The Patriot

Poll Workers of Okaloosa County Winter 2013

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Patriot Poll Workers,

First, let me wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season. I know many of you will be travelling and we need you to come back! Truly, I never get tired of reminding you that you are the best poll workers in the State. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year so you can come back refreshed and ready to go next year!

Many of you will not be involved in the March elections in Cinco Bayou, Destin, Mary Esther and Valparaiso; but we still have two countywide elections next year—the August Primary and the November General. We have a very ambitious training schedule, so make sure you leave some room on your calendar for us!

The legislature cut you some slack this year. With all of the sweeping changes they made, very few have any impact on our poll worker procedures. That isn't to say that there won't be some changes coming next year, but it will be minor as compared to some previous years.

I am excited to announce our receipt of a new grant to continue to expand online ballot access for our overseas and absent military voters. "Our Mission: Your Vote" was awarded an additional $1.8 million to add another 21 counties to our original 13 participating counties. That means over half of the counties in Florida are now able to provide absentee ballots to eligible voters in a more timely manner. I am privileged to say that Okaloosa County has led this effort, and we are being recognized for it on a national scale.

Our first annual National Voter Registration Day in September was a huge success due to the extraordinary volunteers who always come through for us. We far exceeded our goal in new registrations as well as name and address updates. Teams of volunteers dressed in patriotic garb and manned stations at the four Okaloosa County Walmarts. I was out of town but was able to enjoy and appreciate all the pictures of volunteers interacting with the public. You, too, can enjoy these pictures by visiting our Facebook page. I can't thank our volunteers enough!

Once again, have a safe and enjoyable holiday season and we'll see you at class!

Jane's Corner

January will soon arrive, heralding another busy election year. For nine polling places, there will be big changes. Precincts 10, 20, 22/41, 25/36/43, 26/40, 34/47, 35/44, 46, and 49/50 will no longer use PR/PLs for voter identification. Instead, these polling places will be using EViDs (Electronic Voter Identification). This is the same equipment used in Early Voting.

Destin precincts already used EViDs in their May elections with great success. This equipment, however, reduced the number of poll workers needed at these precincts. Please be patient with us as we will need some of you to volunteer to help us in other locations.

Pay close attention to our new class schedule on the next page. We have separate classes for precincts using EViDs and precincts using PR/PLs. EViD classes start in May and will be precinct-specific, so check the dates and categories carefully. EViD Inspectors will be called in individually to practice or to learn the procedures on the new equipment.

We hope to keep the same teams that work in the August election in place for the November election. If you cannot work in August but want to work November, we will try to fit you in as needed.

I know you will take on all the new challenges with your usual enthusiasm and happy smile. Thank you for all you do and how well you do it. Karen and I wish for you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Jane

P.S. Our SOE family is growing! We are pleased to announce that Bridget Richard-Krebs, our Voter Education & PR Coordinator, is expecting her first baby in April. We look forward to meeting Baby Krebs!

Trainers and Flat Stanley

Appreciation Lunch for National Voter Registration Day Volunteers

National Voter Registration Day

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2014 Election-Specific Class Schedule

Day	Date	Times	Location	Who
March 11, 2014 Municipal Election Classes (Cinco Bayou, Destin, Mary Esther, and Valparaiso)				
Thurs.	**Feb. 13**	9:00 am	Salvation Army Chapel, Ft Walton Beach	Cinco Bayou, Mary Esther, & Valparaiso Poll Workers
Fri.	**Feb. 14**	9:00 am	Destin United Methodist Church, Destin	Destin Poll Workers
August 26, 2014 Primary Election Classes				
(Precinct numbers listed are EViD precincts. All others are PR/PL precincts.)				
Tues.	**May 6**	10:30 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	North County Bailiffs
Thurs.	**May 8**	10:30 am	Salvation Army Chapel, Ft Walton Beach	South County Bailiffs
Tues.	**May 13**	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Pcts 10, 22/41, 34/47 **ONLY** – EViD Training
Wed.	**May 14**	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Pcts 25/36/43, 26/40, 46 **ONLY** – EViD Training
Thurs.	**May 15**	9:00 am	Destin United Methodist Church, Destin	Pcts 20, 35/44, 49/50 **ONLY** – EViD Training
Wed.	**June 18**	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Trainers **ONLY**
Tues.	**July 8**	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	**July 10**	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	**July 15**	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors } All pcts using PR/PL's
Thurs.	**July 17**	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors } All pcts using PR/PL's
Fri.	**July 18**	9:00 am	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors – All pcts using PR/PL's
Tues.	**July 22**	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	**ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2011)**
Thurs.	**July 24**	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	**ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2011)**
November 4, 2014 General Election Classes				
(Precinct numbers listed are EViD precincts. All others are PR/PL precincts.)				
Fri.	**Sep. 5**	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Trainers **ONLY**
Tues.	**Sep. 9**	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	**Sep. 11**	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	**Sep. 16**	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors Exper'd Inspectors → Pcts 10,20,22/41,34/47,35/44,49/50 Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	**Sep. 18**	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors
Fri.	**Sep. 19**	9:00 am 1:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors → Pcts 25/36/43, 26/40, and 46
Tues.	**Sep. 23**	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	**ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2011)**
Thurs.	**Sep. 25**	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	**ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2011)**
Thurs.	**Oct. 2**	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	North County Bailiffs
Fri.	**Oct. 3**	9:00 am	Salvation Army Chapel, Ft Walton Beach	South County Bailiffs

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1 box Ritz Bits Peanut Butter Sandwiches

1 pkg Chocolate Bark (dark, milk, or white)

Christmas Sprinkles or Crushed Peppermint Candy

Melt chocolate bark in microwave according to package directions. Stir in some Ritz sandwiches until they are completely covered. Using a fork, remove this batch (one sandwich at a time) and place on waxed or parchment paper. Before the batch sets, sprinkle the tops with Christmas sprinkles or crushed peppermint candy. Repeat entire process until all crackers are covered in chocolate. Allow time to set. Serve and enjoy!

We'd like to wish our Veterans a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your service!

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