



Martin Votes

A Message From Your Supervisor Vicki Davis

While the 2006 election cycle may have ended in November, the Elections Center staff has been working hard preparing for our upcoming 2008 presidential elections. Throughout this edition of the newsletter, you will notice continued community outreach through voter registration drives, staff development opportunities, legislative efforts, and new programs.

Having been requested by the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections to testify before the Florida Senate Education Committee regarding school outreach, Kherri Anderson, Community Outreach Coordinator, and I made the trip to Tallahassee to share Martin County's outreach successes within our local schools. The Committee was impressed with the fact we registered to vote over 700 students last year, created awareness on campuses regarding the voting process, and had an increased turnout of youth between the ages of 18 and 21 who voted in the 2006 General Election.

At the state level, Governor Crist has proposed creating a standardized voting

system by replacing touch-screen voting machines and requiring optical scan machines for all elections throughout the State of Florida. A single touch-screen machine will be left at each polling place and early voting site for use by visually impaired voters and monies for the purchase of new equipment will follow if his proposal passes.

I will keep you updated regarding proposed changes in policy and equipment and, as always, I welcome your ideas and input regarding the voting process in Martin County.

Vicki



C. Timmann, (Asst. Deputy Chief of Staff for Gov. Crist), Kherri Anderson and Vicki Davis in Tallahassee

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Quotable Quotes

"In a democracy, the individual enjoys not only the ultimate power but carries the ultimate responsibility."

Norman Cousins
1915—1990

Hired by the New York Evening Post (now the New York Post) in 1934, Cousins was named editor-in-chief in 1940, a position he would hold until 1972.

Under his direction, circulation of the publication would increase from 20,000 to 650,000.



Martin County Realtors Association Joins "Move the Vote!" Effort

"You've moved your furniture, your clothes, the kids and the dog . . . but what about your vote?"

The Martin County Elections Center is pleased to announce our partnership with the Martin County Realtors Association to initiate the "Move the Vote" program. The concept is very simple. Realtors will have voter registration applications available for address updates and new voter registration

information for those who move into or within our county. The Elections Center will provide posters and brochure holders containing voter registration applications, together with a flyer explaining the program and the importance of changing an address when a voter moves. Participating realtors will also be provided a "window cling" displaying the "Move the Vote" logo and a lapel pin to wear each time they meet with a client.

Community Outreach

It has been a busy season for the Elections Center as we continue our efforts to increase voter registration and poll worker recruitment. We hope you had an opportunity to stop by our booth at the Martin County Fair. Our "Get a Moove On" cow theme was a great success!

We participated in the Latin Chamber of Commerce Festival to recruit bilingual poll workers and also had a tremendous response at the Seafood Festival.

High school and college voter registration for students ages



MC Fair Booth

17 and older continues through the spring at IRCC, South Fork, Jensen Beach and Martin County High Schools.

Martin Memorial Health Systems will be holding voter drives on May 8 at the north site and May 11 at the south site.

Ms. Davis enjoyed speaking to students at Crystal Lake Elementary School, reading to students for Dr. Seuss Day and serving as a judge for the Scripps Spelling Bee.



Voter Registration Drive
Seafood Festival, Port Salerno

In Memoriam ~ Arnold Stanberry

This past February, the Elections Center and our community lost a dear friend and civic activist, Mr. Arnold Stanberry.

Stan, as he was known to many, was a dedicated volunteer with our office. He served on our Community Advisory Committee through his position as president of the local NAACP organization. He also was the advocate behind "HomeFest," an educational partnership between local Constitutional

Officers and numerous neighborhoods.

Rarely did a week go by that Stan did not stop by our office, checking on the status of voter drives in order to register residents in minority neighborhoods.

Stan's enthusiasm and positive energy will be missed by many, but his legacy will continue through the good works of several organizations.



Arnold Stanberry

Service Pins Available For Our "Gatekeepers of Democracy"



Calling all poll workers from the 2006 election cycle...

