

# Poll Worker Express

The Newsletter for and about Putnam County Election Workers

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## A NOTE FROM CHARLES



I want to thank all of you that came to our appreciation dinner. We had a great crowd and I believe everyone had a fun time. (No election training, no deadlines, no dealing with unhappy voters) Ha-Ha

The staff and I have been very busy going to just about every school in Putnam County holding elections. We have done our Picture Contest, Student Council, and Sunshine State Readers elections and I believe the students and teachers alike have really enjoyed us coming.

I am already planning for the 2014 election cycle, looking at polling locations, procedures, training and workers to make sure we have the very best possible in all areas. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or problem areas that we need to address, please let me know.

Thank All of You Very Much!!

Charles

## 2012 General Election - By the Numbers

Voted at Polls	14,240
Absentee Voted	6,779
Early Voted	10,652
<b>Total Voted</b>	<b>31,671</b>
Eligible Voters	43,582
<b>Turnout</b>	<b>72.7%</b>

- ★ 205 election day poll workers
  - ★ 6 election day Rovers
  - ★ 61 early voting workers
  - ★ 21 OS units used election day
  - ★ 21 TS units used election day
  - ★ 42 EVIDs were used election day
  - ★ All TS units uploaded election night
  - ★ 16 OS units uploaded election night, 5 did not
  - ★ 8 TS votes in early voting and 5 TS votes on election day
- ★ We utilized 3 Early Voting Sites and a total of 21 polling locations on election day
- ★ We had 62 hours of early voting and 12 hours election day for a total of 74 hours of voting
- ★ 152 provisionals were issued. 104 accepted, 48 rejected. Most were out of county voters



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## Do You Need a Guest Speaker?



Are you a member of a social club, civic organization, neighborhood association, church group, adult education class, etc?

Would you like a representative from our office to speak to your group?

Call our office at (386)329-0224 or email [electionsoffice@putnam-fl.com](mailto:electionsoffice@putnam-fl.com) to make arrangements.

We look forward to hearing from you!!!!

# WANTED

## WE WANT YOUR DELICIOUS RECIPES

Please email or call Jennifer as soon as Possible.

## REWARD

Your reward will be an awesome cook book

# CELEBRATION

In February we had a Poll Worker Appreciation Dinner to thank you for all of your hard working during the past elections. We had a wonderful time seeing everyone, eating good food and socializing. All workers that attended took a door prize home, ranging from a gift certificate from a local business to a \$50 cash prize. It was a joy to be able to give back to those who have given so much to make our office successful. We look forward to many more get-togethers in the future.



Above & right - Charles Overturf welcomes attendees and thanks them for their hard work and dedication.

Left - Recognizing Bobby Rivers for his birthday that day and Ruth Elliott for her birthday being the next day. (she is a leap year baby!)



## Update Your Info



Have you changed your contact info such as email, home or mailing address or phone number?

Remember to contact us so you don't miss any news about social functions, upcoming trainings or elections. We have many projects and ideas in the works and we don't want you to miss anything! Just call Jennifer at (386)329-0223 or email at [jennifer.adkisson@putnam-fl.com](mailto:jennifer.adkisson@putnam-fl.com)



### SURVEYS NEEDED

In February we sent out surveys to all workers who worked the 2012 General Election. Out of 205 workers, **only 53** have returned their surveys. These are a very valuable resource to us as we are always looking for ways to improve EVERY aspect of training, training materials and everything about election day/night. We cannot make improvements to things we don't know about. PLEASE make every effort to return your survey and if possible, note the precinct you worked. We neglected to put this field on the surveys so we have some that have issues or ideas and don't know what precinct they are for. We have already begun to look at the surveys that we have received and started looking at solutions to the issues to find ways to resolve or improve the situation. We do thank those of you who have already completed and returned your surveys.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish the following members of our Election Family a Happy Birthday:

#### **APRIL BABIES**

Doris Bailey  
Kimberly Daley  
Audry Langston  
Judy Randolph  
Nayda Rivera  
Yvonne Stack  
Annie Brinksma-Svetlik

Debbie Bainbridge  
Willa Gray  
Barbara Lyons  
Mahmoud Rashid  
Melinda Santana  
Kathy Lyons-McGuire

Rosemary Combs  
Rosa Abel-Jimenez  
Karen McNeill  
James Reynolds  
Dick Schauland

#### **MAY BABIES**

Sharon Bryson  
Mike Fazio  
Alex Gastelum  
Gail Hart  
Pat Janowski  
Leigh Ann King  
Edna Rivers  
Maxine White

Tiffani Dingman  
Nick Fecteau  
Lois Hager  
Carol Horner  
Bill Kangas  
Bill Mahoney  
Gloria Sumner  
Claudia Wilkinson

Sandy McGhee



#### **JUNE BABIES**

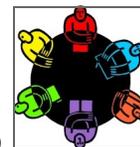
Karen Deyarmond  
David Kline  
Tracy Robidoux  
Sean Sullivan  
Sharon Warden

Inez Dodge  
Georgia McDonald  
Joyce Sharp  
Juanita Taylor  
Clyde Welch

Donald McGowan  
Christopher Smith  
Joann Vreen

### CLERK'S ROUND TABLE

- ★ Are you a clerk?
- ★ Are their problems or issues you would like to discuss?
- ★ Would you like to meet in a casual atmosphere with other clerks and office staff to discuss things?



Let us know what you would think about having a clerk's round table to discuss issues, talk about experiences and make suggestions. We would like to meet with you in an informal way to have open discussions about anything you would like to address. Send Jennifer an email or give her a call to let her know what you think.

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## WONDER WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING???



**Hillcrest Academy Voting & Office Tour**



**Interlachen High School Picture Contest Voting**



**Mellon Elementary School Picture**



**Palatka High School Picture Contest Voting**



**Q.I. Roberts Middle School Picture**



**Interlachen Elementary School Picture**



**Peniel Academy Picture Contest Voting**



**Melrose Elementary School Picture**



**Hillcrest Academy Students pose with Supervisor of Election Charles Overturf**

This year we conducted our 4th Annual Picture Contest with all of the public and private schools in Putnam County. The purpose of this contest is to reach out to the young and old to pique their interest in the voting process. This year we went to each school that had more than one picture submitted and conducted a school election. The children voted on the picture they wanted to represent their school at the Putnam County Fair. The kids, especially the elementary age students, loved voting on the touch screens and the whole idea that they got to vote. The pictures were then posted in our fair booth and voted on by the public. This enticed people to visit our booth to not only vote on the student's artwork, but it also gave us the opportunity to educate the public on the use of voting equipment and how to mark the ballot correctly to make it count. The four winners will each receive a \$200 cash prize which was donated by local businesses, a t-shirt and a certificate of election. The second and third place participants will also receive a certificate of election and coupons/gift certificates donated by local businesses. ALL students who participated in our contest receive a Certificate of Participation and a free meal to a local restaurant.

We also conducted a straw poll with questions proposed by county commissioners and local residents. The results of both elections will be posted on our Facebook page, our website and will hopefully be posted in the Palatka Daily News.