



A Note from Susan McCool

THIS IS ANOTHER BIG YEAR FOR ELECTIONS!
HOPE EVERYONE IS READY! WE ARE!



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We kicked off the season by holding our sensitivity training in advance of any other training. For those of you who are new or never worked, Florida Statutes requires that you have at least one hour of sensitivity training prior to your working an election.

During the Customer Service and Sensitivity Training for poll workers in March, we all had a great time with our instructor, Christine Davlin. If you missed the training, you missed a lot, as this will not be repeated. Christine presented how a person should be treated even before they enter the polling place. As the old saying goes, “treat others as you would want to be treated yourself”. Christine taught us many new ideas, but she also presented the old ideas in a new way. If you had been to previous sensitivity training with us or whether you had never been to any training, she had it all. I had many poll workers after each class say how much they enjoyed the training this year. Thank you for that, as we are always looking for new ideas and ways to train you, and to keep it interesting for you.

See you soon, Susan

Pictures from April's Customer Service Classes

Mark your calendar!
2010 Election dates:
Primary Election:
August 24, 2010
Early Voting:
August 9-14; 16-21
General Election:
November 2, 2010
Early Voting:
October 18-23; 25-30
All Sundays excluded
8:30-4:30



Class Schedule - Primary Election

Below is the schedule of classes for the Primary Election Poll Worker Training. **You are REQUIRED** to attend the class you are scheduled for. This training is mandatory training per F.S. 102.014. If for some reason you cannot attend the date you are assigned for, please contact Jennifer at 329-0223 or email jennifer.adkisson@putnam-fl.com ASAP to schedule to attend another class date. **The classes will be held at the elections' office in the Early Voting Area.**

Clerks & Assistant Clerks:

Pcts 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22 - Mon., July 12 1pm-5pm

Pcts 23, 24, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35 - Weds., July 14 5pm-9pm

Pcts 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 - Thurs., July 15 9am-1pm

Pcts 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13 - Fri., July 16 9am-1pm

Pcts 45, 46, 51, 53, 54 - Mon., July 26 5pm-9pm

ALL Deputies:

ALL Optical Scan Inspectors:

Tues., July 13 9am-11am

Tues., July 20 8:30am-10:30am

ALL Precinct Register/Ballot Inspectors & Substitutes:

Pcts 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 - Mon., July 19 9am-12pm

Pcts 10, 13, 14, 15 - Weds., July 21 5:30pm-8:30pm

Pcts 17, 20, 21, 22, 23 - Thurs., July 22 9am-12pm

Pcts 16, 24, 26, 33, 34 - Fri., July 23 1pm-4pm

Pcts 35, 36, 38, 39, 40 - Tues., July 27 8am-11am

Pcts 41, 42, 43, 45, 46 - Weds., July 28 1pm-4pm

Pcts 27, 51, 53, 54 - Thurs., July 29 5:30pm-8:30pm

Payroll Changes

Starting with the Customer Services Classes in April, our office has decided to go with Westaff for poll worker payroll. You will be officially employed by Westaff, but still work with the elections' office. You will still deal with our office on every other matter except for pay checks. ***If you did not attend classes in April, you need to go by Westaff at 436 N. Highway 17 Suite 1 and pick up an application to fill out so they can input your information into their computer as soon as possible.*** Our hope is that after the elections, your check will get to you faster with someone outside the office handling your payroll. After elections, we have so many deadlines, and only 6 people in our office to do the work to meet them. To have payroll for approximately 280 poll workers on top of everything else is a difficult task. The checks for April took a little longer due to Westaff having to input everyone's information into their system for the first time. As always, adjusting to a change after you are used to things being done a certain way will take some time. We will get everything set for the Primary Election in August. Below you will find a review of the pay rates. There was some confusion because the check stubs showed you were paid for one hour, however, we don't pay by the hour. That is how they had to set things up in their computer. Please review the pay rates so there will be no confusion the next time.



Clerk - \$130.00

Assistant Clerk - \$120.00

Inspector - \$115.00

Deputy - \$115.00

All positions get paid \$15.00 per CLASS. Not by the hour.

Also, if you ask to come in the office for extra training, we are more than glad to provide you the opportunity.

However, you will not be paid for self initiated training.

Putnam County Statistics as of 5/5/2010

Democrats - 23,543

Republicans - 13,434

Others - 6,147

Total - 43, 124

We Will Remember You!

