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President's Message

Sue Huttig

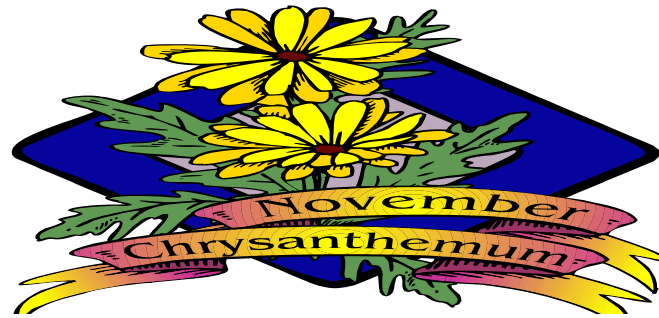
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Happy Fall, Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving. Even though we were few in number, all who attended our picnic on October 18, 2023 had an enjoyable time of fellowship along with pleasant weather and delicious food. In addition to our HEA-R members, two recent retirees were our guests.

The October 12, 2023 FEA-Retired meeting was held in Orlando, Florida. Our guest speaker was NEA Retired President Anita Gibson. FEA Retired President Janice Poirier, Vice President Sandy Rushlow, Secretary Rhea Mckinney and Staff Liaison Renita Bates gave their reports. Awards were presented for most Volunteer hours, Communication and Membership. We won an award for a large local with the most new members (20 new members). A large thanks goes to Suzy Buchanan and Barb Toepke for their help in encouraging new members to join HEA-R. It was my honor to accept this award on behalf of all our member. The following members attended: Sue Huttig, Dale Sena, Stephen Tabin, Suzy Buchanan, Barb Toepke, and Norma Goff.



School Board Visits are encouraged by the Florida Education Association. Watch on cable TV or go in person to see what is happening and report back at our meetings. HCPS Workshops are from 10 – 12 AM on November 9th. Meetings are at 4-6 PM on November 14th and 28th.



Happy Birthday!

November Birthday Wishes

Telunda Cutler-Canty 11/01

Hollis Malberg 11/1

Karen Carnes 11/12

Juanita Cook 11/13

Cynthia Harnest 11/18

Rene Tamargo 11/18

Gwen Drapela 11/22

Jeanie Russo 11/23

Ximara Previti 11/24

Debra Graff 11/28

George Greenlee 11/30

Welcome

New Members

Mary Lou Andrews

Dorothy Henning

Jetta and Michael Terry

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813-416-4055.

News You Can Use

Stephen Tabin Vice President

Thank you for your participation at our October 18 Picnic at Eureka Springs Park.

We look forward to everyone joining us at our November HEA-R business meeting on Wednesday November 18, at the CTA Building (4th floor) at 10:00 am. Our speaker will be member and author John Chaplick.

Save the date for our Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Embassy Suites on December 13th. Look for all the details in our December Reporter.

As Thanksgiving approaches, please remember all that you are thankful for: family and friends, special treasures, helping others and relaying thankful thoughts. Peace and Blessings to all.

It is with sadness I must inform you that Eura Robinson recently passed away. I am thankful for the time I was able to spend with her, She was a joy to all who knew her. Eura worked at CTA and later in the school district. She was an active HEA-R member. Her most recent activities were working at the Free Market for new teachers and ushering this summer at the NEA-RA in Orlando.

Condolences may be sent to her family at 13811 Cherry Creek Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33618.

Barb Toepke -Treasure

Membership lists were sent to FEA in September, but annual members can still renew. Please continue your support for our local group and for FEA, NEA, and AFT, who are still working hard to support public schools and education staff. Contact Barb at 813-439-7481 or btoepke504@gmail.com,

Polo Shirts with the HEA-R logo can be ordered for \$25. Check out the variety of colors. See Barb. Please continue to send your **volunteer hours** to Jim Roney at jimronney53@gmail.com for this month. You can count hours for helping family, friends, faith groups and community organizations.

Community Outreach

We will pass the hat at our November meeting to collect money for Beth-el Farmworkers Ministries. Oasis donations may be given on line at

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/oasis-network-of-new-tampa-inc>

Every child deserves the *opportunity* to havetheir basic needs met.

Dale Sena – FEA District 7 Director

Thank You members and FEA delegates for your support in electing me to another term as your Direct 7 Director. The 2023 FEA-Retired Innovative Grant season has ended, all but for actually awarding the Grants. In Hillsborough 19 Grants were awarded - 2 paid for by FEA-Retired and 17 paid for by donations. Much thanks to Suzy Buchanan, Mary Gonzalez, Yvonne Lyons, Jim Roney, George Schultz, Dale Sena, HCTA, and the HEAR treasury for their generous donations. There was a Grant awarding ceremony at the CTA Rep Council meeting on Thursday, October 19. Members Norma Goff and Gail Hutton helped me congratulate the winners. 13 of them were able to attend.

Arrangements are being made to get the grants to all winners asap. The 2023 FEA-Retired Innovative **Grant winners are:**

Ria Beamer /Clark, Miriam Cook /Gaither, Colleen Craven /Shaw, Jennifer Cunningham /Schwarzkopf, Carissa Deneca /Gaither, Laci Fredele /Riverview El, Sonia Gonzalez, / Brewster, JoAnna Helak /Anderson, Joel Hilborn/Knights, Amanda Holland/Lincoln, Lisa Lawson/Claywell, Lauren Leto/Brandon HS, Sally Miller House /Lennard, Carlee Soto, /Riverhills ES. Heather Swirtz /Mintz, Agnes Tanon /Williams IB, Lauren Teuton/Ben Hill, Caylee Thompson/Knights, and Casey Wood/Brandon HS