

Hillsborough Educators Association - Retired

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Welcome back, everybody!

Aug 21: Join us at CTA at 10 am for our first meeting of the year. Will the School Board's Millage Referendum be on the ballot in November? Will our district be able to raise starting pay to compete with counties around us? Learn answers to these questions and more from our guest speaker.

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Sept: Nature's Classroom tour.

Oct: ABC&D of Medicare.

Nov: 70th Anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education.

Dec: Holiday Luncheon

Aug 9: New Teacher Free Market

at CTA needs volunteers at 9 am on August 9 to set out classroom supplies and boxes of children's books, and on August 10 at 8 am to help new teachers shop for materials. Call Val Chuchman at 813-238-7902 if you can help either day.

Sept 2: The Labor Day Picnic will be held at IBEW 915 at 5621 Harney Rd, Tampa, 33610. See attached flyer for details on a BBQ lunch, the cornhole tournament, and invited labor candidates. Call Barb for advanced-price tickets.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5 Arlene S	21 Joyce C
6 Heidi G	21 Jo Ann R
6 Russell P	22 Donna V
7 Leslie B	22 John C
8 Dessie W	23 Carol A
8 Debora W	23 Paula M
8 Stanley K	24 Lois M
10 Sharon H	24 Willie T
11 Avis C	25 Pat L
12 Gordon J	26 Naomi R
15 Roberta W	27 Sue C
18 Judie W	30 Denisse A
19 Nancy H	30 Diana B
19 Cassie W	30 Alice B
20 Cecilia E	31 Cheryl B
14 Social Security!	31 Diana D

Welcome to new member
Diane Sansom!

Aug 13 at 10 am: Kathy Castor's Cupcake Party will be held at Fair Oaks Senior Center, 5019 N. 34th St., Tampa 33610. We're invited to celebrate Social Security's 89th birthday and to thank Representative Castor for her votes on senior issues in Congress. For more information go to retiredamericans.org and learn how Congress can preserve Medicare and Social Security.

HEAR board meets on August 14.
Call Barb for information.

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The FEA-Retired Innovative Grant Program is being offered once again this year. FEA-Retired provides for two \$150 grants in District 7 (Hillsborough and Polk) for projects that will add to effective and efficient teaching. For many years HEAR members have generously contributed to the Grant Fund so that each year more than 15 grants have been offered to our local hardworking CTA members who work directly with children. Donations of any amount are most welcome. Send your checks made out to HEAR to Deb Toth (see address below) or hand her a check at our meetings. Write "Innovative Grant" at the bottom of the check. Donations must be received by September 27.

Dale Sena,
FEA-Retired District 7 Director

Renew annual memberships by August 21. Print the attached form and send to Treasurer Deb Toth, 3102 N. Habana Ave, Tampa, 33607. Contact her at 813-841-4841 or debravels2017@icloud.com.

FEA asks us to send our member lists for the new school year by September, so thanks to everyone who has already renewed.

School Board meetings can be seen live on Frontier channel 32 and Spectrum channel 635. Find archived meetings at hillsboroughschools.org.

Vote early Aug 5-18 for these School Board candidates that support public schools!

1-[Nadia Combs](#), incumbent
3-[Jessica Vaughn](#), incumbent
5-[Henry "Shake" Washington](#), incumbent
7-[Lynn Grey](#), incumbent and new candidate [Johnny Bush](#)

Check your **Vote by Mail** status at VoteHillsborough.gov, the county website, since all VBMs expired in December 2022. **Vote411.org** provides information on all the candidates in the Aug 20th primary from the League of Women Voters.

VP Stephen Tabin attended the conventions for FEA-Retired and FEA in Philadelphia in July. Read about elected officials, state caucuses, and picket lines in his report attached to this email. President Biden did not speak to FEA delegates as planned since he would not cross a picket line organized by NEASO, the NEA Staff Organization.

Send volunteer hours to Secretary Norma Goff at ngoff48@gmail.com or call 813-431-0314. FEA announces the state retiree hours and financial value at the convention in September.