

Martin County Supervisor of Elections

MARTIN VOTES

Dates To Remember



September 19, 2007

Candidate Training

January 29, 2008

Presidential Preference Primary

August 26, 2008

Primary Election

November 4, 2008

General Election

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A Message From Your Supervisor



It has been a busy and exciting summer for the Martin County Elections Center. We recently received a Best Practices award from the National Election Center for implementing a series of staff development courses in partnership with IRCC's Corporate & Community Training Institute and the Martin County

Chapter of the American Red Cross. Elections Center staff completed classes in CPR, First Aid, Customer Service Plus, Team Building and Time & Stress Management. Also, Dr. Ed Massey, President of Indian River Community College, personally visited the Elections Center and shared with staff his expertise on communication protocol.

The prestigious Best Practices "Award of Excellence" was one of only six awarded among the nation, and was presented to election officials in New Orleans at the annual national conference. In addition to the Best Practices recognition, I received my National Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) certification at a graduation ceremony held during the annual conference (see article below).

At the state level, the Elections Center received two awards for our student voter outreach and minority outreach programs through the Florida Public Relations Association.

Elections Center staff is working hard to make sure we conduct flawless elections in 2008 and that we provide excellent customer service with the utmost professionalism to the voters and citizens of Martin County. Candidate training was conducted on July 18th with 22 participants in attendance. The next training class will be held Wednesday, September 19th, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Elections Center. Anyone interested in attending, please contact the office to reserve your space. There is no charge for this training session.

Supervisor Earns Certification

Vicki Davis recently received her National Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) certification. This designation is achieved through a comprehensive course of study conducted by the Election Center's Professional Education Program. It is the only program of continuing professional education which specializes in voter registration

and elections administration. It is intended for those who want to demonstrate their dedication to excellence through a commitment to improving their skills and expertise. Coursework ranged from voter education, to leadership, communications, budgeting, ethics, and elections law.



Vicki Davis, Doug Lewis, Executive Director, The Election Center Nat'l. Association of

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Poll Worker Profiles



L-R: F. Neumeyer, V. Davis, P. Neumeyer

Webster's dictionary defines the word "dedication" as the quality of being devoted or committed to something. The five poll workers featured in this issue exemplify commitment to community.

Fred and Phyllis Neumeyer served the Jensen Beach area as poll workers for twenty-five years. "We enjoyed being part of the elections for many years and felt it was our civic

duty. We hope to be well enough to serve again in the 2008 elections" stated the Neumeysers.

The terrific trio of Florence, Jeanette & Dorothy have a combined total of thirty-two years as poll workers. These high spirited women are not only loyal poll workers but they also volunteer weekly at Martin Memorial Health Systems. "We have fun working together, we enjoy what we do, we're a team!" they

commented.

We appreciate the efforts of **every** poll worker and thank you for your service to Martin County.



L-R: F. Cidorac, D.Giovinazzi

Quote of Wisdom

George Bernard Shaw

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."

Realtor Association of Martin County Partners With Elections Center

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

This month the Supervisor of Elections Center along with Jennifer Atkisson-Lovett, President of the Realtor Association of Martin

County, will kick-off the "Move the Vote" campaign. Through this partnership, realtors will provide voter registration forms to their clients moving into Martin County. With this partnership, there will be more than 30 offices and 600 realtors participating in the campaign. The

Elections Center will provide "Move the Vote" materials that include posters, buttons and brochure holders that contain voter registration forms and an informational flyer.



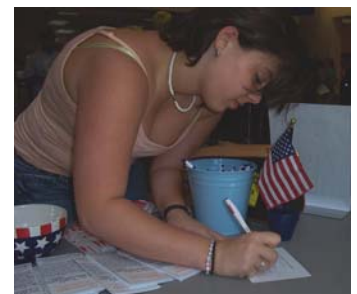
Community Outreach



Voter registration during Jensen Beach Elementary School open house

Outreach coordinator, Kherri Anderson, had an action-packed summer. Voter registration drives and community events took her from one end of Martin County to the other. Kherri registered forty-eight voters and received twenty-seven vote by mail requests. Many thanks to the following for participating in

our ongoing voter education efforts: Martin County Vendor's Day, Morgade Library, NAACP Home Fest, National City Bank, Martin County School District, IRCC Chastain Campus, J.D. Parker and Jensen Beach Elementary Schools.



IRCC student requests Vote By Mail ballots

Photo Gallery



Supervisor of Elections answers questions at the NAACP Home Fest event



Terri & Kherri accept two Judge's Awards on behalf of the elections staff at the Florida Public Relations



Dr. E. Massey, President IRCC, presented communication protocol to the elections staff

Presidential Trivia

Question:

Who was the last United States president that was not either a Republican or

Answer:

Millard Fillmore
The 13th President of the United States, Fillmore was a member of the Whig Party which was the party of four out of five Presidents between 1841 and 1853. Beginning with Franklin Pierce, every President between 1853 and the beginning of the 21st Century was either a Republican or a

Poll Worker Updates

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the recent information update postcard. We had a great response and we now have current contact and email data that will be very helpful in the coordination of the upcoming elections.

We anticipate poll worker trainings will take place during December and January for the Presidential Preference Primary.

Additional training information will be sent to you during the last quarter of the year.

Online poll worker training will be made available prior to the 2008 Primary and General Elections.

Call Terri at 288-5637 ext. 8052 whenever you have poll worker questions, she will be happy to speak with you.



The newly unveiled logo created for the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections

Top Notch Volunteer!

Former student advisory board member, David Kilgore, generously volunteered 100 hours at the Elections Center. David, a Palm City resident and sophomore at the University of Florida, offered his services while home on summer break.

"David's enthusiasm and willingness to tackle any

type of job assignment was greatly appreciated; he easily became part of our office team," commented Ms. Davis.

At a recent Sunrise Rotary Club meeting David became the first student selected to be honored for his volunteer services.

Another highlight during his

internship was having the opportunity to meet Governor Crist at the opening of the Emergency Operations Center.

David plans on returning to the Elections Center as a volunteer during the 2008 elections.



L-R: R. Kjellstrom, D. Kilgore, A. Ballantyne



As a gatekeeper of the democratic process, the Supervisor of Elections will uphold the election laws of the State of Florida and the Constitution of the United States. The mission of the Supervisor of Elections is to enhance public confidence; encourage citizen participation; and increase voter awareness and education for citizens of all ages.

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Long Lines? Don't Wait. Vote By Mail In 2008!

The Elections Center is pleased to offer you the option to **Vote By Mail** in the 2008 elections.

It is simple and convenient.

Three very important items that you need to know in order to **Vote By Mail**:

1. Have your signature up to date. Each signature on a **Vote By Mail** ballot is verified with the signature on file with the Elections Center.

2. Please make sure your **Martin County residential** address is up to date. **Vote By Mail Ballots cannot be forwarded.**
3. **Vote By Mail** request forms must be received at the Elections Center no later than six (6) days prior to an election.

To request **Vote By Mail** ballots or to receive additional information, please contact our office at 288-5637, or visit

our website at:
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