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President's Message

Sue Huttig Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired

Dear Fellow Members: I hope you are all well and safe after our storm last week. Happy Labor Day. It's been a long time since we last met. August was a trying month. Our scheduled meeting was set for August 16, 2023, but had to be canceled. The CTA building closed due to a few staff having COVID. Your Board scheduled a meeting for August 30, 2023 at the Hillsborough Education Foundation. Due to weather conditions it also had to be cancelled. Your Board is sorry for any inconvenience and confusion this might have caused. Since we did not get to hear Walt Belcher speak on Storytelling in August we hope to hear him at another time during the year. Our September meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023 at the CTA Building. We will meet at 10:00 A.M. in the 4th floor meeting room. Our speaker will be John Sakellarides. He will be talking about Estate Planning. Vice president Stephen Tabin will be conducting the meeting. I will be out of town on a well-deserved rest after both of my cataract surgeries. See you in October.

If you need to reach me my cell phone number is 813-416-5044.

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Vice President's Report – Stephen Tabin

The NEA-Retired Annual Meeting was held June 29-30, 2023, in Orlando. Your Vice President represented you, our Hillsborough Educators Association - Retired members, as well as the NJREA delegation, from which he was elected. The first day dealt mainly with meeting procedures—vacancies on NEA-R positions and how to fill them. At the end of the first day of meetings, a short celebration of the 40th birthday of NEA-Retired was held, with birthday cake and coffee. The second day, voting was held. Three motions dealing with NEA-R passed. In addition, we elected a new NEA-R President, Anita Gibson, to replace our outgoing President, Sarah Borgman (who won the NEA-Retired Distinguished Service Award). The meeting ended on a positive note when FEA-R President, Janice Poirier, announced she will be running next year for re-election to the NEA-Retired Executive Council. At the Annual NEA Representative Assembly held in the following days in Orlando, the NEA Leadership was re-elected for three more years: President Becky Pringle, Vice President Princess Moss, and Secretary/Treasurer Noel Candelaria. Many NBI's Legislative Amendments, Policy Statements, Resolutions, Bylaw Amendments, and Standing Rules Amendments were discussed and debated over four full days at the Convention Center. President Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were overwhelmingly endorsed for re-election! It was a great and long Convention, as retirees, including myself, spent 10 days and 9 nights in Orlando. No time for sightseeing—all work!



**Happy
Birthday!**

September

- 02 Carol Carmody
- 03 *Mary Hobley*
- 08 *Joe Bohren*
- 08 *Pat Russo*
- 11 *Bob Minthorn*
- 13 *Barbara Poole*
- 17 *Brenda Swanson*
- 19 *Deborah Larry*
- 23 *Keith Miller*
- 24 *Sue Harmon*
- 24 *Debby Kruger*
- 26 *Joie Barksdale*
- 27 *Cilia Lopez*
- 29 *David Malberg*

Please let me know if I missed your birthday!
Thanks. Sue

Audrey Young (our new secretary) daughter's funeral was Labor Day weekend. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

News You Can Use

Suzy Buchanan – Membership Chair

185 welcome letters, applications and brochures were sent out to new retired educators recently. We have **received no new members during the month of August.**

Dale Sena- FEA-R District Director:

The Grant deadline is just a few days away.

If you want to donate to this year's campaign your donation must be received no later than Friday, September 22. Please make your check payable to HEAR. Send to Barb Toepke, Treasurer, P.O. Box 360085 , Tampa, FL 33673. Please Be sure to specify that the donation is for the INNOVATIVE GRANTS.

FEAR Annual Meeting Delegates and Alternates (October 12, 2023) HEA-R Delegates are:

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We will be collecting for Beth-EL at our meeting or you may send donations to **Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Inc.** 18240 US 301, Wimauma, FL <https://beth-el.org/donate/>

OASIS (Outreach assisting children in school)

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/oasis-network-of-new-tampa-inc/eqift-cards-to-feed-students>

Barb Toepke – Treasurer

Membership Renewals were due to FEA by September 1st, so thank you to everyone who sent theirs in on time. You can still renew on HEA-R's late list but FEA asks us to clear non-renewals by October. Please print the form found at <https://hillsboroughcta.org/hea-r-retired/>, write a check made out to HEA-R, and mail it to Barb Toepke. Call or text 813-439-7481 with any questions.

Market Volunteers! HCTA's New Teacher Free Market was a great success with over 50 new teachers shopping on Saturday, August 5th. HCTA's Valerie Chuchman said that she was grateful for all of our help over three days, and that it wouldn't have been a success without us. Thank you to our volunteers Gwen Butler, Sue Harmon, Yvonne Lyons, Jill McDannold, Diane Ortiz, Eura Robinson, Dale Sena, Barb Toepke, Deb Toth, Laura Tucker, and Juanita Young.

