

# HEAReport

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**Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired**

## **President's Message**

**Sue Huttig Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired**

Dear HEA-R Members: It's hard to believe it is time to begin another school year. I hope you and your families had a great summer. CTA has been at work this summer getting ready for A New Teacher Free Market, which was held on August 5, 2023. Thank you to all of you who donated to this event. Sue Harmon and the board have worked hard to provide speakers and events for this school year. Walt Belcher will come and speak about his experiences in writing and storytelling at our August Meeting on August 16, 2023. Our meetings will continue to begin at 10:00 am in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room of the CTA building located at 3102 N. Habana Ave. The elevator is located at the southeast corner of the building.

Thank You, Stephen, for stepping in for me, this summer for our June Board Meeting. We say Bye to Greg Pennington, who has decided to move northward. Good Luck. Welcome Audrey Young who has graciously accepted the Job of Secretary. She was appointed by your President to fill Greg's term.

## **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT - STEPHEN TABIN**

Your HEA-Retired Board of Directors met twice over this Summer in order to provide YOU with up-to-date information on the local, state, and national fronts, as well as discuss exciting Speakers (and field trips) for our monthly membership meetings. Your Board met on June 22 at the CTA Building and again on July 28 at an off-campus site. All members were invited to attend. Introductions were made by the new (and re-elected) members of the Board; fabulous speakers and field trips were discussed for our monthly meetings. Come on Wednesday, August 16 and meet old and new friends, enjoy great snacks and drinks, and be involved. We hope to have a list of topics and field trips available soon.

In case you could not read the tiny print from our last Newsletter, here are some highlights: We celebrate and thank our outgoing HEA-R Secretary and wearer of many hats for many, many years, our always smiling Jim Roney. Jim says he isn't going anywhere—Jim will always be with us, at meetings as well as just a phone call away. Our thanks also go out to Harrietta Willis for all of her years of service as our longtime District Director 2. Also, NEA held its annual Representative Assembly in early July—this year in Orlando. Thanks to HEA-R members Eura Robinson and Norma Goff for serving as FEA Hosts at the NEA RA. In addition, your Vice President, Stephen Tabin, served as an NJREA Delegate to both the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting as well as at the entire NEA RA (for a total of ten days/nine nights). More details will follow.

**Happy Birthday!**

**August**

**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  
13 Michael Mistretta  
14 Joan Altshuler  
15 Roberta Washington  
18 Judie White  
19 Nancy Harris  
19 Cassie Wilson  
20 Cecilia Edmiston  
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  
30 Denisse Albuquerque  
30 Richard Baruth  
30 Diana Bennett  
30 Alice Brayton  
31 Cheryl Burnett  
31 Diana DeNitto**

## News You Can Use

## Community Outreach

### Treasurer's Report – Barb Toepke

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

**Membership Renewals- Renew Your Membership** by August 20 and continue to support FEA, NEA, and AFT as they fight for educator's rights at the bargaining table and in their classrooms. Print the form, write a check made out to HEAR, and mail to Barb Toepke. ESP dues are \$37.00 and all others pay \$56.00 for the year.

#### *Happy Birthday to Social Security and Medicare!*

**Social Security and Medicare** have birthdays this summer! Medicare turned 58 on July 30 and Social Security will be 88 on August 14. Remind your friends and family that they are not "entitlements" but rather earned benefits paid for through taxes on our salaries. If Congress would tax salaries above the current cap of \$160,000 then SS and M would have funding forever. Check out [retiredamericans.org](http://retiredamericans.org) for more information

**Thank You** to members who volunteered at HCTA's New Teacher Market. All the tables were filled with school supplies, reading and math games, teacher-made games, posters, children's books and teachers' instructional books. Thanks for all the donations HEAR members provided.

**Banned Book Lists** can be found at the American Library Association, ALA.org. Please note that the ALA still has divisions for Intellectual Freedom and for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. How many other lists of banned books can you find online?

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

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Every child deserves the *opportunity* to have their basic needs met.

**School Board** visits are encouraged by the FEA. Go to see what's happening, sign up to speak if you can with CTA's help, and report back at a HEAR meeting. Go to [hillsboroughschools.org](http://hillsboroughschools.org) for a calendar of meetings and workshops

**The 2023 FEA-Retired Innovative Grant season has begun!** As you know, FEA - Retired only provides for 2 grants (\$150/ea.) If we are to award more, which we have done for the past several years, more money must be raised. Year after year, we know we can count on the generosity of our members. Those who wish to donate to this fund this year should make checks of any amount payable to HEAR and mailed to the FEA-Retired District 7 Director, Dale Sena, 816 W. Braddock St, Tampa, 33603. Many of you belong to other organizations that also might help, such as sororities & fraternities, civic groups and religious organizations. All you need to do is ask, and believe me....it's an easy sell. Who doesn't want to help teachers?

**BACK  
TO  
SCHOOL**