

Hillsborough Educators Association - Retired

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April greetings to all! Please join us at 10 am on Weds, April 16 at CTA, 3102 N Habana Ave, Tampa 33607.

Scott Turner from the [American Postal Workers Union-Retired](#) will speak. Learn about the NALC and their recent protests across the US. “US Mail, Not for Sale!”

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Apr 16: Scott Turner, APWU.

May 21: Elections, HCTA potluck.

See Stephen's column for information on HEAR offices up for election!

Sign up in April to attend the **FEA-Retired** Conference on Oct 9 in Orlando. HEAR usually sends 4 members plus the district director and the president.

HANDS OFF 2025 is a day of action and mobilization on Saturday, April 5th. AFT and UAW are among the sponsors to call for peaceful protests across the US. Join them to say **Hands Off** my Social Security, Medicare, federal jobs, education, voting rights, and more.

Sign up for gatherings in Tampa at 3 pm, St Pete at noon, and other locations across Tampa Bay and the state. **Check out handsoff2025.com for more information.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1 Kathleen A	19 Emma T
4 Delores M	20 Benjamin C
8 Billie Jo L	23 Patricia S
9 Gwen B	24 Diane S
11 Arlie P	25 Penny H
14 Janet B	25 JoAnne R
16 James S	26 Charles G
16 Juanita Y	28 Rich L
16 Deborah T	29 Barbara W
17 Ann-Marie W	29 Evelyn H
30 Marjie B	30 Leo H

Watch **School Board** livestream meetings at hillsboroughschools.org, or on cable at Frontier 32 and Spectrum 635.

April 8: Meeting 4-6 pm.

Apr 15: 5:30-7:30 pm, Award Ceremony.

Apr 22: Meeting 4-6 pm.

Social Security and Medicare need our help! Please call our US Senators and US Reps Bilirakis, Buchanan, Lee and Luna, asking them to protect Social Security, Medicare, and federal workers! Call and thank Rep Castor for her votes. Try “5 Calls” phone app for more calls. **Capitol Switchboard 202-224-3121.**

Volunteer Hours can be sent to Norma Goff at ngoff48@gmail.com or 813-431-0314. Count your hours helping family, friends, community and faith organizations. We report them monthly to FEA-Retired who announces the state total at the FEA DA in October.

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Laura Tucker, Legislative News

See Laura's summary of education legislation in an attachment with this emailing. She details bills that FEA supports or opposes and gives a budget update. For more information, go to feaweb.org and the 2025 Legislative Session.

Please call and email all our legislators using the Hillsborough County **Legislative Delegation 2025** attached in this emailing.

The Central Labor Council asks us to call to oppose SB 918 which would repeal state child labor laws. Current law limits 16 and 17 year-olds to no more than eight hours a day and no later than 11 p.m. or before 6:30 a.m. on school days. The new law would allow employers to put teens on 40-hour weeks and overnight shifts.

Register for Power Hour today!

FEA provides updates on the legislature and helps us take action on priorities for education and working people. **FEA President Andrew Spar** speaks, the staff presents a power point on bills and tells us who to call. Join us on zoom!

HCTA would like our help to recruit new employees as members. Call Barb if you can volunteer on mornings at the ISC.

Stephen Tabin, Vice President

This information is for YOU: Would you like to become more active in our HEA-R Leadership? Here is your opportunity! According to our Constitution and Bylaws, HEA-R Officers shall be elected in May for two-year terms commencing on July 1. In this odd-numbered year 2025, the following positions shall be elected: **Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair and District Director 2**. You may nominate yourself.

Call Elections Chair **George Greenlee at (813) 232-7664** and leave a message and phone number or email him at GreenLgm2001@gmail.com for any questions and additional information. It is very important that you attend our May 21 meeting at HCTA so that you may vote.

Vote by Mail requests expired for everyone Dec 31, 2024. Be sure to sign up again now. Tell your friends and family to sign up at their county's Supervisor of Elections office. Go to votehillsborough.gov for Tampa. VBMs last only two years due to a Florida law passed in 2021.

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