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President's Message

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Happy Ground Hog Day. It's hard to believe the Holidays have come and gone and the month of January has flown by. Last month we had a great speaker Hon. E. J. Salcines. He presented a fascinating talk on the history of West Tampa.

Stephen Simon, the president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1464, will be our speaker for February. He will tell us about the history of ATU in Tampa and describe the variety of occupations in City Departments such as Parks & Rec, Water, Solid Waste, HR, Revenue & Finance, Logistics and Mobility. Congratulations to ATU on their recently negotiated contract with the City of Tampa. Join us at the CTA Building on Wednesday, **February 15** at 10:00 A.M. for our meeting.

HEA-R member Shirley Lloyd passed away on Monday, January 23. Shirley was an active CTA member during her career and participated in numerous NEA RAs over the years. Following retirement, she often represented FEA-Retired at the FEA-DA. She will be missed.

FROM VICE PRESIDENT—STEPHEN TABIN

February is the month for lovers and friends.

Many of us have a relationship with our partners that has been tested (and tested and re-tested) through long periods and years of our life. Some of us have lost our partners and have only the memories to cherish. If you are able to strengthen your old or new relationships, please do not forget that this is the month for lovers and friends.

Next month we will worry anew about our educational colleagues, as the Florida Legislature meets once again. Enjoy life now.
Stephen



Happy Birthday!

- 01 Geneva Murphy
- 02 Jean Clements
- 05 Estela Cubano
- 06 Janet Naaktgeboren
- 08 Nancy Bolen
- 10 Linda Pasetti
- 15 Katherine Ederhard
- 15 Rhoda Garcia
- 17 Mary Gonzalez
- 21 Aura Perez
- 23 Mary Anne Pothier
- 24 Sharon Hardy
- 24 Jim Roney
- 25 Mirta Martinez
- 26 John Brown
- 26 Mary Brumley
- 27 Helen Spieler

Please let us know if we missed your birthday.

Our **March 15, 2023** field trip will be a tour of the Tampa Bay History Center. Cost will be \$10.00 per person. Information on parking, car-pooling and lunch options to come. Please note that this will be on the THIRD Wednesday of the month, not the second as previously published.

From Barbara Toepke – Treasurer

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry donations totaled \$339 for last semester. Let's see if we can top that at our meetings this semester.

Membership. Tell your retired educator friends to look for HEA-Retired on the HCTA website to find an application. They may also call Barb Toepke at 813-439-7481 or email btoepke504@gmail.com. Do you want to purchase a HEA-R polo shirt in a new color? Contact Barb.

Volunteer Hours for January and previous months can be sent to Jim at jimroney53@gmail.com or call 813-205-5669. Help us win another volunteer award from FEA. Remember that we are members of **FEA-Retired**. Please discard mailings from any similar mix of initials!

Vote By Mail expired for all voters in December. The deadline to request a new one for City of Tampa elections is February 24, with the elections on March 7. Go to VoteHillsborough.gov or call 813-612-4180 to request a VBM. There is no "final" deadline to ever request one, just cut-off dates for each upcoming election. Plant City elections are April 4.

A New Finance Committee is seeking members to research interest rates on our CDs and to examine our donations and expenses. Call Sue Huttig 813-416-5044 or Barb 813-439-7481 to sign up.

Applications Now Open for the 2023 AFT Retiree Organizing Conference

April 17 - 20, 2023 in Orlando. Lodging, travel & meals will be covered by AFT. Applicants can be either individuals or teams of up to 4. Applications will be accepted until Feb. 24.

I had a call from Janice yesterday. She has been asked to form a new NEA Membership Committee and would like a District 7 person to be on it. Sandy Rushlow will be the Chair. That's all I know, as she didn't have any more info either. I thought this was a great opportunity for someone to get more involved. Please contact Dale Sena 813-221-0567 or email begoniababe@yahoo.com for more information.

Community Outreach

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma serves their community with family support and case management, health care, education, and hunger relief. Visit their website at www.beth-el.org to donate, to learn more about their programs, and to see vibrant watercolor paintings. <https://www.facebook.com/befarmworker/>

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