at getting off to a great start. I wish you all a safe and merry holiday season. The New Year will bring many wonderful opportunities.

John Manning



## **Happy Birthday!**

### **December Birthday Wishes**

Emma Turner 12/01 Sandra Grant 12/05

Letericia Kickliter 12/08 Marie Tapia 12/08

Frank Permuy 12/09 Charles Perdomo 12/09

Art Guzzetta 12/14 Carol Melious 12/16

Carol Driver 12/21 Sally Catt 12/21

Alma Bowers 12/23 Shirley Perdomo 12/28

Sue Croley 12/29 Mary Kelley 12/30

# News You Can Use

We will celebrate the holiday season with our Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral Restaurant located at 11801 N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Temple Terrace. Please plan to meet at 11:00 AM.

As always, we will have time for fellowship, socialization, and of course, our usual array of numerous door prizes to be awarded at the end of our luncheon. Please plan to join us!

In order to provide for adequate seating for all and to arrange the room for our group, it is important that we know the number of members and guests who will be attending. Please contact Merrilyn with your RSVP for you and your guest(s) no later than December 12. You may contact her at (813) 679-1643 or email: merrilynkay@aol.com

Also, joining us will be NEA-Retired members who retired from other states, but now reside in Hillsborough County. We will want to make these fellow NEA-R members welcome at our wonderful holiday luncheon. We hope to see you there.

Our January meeting will be held on January 21, 2015 at The CTA building. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

# Community Outreach

Please bring items to help make the holiday brighter for the many families that Beth El helps each month. In addition to the food items listed below they appreciate gift cards.

We will also present them with a check for the total amount of money collected at our meetings from September through December.

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 Chili
Canned Sloppy Joe
Peanut butter
Non-fat dry milk
Canned Chili
Canned meats
Juices
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Non-fat dry milk
Pasta/Macaroni
Cereals

Instant grits Instant oatmeal

Graham Crackers
Mayonnaise
Coffee

Rice
Canned vegetables
Evaporated milk
Sugar
Coffee
Canned fruits
Pinto beans
Meseca flour

#### **Personal Items:**

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

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



No new members this month.

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Welcome new members! We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.