Service Recognition Pins have arrived and we would like you to stop by the Elections Office and pick up your pin. We have pins for new poll workers, in addition to those who have served for 1,5,10 or 20 years. Unsure how many election cycles you have worked?

That is not a problem, as we will have your information available when you stop by. Please ask for Donna Crary at ext. 8053, and she will be happy to meet with you. We appreciate you serving our community and local government. You are an important component of the elections process and the front-line representation of the Supervisor of Elections office—thank you!

Congratulations, Linda Machado!

The local League of Women Voters recently honored Linda Machado with the prestigious Susan B. Anthony Award. The award continues the legacy of Susan B. Anthony, who struggled for 50 years to gain women the right to vote. Women of America marched in Susan's name, ultimately forcing the passage of the 19th Amendment, which was referred to as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment.

Linda was recognized by the League for her gift of enriching so many lives and we couldn't agree more! Linda has served as a poll worker in Martin County since 1996 and her commitment to the electoral process is admirable. She is also

active with the Big Heart Brigade, VIP's of Stuart (Visually Impaired Persons), American Association of University Women, Treasure Coast Community Singers, and The St. Lucie Chorale which recently returned from performing in Dusseldorf, Germany.

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
— Unknown



Recipient Linda Machado (L) and Alice Kraus (R)

Staff Development

Elections Center staff successfully completed a CPR/First Aid course taught through the American Red Cross Martin County Chapter.

"We receive many visitors who register to vote at our office, we train hundreds of poll workers, and we serve thousands of early voters. I felt it was in the community's best interest for my staff, and myself, to be well prepared in case of an emergency," noted Ms. Davis.

Beth received her Certification in Record Retention; Marcia, Amy, Brenda and Beth attended

the MartinCARES course; Kherri will graduate Martin LEADERShip Class XVII in May; Debbie and Terri attended an Election Center training program and Ms. Davis received her Supervisor of Elections State Certification in January 2007.

Glee and Liliana will be attending the MartinCARES class in August.



Red Cross Instructor, Ms. Davis and staff members



We Want You! (To Adopt-A-Precinct)

The Supervisor of Elections Office initiated the Adopt-A-Precinct community program to assist with the recruitment of poll workers while benefiting participating organizations. **We encourage both non-profit and for-profit groups to participate!**

Each partnering organization "adopts" a precinct for the 2008 election cycle by recruiting its poll workers, and the Supervisor of Elections Office provides the required training, the necessary supplies, equipment and support.

For more information, please call Terri at 288-5637 x 8052

With the proceeds earned for staffing a precinct, partnering organizations may choose to donate their earnings to a charitable organization or support their own fundraising efforts. Estimated earnings for a typical precinct working the election cycle (three elections) are \$3,500.

Please consider adopting a precinct for the 2008 election cycle!



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Meet the Staff

Our staff is always available to assist you, whether by telephone, in person or on-line. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have regarding voter registration, poll worker positions, community outreach, or the election process in general. We are here to serve you!

- ★ Janice Ancker ~ Part Time Office Assistant
- ★ Kherrri Anderson ~ Community Outreach Coordinator
- ★ Donna Crary ~ Communications & Poll Worker Assistant
- ★ Debbie Dent ~ Absentee Ballots/Election Operations
- ★ Glee Foster ~ Voter Registration Services
- ★ Liliana Garcia ~ Voter Registration Services
- ★ Jackie Grahame ~ Part Time Office Assistant
- ★ Mary Jones ~ Part Time Office Assistant
- ★ Amy Kirkland ~ Accounting/Warehouse Operations
- ★ Beth Lindgren ~ Records Management
- ★ Terri May ~ Poll Worker Recruitment & Training/Adopt-A-Precinct
- ★ Brenda Mills ~ Website Management/Financial Disclosure Reporting
- ★ Marcia Whiteside ~ Voter Registration Services

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Monday ~ Friday

8:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM