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From the President – SUE HUTTIG

With school out for the summer and Memorial Day past, many of you will be enjoying summer travel and activities. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. I have enjoyed being your president since May 3, 2021 until June 30, 2024. My first official act was appointing Stephen Tabin as vice president. My last official act will be conducting the June 25, 2024 board meeting. My greatest challenge while in office, was keeping us together as a working group during Covid and the months to follow. I must thank Candy and Russ for helping me with Zoom Meetings. My first meeting as president was on May 19, 2001, on Zoom. We went to box lunches from Alessi Bakery for our CTA staff appreciation luncheon. I remember conducting our first-year post Covid meetings at USF Botanical Gardens. Thank you for allowing me to be your president over these 4 plus years.

At this time, I would like to thank Yvonne Lyons for securing our slate of officers for this year's election. It is with great pleasure that I present your officers for the coming year. They will take office on July 1, 2024.

President Barbara Toepke

Vice President Stephen Tabin,

Corresponding Secretary Laura Tucker

Appointed Recording Secretary Norma Goff

Appointed Treasurer Deborah Toth

District Director 1 George Greenlee

District Director 2 Marilyn Dupree

Membership Chair Suzy Buchanan

Program Chair Sue Harmon

From the V.P.'s Desk -- STEPHEN TABIN

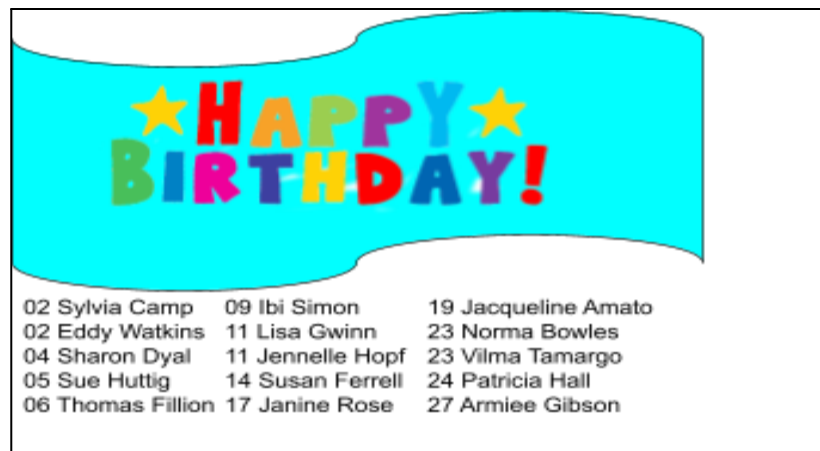
May I be one of many to wish Barbara Toepke congratulations for being elected as our HEA-R's next President. I want to personally thank our current President Sue Huttig for her hard work and patience for over four years in her office. Sue will continue to be involved in our organization, including being a member of our Executive Committee.

At our May meeting, before our pot-luck luncheon to honor the CEA staff, we passed an amendment to our bylaws, splitting up the position of Secretary into Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. In addition, your Vice President Stephen Tabin will represent his former state as he was elected by the NJEA Retirees to attend this year's NEA-R Annual Meeting as well as the NEA Convention, both being held in Philly around the Fourth of July holiday.. Hoping to see all of you in August! Wishing you a Great Summer!



May's CTA Potluck was a great success!

We filled the tables with plenty of nutritious foods and a few sweets. Members and staff mixed it up at tables for six so wonderful conversations ensued. President Rob Kriete and Executive Director Brittini Wegman explained educational successes and legislative challenges and answered many questions. CTA staff introduced themselves and everyone gathered for a group photo.



Time to Renew your HEA-R Membership

Deadline August 14, 2024


[Click here](#) (open/print renewal application)

FEA Retired Educators

Whether you're already retired or just thinking about retirement, there are many advantages to joining FEA-Retired!

Behavioral Health Services are now available to FEA members and their families through Union First, says President Andrew Spar. Go to unionfirst.net or call 1-855-215-2023 to contact them about any struggles with addiction, depression, alcoholism, or trauma.

NEA Member Benefits are a great way to save \$\$ on purchases, programs, and benefits. Go to neamb.com/getstarted or call 800-637-4636 to register and gain access to all the savings. Find your membership ID on the label of your NEA Today magazine.



New Teacher Free Market	
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
Tuesday, June 18th 9:00-3:00	Friday, August 9th 9:00-3:00
Sorting Day	Market Set up
Our goal is to sort the donated items into categories so that it will be much easier to set up the day before the market.	Our goal is to get the market set up and ready to go for the next morning.
Breakfast and lunch will be provided	
Market Day	
Saturday, August 10th – 8:00 -3:00	
Help new teachers, restock, or consolidate items on tables.	

New teachers will be able to outfit their rooms with classroom supplies thanks to all of the donations received.

[Email Valerie Chuchman](mailto:Valerie.Chuchman@hcta.org), HCTA your availability or call (813) 238-7902

May CTA Rep Council members

Cheryl Burnett, Jesse Finlayson, Norma Goff and Barb Toepke provided sweets and sweet tea, They stayed for part of the business meeting. Membership applications were provided to potential retirees.

HEA-R Board Meeting is

Tuesday, June 25 at 11:00 am at CTA, third floor. All members are welcome as we plan the year's schedule. Send any suggestions for speakers and field trips to Sue Harmon at harmonbay@verizon.net.

[Program Suggestions Form](#)

Vote by Mail

Vote by Mail is the most convenient way to vote. You'll receive your ballot in the mail, and can take your time making your voting decisions.

Everyone in the state must renew their request with the Supervisor of Elections! Verify that your request to vote by mail is up-to-date. Tell your neighbors, friends and family to do the same. Many are unaware the legislature forced counties to purge all requests submitted prior to December, 2022.



School Board Elections August Primary

Candidates endorsed by HCTA and the Central Labor Council are by Districts:

1-[Nadia Combs](#), incumbent

3-[Jessica Vaughn](#), incumbent

5-[Henry "Shake" Washington](#), incumbent

7-[Lynn Grey](#), incumbent and new candidate [Johnny Bush](#)

Go to [HCPS](#) to read about the current board members.



Member Highlight: Separate ≠ Equal

[Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education](#)
[May 17, 1954 – May 17, 2024](#)

Community Outreach Opportunities

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma serves their community with family support and case management, health care, education, and hunger relief.

We pass the envelope around for your monetary donations at our monthly meetings.



OASIS
(Outreach Assisting Students in Schools) is a premier provider of clothing and fundamental necessities to at-risk and low-income Hillsborough County Public School students to ensure their personal and academic success.

Ensuring ALL students have EQUAL access to clothing, hygiene items, and other essentials for school.



Hillsborough County Government Use your voice take the survey

[2024 Countywide Survey](#)