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President's Message – Sue Huttig

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Easter Greetings and Springtime Wishes to all members and their families. With the newness of Spring in the air, let us celebrate the newness of all creation.

Last month was our trip to the Florida History Museum. Those who attended enjoyed the outing. This month we will have Deputy Sheriff Jeff Merry. His topic will be about “What to do in a crisis situation.” (whether it be at our Union Hall, our place of worship or school, in a mall or grocery store.) Thank You, Vice President Stephen Tabin for arranging this speaker for us.

I have appointed Yvonne Lyons as Nominations Committee Chair. Positions to be voted on at our May meeting will be Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chair, Program Chair and District 2 Director. Yvonne will present our slate of officers at our April meeting. We will vote on them at the May meeting.

Vice President's Report – Stephen Tabin

Our April meeting will be on Wednesday April 19, 2023 at the CTA Building, Come a little early to enjoy refreshments and socialize before the meeting. Our speaker Sheriff Jeff Merry will have a lot of practical information to share with us to help keep us safe.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April Birthday Wishes

Kathleen Thompson 04/01

Delores McMillan 04/04

Billie Jo Lasher 04/08

Gwen Butler 04/09

Arlie Page 04/11

Janet Burt 04/14

James Samuelson 04/16

Deborah Thompson 04/16

Vernadill Young 04/16

Bertha Smith 04/18

Emma Thomas 04/19

Ben Cooper 04/20

Patricia Savage 04/23

Penny Haun 04/25

JoAnne Reed 04/25

Michelle Manieri 04/25

Charles Gomez 04/26

Jeanette Whitman 04/26

Rich Lucas 04/28

Evelyn Hernandez - Gonzalez

Barbara Wiggs 04/29

Daphne Britt

Marjie Boyd 04/30

Leo Haggerty 04/30

Welcome New Members: Kenneth Miller, Susan Torpey, Joe Barksdale, Colette Forget, Evelyn Hernandez-Conzalez and Greg Pennington

Vice President's Report – Continued

Congratulations are in order for members of HEA-R who were elected to the Florida Delegate Assembly to be held for three days in October in Orlando: Susan (Suzy) Buchanan, Norma Goff, Stephen Tabin, and Barbara Toepke. These members will represent you at their own expense. None of our HEA-R members were elected as Delegates to the NEA-R and NEA CONVENTION to be held this June and July, In the event that a delegate will not be able to attend, these HEA-R members were elected as Alternates: Suzy Buchanan (2nd), and Barbara Toepke (3rd). Congratulations to all. Our thanks to you, our HEA-R members, for voting.

Treasurer's Report -Barb Toepke

RENEWAL TIME is coming up soon for Annual members. Look for an email or a letter in mid-April with an application form for the 2023-24 year. Dues remain the same as last year, \$37.00 for ESPs and \$56.00 for Instructional. Call Barb at 813-439-7481 for more information.

Volunteer Hours can be sent to Jim at jimroney53@gmail.com or call 813-205-5669, You can count the hours spent calling and emailing your legislators, plus hours helping family, friends, faith groups and community organizations

ATU's Steve Simon spoke at our February meeting. The Amalgamated Transit Union covers so many city departments that Steve takes photos when he visits to show members in one place how other members work. "I'm a walking commercial," he says, with 65% membership in all departments.

Community Outreach

Beth-El Farmworker

Ministry continues to serve their community. Visit their website to see vibrant watercolor paintings of workers, learn their history, review activities, and view a storytelling event. Go to beth-el.org/donate or send a check to Beth-El at 18240 US 301, Wimauma, FL 33598.

Oasis Opportunity

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Every child deserves the **opportunity** to have their basic needs met so they can achieve personal and academic success. *The mission of Oasis is to be a premier provider of clothing and fundamental necessities for at-risk and low-income Hillsborough County Public Schools students to ensure personal and academic success.*

Treasurer's report Continued

Tampa Bay History Center was our March field trip with 21 members attending. Tour guides led us through movies and exhibits of Tampa's recent and ancient past. Rene and Vilma Tamargo shared memories of their parents and grandparents working in factories when we saw the cigar exhibit. Many members stayed to explore more after lunch at the museum.

Legislature: Power Hour! Join members statewide to hear FEA's Andrew Spar, learn about positive/negative bills, and call legislators with help from FEA staff. Click on the link <http://www.feaweb.org/powerhour> and zoom Tuesdays at 5:30. Text **edactivist** to 22394 and go to FEAweb.org, Issues and Action for more ways to help save public education in Florida.