

# The Patriot

Poll Workers of Okaloosa County

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Patriot Poll Workers,

As the old adage from Heraclitus goes, "There is nothing permanent except change."

In the newsletter this past summer, I said there were no equipment changes coming. Then, the makers of our EViD Slate came out with a new and much improved version called the EViD Edge. It is a more rugged and solid-state tablet version of an EViD that will be easier to both set up and use. Early looks at it by the Destin poll workers and some of our Trainers have produced nothing but positive results. Everyone is excited to put the new EViDs into use – that will be universal to both Election Day and Early Voting!



EViD Edge in its case

For you, the EViD Inspector, the screens stay pretty much the same, only the operation changes slightly. Just know that the new EViD: 1) stays in its case so it is almost set up when you open it, 2) no longer has a tray for the license that moves around, 3) no longer relies on a camera that changes focus whenever it feels like it, and 4) no longer uses or needs that annoying light that kept getting bumped as soon as you got it working perfectly! The new EViD Edge is truly bringing us into the 21st century!



Cathy Trotter, Jacqueline Ashlock, and Betty Largent at the Destin Walmart.

I would also like to take this opportunity, as I have done in the Fall Newsletter for the past few years, to thank those who volunteered to help with National Voter Registration Day in September. Once again, we had tables manned in front of every Walmart in the county from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Although registration drives are always tough in years following a big Presidential Election year, we answered a lot of questions, passed out a lot of good information, and even registered a few new voters! Be sure to visit our Facebook page for pictures of the smiling faces who helped us out. Again, thank you!

Since the last newsletter, we also said goodbye to Jane. While she is sorely missed, Jacqueline has been learning as much as she can and is working hard to make sure that you – our greatest assets – are well cared for. And once more we will be saying goodbye to another staff member by the time you read this. Again, I don't wish to diminish any announcements forthcoming in this very publication, but I would like to remind you that as we move forward, my team (both staff and poll worker trainers) and I remain committed to keeping our Patriot Poll Worker program a model for Florida and the nation.

I will close this edition by talking about pending legislation. The Florida Legislature will be meeting in early 2018. Usually we can rely on few changes being made in election law as we approach a general election year, and I don't foresee anything coming to dispute that. The changes we (the SOEs) have asked for only impact our operations in the office and give us better tools to keep elections free and fair. We have not asked for any changes that will impact the smooth operation of polling activities both at early voting and on election day. Should anything change in that regard you will be among the first to know.

Have a safe and merry holiday season. Enjoy this festive time with friends and family and come back to us safe and sound and ready for training in the New Year!



# Poll Worker Advisory Board

Over the years, poll workers' input has resulted in positive changes in our procedures and training methodology. In order to ensure your recommendations and issues remain relevant, a Poll Worker Advisory Board has been formed. This Board is made up of eight **Master Clerk Trainers**. There are five voting members and three alternate members. These members are your advocates and provide a direct line for your thoughts and concerns to the SOE and Poll Worker Coordinator. Get to know these people. They've got your back!



**Bill Ham**  
**Chairman**

**Pct 33, Niceville**

Retired USAF Major; engineer and aircraft commander; father of two adult children; enjoys traveling and going to estate sales and auctions with his wife; has a farm in Georgia.



**Margaret Blakley**  
**Recording Secretary**

**Pct 52, Crestview**

Retired school teacher; mother of two; grandmother of four; loves working out at the gym and going on cruises; member of Center for Lifelong Learning and Military Officers Association of America.



**Jacque Blankenship**  
**Pct 13, Crestview**

Has a specialty gift basket business; mother of two; grandmother of two; income tax volunteer preparer; loves to bake custom cakes and cookies; loves her cat, "Silly."



**Henry Gross**  
**Pct 26/40, Niceville**

Retired Air Force audit manager; extensive volunteering in Hurricane Katrina relief and church activities; loves traveling with adult daughter and grandchildren introducing them to world cultures and history.



**Sam Perman**  
**Pct 20, Destin**

Retired UPS Manager and is also a Registered Nurse; mother of five; grandmother of 14; large extended family; enjoys traveling; loves fishing.



**Pinky Ward**  
**Pct 32, Ft Walton Bch**

Retired from Delta as a flight attendant; active member of the Church of Christ; favorite things are family, friends, her kitty, snow skiing, and traveling.



**Sharon Sasser**  
**Pct 51, Crestview**

Mother of three; grandmother of six; active member of First Baptist Church; loves to sew and embroider; plays cards with friends every Tuesday (except election day).



**Kerrie Serpa**  
**Pct 17, Ft Walton Bch**

Has a son who just joined the USAF and a daughter who attends FSU; sails for pleasure and competition, both near and far; loves God, food, drink, and travel.



# Jane's Retirement Reception



Jane and her family posing with Paul

Thank you! Thanks to Karen and the members of the Advisory Board for planning such a delightful party. Thanks to Gwen, Rev. Dwight Baggett, and their church for the beautiful decorations; thanks to all the poll workers who weathered the storm to help me celebrate; and thanks to Paul for letting me work with the best poll workers in the state - and for my "Keeping Myself off CNN" trophy. I will miss you all! Thank you for the memories!

*Jane*



Jane and her family are celebrating!



Cathy Trotter, Gayle Shelton, Ron Johnston, and Don Rogers (L to R) represent Precinct 49/50.



Paul presented these awards to Jane.



Bobbie Ponder (L) and Arlene McDaniel (R) represent Precinct 19.



Poll workers provided a wonderful selection of food!



# 2018 Election-Specific Training Classes

Classes are on a first-come, first served basis.

