

Hillsborough Educators Association-Retired
4505 N. Rome Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33603
(Affiliated with AFT Retired, NEA Retired & FEA Retired)

Message From The President

For those of you who are already retired, ready to retire, or just thinking about your future retirement, I want to invite you to join the retired branch of the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association (HCTA). We are affiliated with AFT, NEA, and FEA. We reap the benefits of all of these organizations. I want to highlight a few of the many benefits available with your membership.

Medicare Supplements and Long Term Care Insurance are available from NEA-R at very low monthly premiums. (Members qualify for these benefits regardless of previous health issues.)

An FEA Access card provides many opportunities to save on item purchases, car rentals, dining establishments, etc. (Using your access card two or three times in a year and you will recover your very low yearly dues costs.)

Through AFT there are many cost savings on hotels/motels, car rentals, mortgages, and travel packages.

You receive the enlightening publications from FEA, NEA, and AFT. These publications connect you with other retirees and provide you with information on thousands of resources, vacation sites, and leisure activities.

(Any union sponsored benefits programs you now enjoy will be cancelled if you do not join these retired groups.)

Our Goals

- Providing interesting and fun activities for our members.
- Supporting lobbying efforts for improved pension and insurance coverage.
- Providing information on issues of concern to retired educators
- Building camaraderie among active and retired educators.
- Helping protect retiree services and benefits.
- Remaining involved in efforts to improve education.

Our Meetings

We normally meet at 10:00 AM on the third Wednesday of each month during the school year. Most meetings have guest speakers who cover subjects of interest which have been chosen annually by our members. Nearly half of our meetings are held somewhere in the community at interesting locales that we were unable to visit while working. We have toured the USF Botanical Gardens, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, the Port of Tampa via catamaran, TECO's Manatee Viewing Center, WEDU Television, and The Florida Aquarium. We also have annual picnics at local parks. After most meetings, those who can fit it into their schedule go to lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Whether we are listening to an informative speaker or visiting an interesting location, we always have as an objective to remain educationally informed and to enjoy time together among friends who have a continuing love of education.

I strongly encourage you to become a part of our group. And, I truly look forward to having you join us! If you would like more information, contact me at: 689-6509 or via email at: [HYPERLINK "mailto:mcrosson@tampabay.rr.com" mcrosson@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mcrosson@tampabay.rr.com).

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