

Hillsborough Educators Association - Retired

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The HEA-Retired officers thank you for your votes of confidence during the May elections.

Join us on Weds, Aug. 21 at CTA at 10 am for our first meeting of the year. District guests will explain the school board's Proposed Millage Referendum. How will they spend the funds and how shall we convince our friends and neighbors to vote for it?

Sept: Nature's Classroom tour.

Oct: ABC&D of Medicare.

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

Dec: Holiday Luncheon, where?

Do you have a favorite restaurant or hotel that takes reservations and will seat 40 people in a private space? If so, contact Sue Harmon at harmonbay@verizon.net.

Stephen Tabin, Vice President

We thank **Sue Huttig** for serving the HEA-R membership for many years as VP and also as President for the past three years. She used her experience as a true leader, and her friendly style and quiet voice have served her well. Sue will remain on the Executive Board as Past-President.

The HEA-R board will meet again on July 11. Call Barb for information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

01 Jacqueline Mentor

05 Aron Zions

07 Nancy Lambert

08 Jessie Finlayson

09 Mary Woods

10 Susan Martin

10 Barb Toepke

11 Jill McDannold

13 Rosemarie Berrios

14 Carroll Mitchell

16 Arlessa Kubon

17 Marilyn Dupree

21 Joyce Young

22 Yvonne Lyons

22 John Streater

23 Donna Crowder

25 Harrietta Willis

29 Edith Pelham

31 Medicare!

Medicare turns 59 this year and **Social Security** turns 89. We're invited to Rep. Kathy Castor's Cupcake Party on August 13 to celebrate and to thank her for supporting senior issues with her votes in Congress. For more information go to retiredamericans.org and learn how Congress can preserve these programs' financial foundations.

Condolences to Marilyn Dupree on the passing of her granddaughter, and to Rich Lucas on the passing of his sister. Condolences also to the family of Sandy Grant, long-time member of the CTA board and HEA-R member.

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Check your **Vote by Mail** status at VoteHillsborough.gov, the county website, since all VBMs expired in December 2022. **Vote411.org** will go online July 12. It provides information on all the candidates, gathered by the League of Women Voters.

Renew your annual membership by August 14. Print the attached form or contact Treasurer Deb Toth at debtravels2017@icloud.com.

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.

New Teacher Free Market at CTA needs volunteers on August 10 from 8:00 to 3:00 to help new teachers find materials and on August 9 at 9:00 am to set out the classroom supplies and boxes of children's books. Call CTA at 813-238-7902 if you can help either day.

Time for summer reading? Google "Banned Books 2024" to find the [American Library Association's list of banned and challenged books](#) along with information on what's happening around the country.

Catherine Gilmore from **Gibsonton Elementary Community School** spoke at our March meeting. She described their efforts to engage children, parents, school staff, and the community to create and implement school improvement plans. Read about their positive results at

[Year in Review for the 2023-24](#) school year, and a [Community School Brochure](#).

School Board elections are on the August primary ballot!

Watch videos of two candidate debates at TigerBayClub.com. Read about current board members at hillsboroughschools.org.

Please support candidates endorsed by HCTA and the Central Labor Council!

1-[Nadia Combs](#), incumbent

3-[Jessica Vaughn](#), incumbent

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

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

Save the date for the Central Labor Council's **Labor Day Picnic** on September 5. Time and place TBA.

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