

HEA Reporter

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President's Message

Sue Huttig Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired

Dear HEA-R Members: Greetings as we enter another school year. CTA packets have been stuffed, and your board has created an exciting program list for this year, **Our first meeting for the 2022-23 year will be on Wednesday August 17, 2022. We will be meeting at the CTA building. The meeting will be at 10:00. Our speaker will be Rob Kriete – President of the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association.** At the close of the meeting, we will have our annual thank you celebration for the CTA staff. Due to COVID case increases we will again have box sandwich lunches from Alessi's Bakery. All members in attendance are invited to stay. However, if you want to eat, you must order a lunch. The cost is \$10.00. Sandwich choices will be:

Turkey on Cranberry Bread, Egg Salad on White or Veggie on Ciabatta bread. Drink choices will be Iced tea, lemon aid or water. **All orders need to be to me by Friday August 12th.**

No exceptions. I can be reached at:

(813) 416-5044 or Sabinasue@gmail.com

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I will see you on August 17th.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT - STEPHEN TABIN

The HCTA (Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association) thanked "an awesome group of retirees" who helped get their Welcome Back Packets for HCTA Members stuffed and ready for pick up. These packets contained the annual calendar, Member Book, and other important information, as well as a HCTA personalized post-it style white board. If you missed this, think about joining our awesome group of retirees next summer to stuff packets.

The HCTA is asking for our support on the Millage Referendum on the Primary Ballot for August 23, along with our chance to vote for national, state and county officials (including commissioners and school board members), and judges.

According to the HCTA, millage dollars would: be additional money to anything agreed to during contract negotiations; create necessary teaching positions (art, music, and physical education); expand student career opportunities; positively affect the vacancies, helping students as well as current employees; and be generated and spent locally.
(More on back...)

Happy Birthday!

03 Patricia Brinser
05 Arlene Schindler-Slater
06 Hiedi Glick
06 Russell Patterson
07 Leslie Butler
08 Stanley Kosmoski ,Jr.
08 Debora Williams
08 Dessie Williams
09 Nancy Tokarz
10 Sharon Hogan
11 Avis Chaplick
12 Gordon Johnston
14 Joan Altshuler
14 Sharon Wingo
15 Roberta Washington
17 David Devine
18 Judie White
19 Nancy Harris
19 Janice Stewart
21 Joyce Carroll
21 Jo Ann Rudes
22 John Carmody
22 Donna Violette
23 Carol Ayers
23 Paula Marczynski
24 Lois McLane
24 Willie Thomas
25 Pat Lantis
26 Naomi Ryan
27 Sue Creekmore
29 Lois Plaa
30 Denisse Alburqueque
30 Richard Baruth
30 Diana Bennett
30 Alice Brayton
30 Jeannette Trotter
31 Cheryl Burnett
31 Diana DeNitto

Vice President's Report – Continued:

HCTA reminds us that a homeowner would see an average of \$75 for every \$100,000 one pays in taxes (fiscal years 2023 through 2026-2027).

HCTA is asking for our support for their endorsed School Board candidates: Karen Perez, Damaris Allen, and Hunter Gambrell.

News You Can Use

Treasurer's Report – Barb Toepke

Have you renewed your annual H.E.A.R. membership?

Membership Renewals. Annual members who renew by August 17, at our first meeting of the year, will be entered in a drawing for \$25. We'll draw three Annual names and three Lifetime names. Annual Dues are \$56 for instructional and for ESP members. Annual members with NEA benefits must renew their HEA-R membership to keep those benefits. Call Treasurer Barb Toepke at 813-439-7481 or email her at btoepke504@gmail.com with any questions.

Happy Birthday to Social Security and Medicare!

Medicare turned 57 on July 30 and Social Security will celebrate 87 years August 14. Celebrate with other AFL-CIO members by attending a Kathy Castor cupcake party! Call Barb Toepke to learn more about the August 24th event at the Barksdale Senior Center in Tampa. Another way to celebrate Social Security is to tell our senators to protect and expand it. Go to the retired AFL-CIO website, retiredamericans.org, to read more and to take action.

Vote in the Primary!

vote411.org is a non-partisan guide from the League of Women Voters. It has photos and information on all local candidates plus their written answers to LWV questions.

votehillsborough.gov is from the Supervisor of Elections office. It gives all the dates and instructions for vote-by-mail, early voting, and August 23rd. Google "Supervisor of Elections" for Polk, Pinellas, and Pasco to find information on those counties.

Community Outreach

Beginning at our August in-person meeting, we will be passing the hat to collect money for Beth-El Farmworkers Ministries

hillsboroughcta.org has CTA's recommendations for the school board elections. Remember that races for school board members and judges are decided now in the primary, not in November. Vote "Yes" for public schools!

Blanche Armwood is the focus for a free lecture at the Tampa History Center on September 7. You can also zoom in to learn about Armwood High School's namesake.

The 2022 Innovative Grant season has begun! And we've already begun receiving applications!

We need to 'hit the ground running' this year as FEA-Retired has pushed the deadline for submitting Grants to Sept. 31. We have had wonderful rewarding feedback from past recipients about how these Grants have impacted their classrooms and instruction. FEA-Retired only gives us money for two, but thanks to our very generous donors we have been able to provide 20 or more grants each year for the past few years. Please help support as many classrooms as possible by donating to the 2022 Grant fund. **Donations of any amount are needed and very much appreciated!** Send them to Barb Toepke, PO Box 360085, Tampa, 33673, and indicate it is for the Innovative Grant fund. THANKS!!!!

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**Welcome to New Member
Audrey J. Young**