

President's Message

Sue Huttig

Hillsborough Educators Association – Retired

It's hard to believe that May is already here. I wish all of you, your family and friends a Happy Springtime. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter season. This will be our last business meeting for the year. We will meet at the CTA Building on Wednesday May 15, 2024, at 10:00 am. Following the Meeting we will have our cover dish luncheon. Our Guests will be the CTA staff in appreciation for what they do for us. If you have not signed up to bring food and would like to do so please contact Mary Gonzales at 813-748-3586. Text her what you would like to bring.

At this our May meeting we will be voting on the slate of officers Yvonne Lyons presented at the March meeting.

President: Stephen Tabin

President: Norma Goff

Secretary: Deborah Torh

District 1: Director Norma Goff

Membership: Suzy Buchanan

Others may be nominated from the floor.

Last month 14 of our members enjoyed the Morning Eco Tour.

From Bob Minthorn:

Good morning, I am looking for a volunteer for the Insurance Committee. I have sat on this committee for many years. This is The committee which talks about current Health benefits. A newly retired teacher or A current working teacher would be great.

From Sue Harmon – Program Chair

Please send Ideas fir speakers and outings to harmonbay@verizen.net by July 1. Please include contact information. Thank You



May

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Gewndolyn Richards 1
Linda Lusk 3
Laura Tucker 4
Cynthia Bauer 8
Marlene Sacarello 8
Norma Killebrew 10
Christine Middendorf 12
Lori Samuelson 12
Fran Roberts 13
Lavern Holloman 17
Adis Choundas 19
Myrtle Guarino 20
Cheryl Kobres 22
Marie Carothers 23
Norma Goff 24
Joan Anderson 28
Merrilyn Crosson 31
Linda Price 31
Gwendolyn Williams 31

Welcome New Member Phyllis Sims

From Laura Tucker/ Catherine Gilmore
Gibson Elementary School, A PROUD community school. As a school we currently have an Amazon list – as we are trying to create a sustainable Student Incentive Room. At Gibson we are Big on student agency and students taking part in their learning through an understanding of what their learning goals are, what strategies they need to practice/master/use and apply. We also have some students who have attendance goals or behavior goals. The purpose of a Student Incentive Room makes it possible to sustain incentive, build positive relationships, and decrease the cost of incentives on all teachers across the school.

FEA will be hosting a Summer Academy June 9-12, 2024 in Orlando. The theme is Solidarity: Harnessing Power for a Better Life. This event will be at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista.

Treasurer's Report Barbara Toepke
It's Renewal Time! Dues are still \$37 for ESPs and \$56 for Instructional, so there's no inflation with NEA and FEA! See the renewal form in this month's mailings. Please make your check out to HEA-R and mail to Barb Toepke at PO Box 360085, Tampa, FL 33673. Renewals are due August 14 but early bird forms are welcome.

VBM for School Board! The August primary elections are when we vote for school board members, so be sure to renew your vote-by-mail application this month. Check your status at your county's Supervisor of Elections website since all VBMs expired in January 2023 by state law. See future newsletters for candidates endorsed by HCTA and the Central Labor Council.

The School Board voted 5-2 on April 29 to keep two challenged books in high school libraries. District procedures first called for reviews by a school committee and if appealed, by a district committee of curriculum areas and student social services. 75% of almost 30 public comments supported district staff to keep the books. Board members explained their votes based on detailed transcripts, book reviews, legal advice on state laws, their own research, and on their professional responsibilities.

Barbara Toepke Continued.

OLLI at USF has an Open House on Weds, May 8 to introduce their new classes and instructors. The event begins at 10:00 am at the historic Centro Asturiano in Ybor City, or go even earlier at 9:00! There are many classes for seniors offered online, at USF, or at varied venues around the county. Learn more at OLLIRegistration@usf.edu or call Charise at 813-974-5848.

Community Outreach

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma serves their community with family support and case management, health care, education, and hunger relief. We will pass the envelope around for your monetary donations at our monthly meetings. 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/>

HEA-R members can also donate to OASIS, organized by social workers to provide clothing for school children.

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

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

CTA's Free Teacher Market will return this August. CTA is again asking retiring educators to donate their materials for next years' new employees. Several of our members helped to sort and display materials last year, and helped new teachers shop that day. There were office supplies, posters, containers, teacher resource books, and hundreds of classroom library books! Check our newsletter in June for the first sorting event.

Mother's Day gifts that are made by union workers can be found at aflcio.org/Mother'sDay. Ask your kids and grandkids to shop for flowers, wine, and chocolates from the union companies on the lists.



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Membership Renewal for 2024-25

HEA-R, FEA-R, NEA-R, and AFT-R

Thank you for continuing your membership in HEA-R! Upon receipt of these dues, your membership in all four groups will continue to be in good standing. Please send this completed form with your check for dues by August 17, 2024.

Annual Membership: ___ \$56.00 Instructional ___ \$37.00 ESP

Lifetime Membership: ___ \$500.00 Instructional ___ \$330.00 ESP

Member Information:

_____ MI _____
First Name Last Name

_____ _____ _____ _____
Address City State Zip

Phone Number _____ Birth month/day _____

Email _____

In order to keep our dues low, I would like to be informed of HEA-R activities via email.

Yes ___ No ___

_____ _____
Signature Date

___ Please send me information about the Lifetime Membership installment plan.

Please make your check payable to HEAR.

Return this form with your payment to:

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