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Season's Greetings!

The hustle and bustle of getting ready for the season is already here. We run from place to place looking for that one perfect thing, making sure it's wrapped just so . . .



Oh, you thought I was talking about the Holiday Season? Oh, no! This is just the Election Season! Between preparing for candidate qualifying week in December, putting the finishing touches on the new poll worker manual, making preparations for a new poll worker training video and finishing the year's last Candidate University, we haven't slowed down one bit!

We have a lot of opportunities coming early next year—some before and some after the March municipal elections—for poll workers at all levels. Between training classes for March and workshops on lots of different things to follow, we'll have a little something for everyone.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for all of your hard work last year, and also the members of my hard-working staff who helped make my first year in office look too easy!

I hope each and every one of you has a safe and festive season. Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends and come back to us refreshed and ready to hit the ground running in January!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Jane's Corner

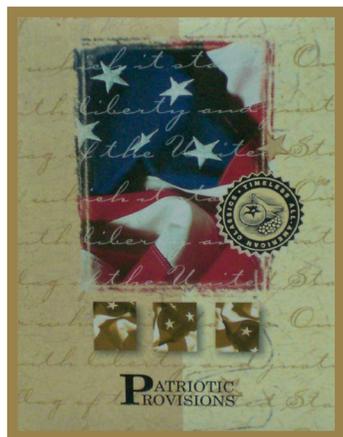
It's been a busy and productive year. The Poll Worker manual has been completed (as much as any manual is ever completed). It is reorganized and tabbed for all poll workers so it should be much easier to find the information you need to do your job well. Colored illustrations have replaced text in many cases. We are very proud of the completed manual.

Our new training video is scheduled to be filmed the end of January. You will recognize some of the same voters that you saw in the first video. Tiffany Rivera has had to prod me to get this done, but we are making progress.

We are looking forward to seeing you this very busy new year. Karen and I wish all of our poll worker friends a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of holidays.



Cookbooks Make Great Holiday Gifts!



Still looking for that perfect Christmas gift? Well, look no further. Give the gift that truly keeps on giving.

Patriotic Provisions cookbooks can now be purchased for a special holiday rate. For a limited time, purchase 3 for \$10 or 1 for \$5. The book is a great collection of scrumptious recipes all contributed by poll workers and election staff members.

By purchasing Patriotic Provisions, you are donating to the Okaloosa County Public Schools Foundation. Funds for the foundation are used to help support our Kids Vote, Too™ & Teens Vote, Too programs. If you would like to buy a cookbook, call 689-5600 or 651-7272. Or you can visit either one of our offices.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL!
3 FOR \$10.00
OR
1 FOR \$5.00



Do You Have An Email Address?

In an effort to save money and be “green,” we will be forwarding future editions of *The Patriot* via email to poll workers with email addresses. If you have an email address, please email Karen at knennig@co.okaloosa.fl.us. We will gladly add you to our email directory!



Special Holiday Treat Recipe

CRACKER TOFFEE

-Jane Linihan (*Patriotic Provisions*- pg. 118)

40 saltine crackers	1 c. light brown sugar
2 sticks butter, melted	2-3 squares chocolate almond



Line a cookie sheet (10x15) with foil. Put the saltines in a single layer on the foil touching each other. Melt the butter and stir in the sugar. Drizzle over the crackers (Jane uses a T. to distribute the sugar evenly). Bake at 350° degrees for 12 minutes. Melt the almond bark and spread smoothly over the slightly cooled crackers. Sprinkle with finely chopped pecans or almonds.

2010 Election-Specific Training Classes*

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WHO
March 9, 2010 Municipal Election Class (Cinco Bayou, Destin, Mary Esther, Valparaiso)			
Tues., March 2	8:30 a.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	All Designated Poll Workers
August 24, 2010 Primary Election Classes			
Mon. July 26	8:30 a.m.	FWB Water & Sewer Bldg., 3 rd Floor Conference Room	Trainers Only
Tues. July 27	8:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Ag Building, Crestview Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs. July 29	8:15 a.m.	Ag Building, Crestview	ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2007)
Fri. July 30	8:15 a.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2007)
Mon. Aug. 2	8:15 a.m. 5:45 p.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Tues. Aug. 3	1:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
	8:15 a.m.	Niceville City Council Chambers** 208 Partin Dr N, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
November 2, 2010 General Election Classes			
Mon. Oct. 4	8:30 a.m.	FWB Water & Sewer Bldg., 3 rd Floor Conference Room	Trainers Only
Tues. Oct. 5	8:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Ag Building, Crestview Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs. Oct. 7	8:15 a.m.	Ag Building, Crestview	ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2007)
Fri. Oct. 8	8:15 a.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2007)
Mon. Oct. 11	8:15 a.m. 5:45 p.m.	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Tues. Oct. 12	1:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview First Baptist Church, 798 Pearl St N, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs
Wed. Oct. 13	8:15 a.m.	Niceville City Council Chambers** 208 Partin Dr N, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors/All Bailiffs

- * In addition to these election-specific required training classes, poll workers will be notified via mail or email of the dates and times for extra workshops on all equipment, paperwork, and opening and closing procedures.
- ** Please note new location for Niceville class. Council Chambers are located in the same Civic Center Complex as the Community Center, but closer to the Public Safety Building.

PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is strictly for your planning purposes. You will receive a letter and return post card in the mail prior to each election's classes if we need you to work. Please wait until you receive your letter, and then mark your class selection and/or comments on the return post card supplied and return it immediately.

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NEW TRAINING VIDEO FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Lights, Camera, Action! The Patriot Poll Worker Team is working to produce a new and improved training video.

The video will feature all recent changes that directly impact the work that you do on Election Day. Various voter scenarios will be featured including experienced voters with no problems, new voters and voters with disabilities. The video will also highlight voter issues and how poll workers should manage them.

TRAINERS GET NEW LOOK AND TEAM MEMBER!

Starting in January, you'll be able to readily recognize poll workers as all trainers will be wearing their brand new Patriot logo polo shirts.

The shirts are not the only addition to the Patriot Poll Worker Program! Also joining our training team is Tiffany Rivera. You'll be seeing Tiffany often as she will be assisting at all our training sessions and workshops. She is a very welcome addition!



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