In our line of work we meet and get to work with some of the nicest people. Unfortunately, we also lose members of our “Elections’ Office Family”. It is with great sadness that we tell you we have lost several of our family members since the 2008 election cycle.

- Joseph Higgins began working with us during the General Election in 2006 as an Inspector at Precinct 34, Sam Hogg Seminole Pavilion. He then was moved to Precinct 20, St. James Scout Hut. Mr. Higgins also worked during early voting in 2008 as the Optical Scan Inspector.
- George Rensel worked with the elections’ office for a long time in Precinct 54, Grace Community Baptist Church. Mr. Rensel worked as a Deputy and an Assistant Clerk. He also worked the last few election cycles in early voting as an Inspector.
- Joyce Solomon began working with the elections office during the Presidential Preference of 2008. Ms. Solomon worked as an Inspector in Precinct 33 at the Bostwick Community Center.
- Mary June Moody had worked elections for a long time. Ms. Moody didn’t mind moving to different precincts to work, during her poll worker career, she worked in six different polling places, the last being the San Mateo Woman’s Club during the Presidential Preference in 2008. Ms. Moody also liked to work in different capacities, working as a Deputy, Substitute and an Inspector.



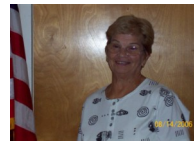
Joseph Higgins



George Rensel



Joyce Solomon



Mary June Moody

All of these people were wonderful to work with and will be greatly missed. We are glad we got to be part of their lives and were given the opportunity to get to know them. Thank you for the memories!

Absentee Ballots or Early Voting

Election day is creeping up on us fast. Sometimes we are all so busy that we forget the most important things. If you are not sure if you are working in your home precinct, you should plan on voting early or by voting absentee. The absentees are no longer sent out automatically, as they have

been in the past. Many workers would get an absentee but have to turn it in when they decided to come and vote early. This is a waste of money and postage. In order to save that money, no absentee will be sent to you unless you have requested one. Don’t forget to take care of this very important

matter. When election day rolls around, you have enough to worry about, so get your voting out of the way ahead of time. If you vote early, you can see our new early voting area! If you decide to vote by absentee, give our office a call at (386)329-0224 to request yours today!

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Thank You State Legislators

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO STATE LEGISLATORS

For voting to postpone the replacement of the touch screen units from 2012 to 2016.

For the past two years the Florida Supervisors of Elections have worked hard to persuade the Florida House and Senate to agree to postpone the requirement set by law in 2006, that by 2012, all counties would have to replace the touch screen units used voters with a disability. Our reasons for postponement were many, here are a few: because there were no funds available anywhere to purchase the equipment; the only equipment on the market to fill the bill was not fully acceptable by those with disabilities who would be using it; and, there was not enough time to purchase, receive the equipment, get staff trained and have the staff train the poll workers. We have finally succeeded in having our voice heard, as both the house and senate agreed to vote for a bill postponing the change until 2016. Now all we are doing is waiting for the Governor to sign the bill, or allow the bill to become law without his signature. Let’s all hope that it becomes law now.

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MANDATORY CUSTOMER SERVICE CLASS MAKE UP DATE



Can you think of a catchy name for our newsletter? Let us know by calling or emailing Jennifer. We'll choose a name after we get all the entries from everyone and let you know in the next newsletter whose idea was chosen!

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We are currently working on make up class date for those who did not attend the classes in April. As previously stated in the original letters sent out, this class was mandatory and is required by state. We will be working with John Townsend with the ARC to arrange this date and will set up two classes. For those who need to make up this training, you will receive a letter in the mail in the next few weeks with the date and time you are signed up for. Please make every effort to attend this training. If you fail to attend this training session, you will be scheduled as a substitute and will only be permitted to work if someone else who has been fully trained is unable to make it on election day.



Recipes from Your Family to Ours



We are working on a "secret" project and would like submissions of recipes ASAP. We would like to compile as many recipes as possible to complete our "mission". Please submit these entries either by email or a typewritten copy so we can be sure they are legible. When we are done with our "mission" we will let you know what it is! You can email them to Jennifer.adkisson@putnam-fl.com, fax them to (386)329-0455 or mail them to our office.

Do you have an email address? If so, we do not have one on file. We are trying to save money on postage and have emailed this newsletter to all workers that have an email address on file. Send Jennifer an email to let her know so she can add you onto our email distribution list.