DAY	DATE	TIMES	LOCATION	WHO
<b>March 13, 2018 Municipal Election Class (Cinco Bayou, Destin, Mary Esther, and Valparaiso)</b>				
Tues.	Feb. 27	9:00 am	Salvation Army Chapel, FWB	All Poll Workers
<b>August 28, 2018 Primary Election Classes</b>				
Tues.	July 17	9:00 am	First Baptist Church, Crestview	Trainers ONLY
Wed.	July 18	9:00 am	First Baptist Church, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	July 19	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	July 24	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	July 26	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors
Tues.	July 31	9:00 am 1:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Aug. 2	10:30 am	First Baptist Church, Crestview	North County Bailiffs / Luncheon
Fri.	Aug. 3	10:30 am	Salvation Army Chapel, FWB	South County Bailiffs / Luncheon
Tues.	Aug. 7	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	<b>ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2015)</b>
Thurs.	Aug. 9	9:00 am	First Baptist Church, Crestview	<b>ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2015)</b>
<b>November 6, 2018 General Election Classes</b>				
Tues.	Sep. 25	9:00 am	First Baptist Church, Crestview	Trainers ONLY
Wed.	Sep. 26	9:00 am	First Baptist Church, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	Sep. 27	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	Oct. 2	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Oct. 4	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors
Tues.	Oct. 9	9:00 am 1:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Oct. 11	9:00 am	First Baptist Church, Crestview	North County Bailiffs
Fri.	Oct. 12	9:00 am	Salvation Army Chapel, FWB	South County Bailiffs
Tues.	Oct. 16	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	<b>ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2015)</b>
Wed.	Oct. 17	9:00 am	First Baptist Church, Crestview	<b>ALL NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2015)</b>

**Please note:** This 2018 Training Classes schedule is strictly for your planning purposes. Reserve the training date of your choice on your calendar **now**.



# Jacqueline's Journal



Hello! I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Poll Worker Coordinator for Supervisor of Elections! My name is Jacqueline Ashlock, and I am very excited to now be working with the best Poll Workers that I could ever ask for! Jane has said such great things about each and every one of you!

I grew up in Buffalo, New York, and in 2002, I joined the Air Force for six years where I was stationed at Langley AFB, Virginia. Since then, I have received my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and decided in 2012 to move to the beautiful Emerald Coast with my husband and two daughters. I started working for Okaloosa County in July 2015 as the Hiring Specialist in the Human Resources Department. This past August, I decided to pursue a career in the Supervisor of Elections office as your new Poll Worker Coordinator! I am so very excited! I cannot wait to work with you, and I am certain that together we can accomplish many successful election seasons to come!

*Jacqueline*

## EViD Workshops

In 2018, **you MUST attend one of these workshops.** Email Jacqueline at [jashlock@co.okaloosa.fl.us](mailto:jashlock@co.okaloosa.fl.us) to add your name to the list. (Bailiffs are not required to attend, but may attend if they wish.) One night workshop will be available in both Crestview and Shalimar.

If your job makes it impossible for you to attend one of the day workshops, call Jacqueline at 689-5600 **immediately** to reserve a spot in one of the night workshops. These night workshops will be canceled if no reservations are made.

Day	Date	Times	Location*	Who
<b>2018 EViD Workshops</b>				
Mon.	Apr 23	10:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Trainers <b>ONLY</b>
Tues.	Apr 24	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 25/36/43, 26/40, 27/28, 35/44
		1:00 pm	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 10, 19, 22/41, 46
Wed.	Apr 25	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 20, 32, 34/47, 49/50
Thurs.	Apr 26	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 38, 39, 42, 48
		1:00 pm	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 14, 15, 23, 33
		5:45 pm	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Night Class By Reservation <b>ONLY</b> if unable to attend any other class.
Fri.	Apr 27	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 16/37, 17, 18, 29
		1:00 pm	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 21, 24, 30, 31
Mon.	Apr 30	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	May 1	9:00 am	Woodlawn Baptist Church	Pcts 1, 2, 3, 4
		1:00 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church	Pcts 5, 6, 7, 51
Wed.	May 2	9:00 am	Woodlawn Baptist Church	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	May 3	9:00 am	Woodlawn Baptist Church	Pcts 8, 9, 11, 12
		1:00 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church	Pcts 13, 45, 52
		5:45 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church	Night Class By Reservation <b>ONLY</b> if unable to attend any other class.

\* Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 Eglin Pkwy, Shalimar  
Woodlawn Baptist Church, 824 Ferdon Blvd N, Crestview

## Changing Seasons



Don't you just love this holiday season? I certainly do! I have so much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving and Christmas season, and so much to look forward to in the coming new year because I believe that "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." My season with the Elections Office began way back in 1994 when I was hired as a temporary employee for what was supposed to be just a few days. Here we are more than 23 years later, and my season must now come to a close with my

retirement on December 1st. I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed working with you all and seeing what incredible poll workers you have become over the years. You have proven over and over again that our training program is the best because YOU are all the best! As Jacqueline continues our Patriot Poll Worker program, I know you will give her the same dedication and loyalty you have given to Jane and me over the years. I will miss you all, and you will always be a part of who I am! Thank you for touching my life!

*Karen*

**Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections**  
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**Southern Pecan Praline Cake**  
by Margaret Blakley

**Cake:** 1 box Butter Pecan Cake Mix  
1 tub Coconut Pecan Frosting  
3/4 c. chopped pecans

Combine cake ingredients as instructed on the box. Mix well. Add tub of frosting to cake mix and stir in well. Then add 3/4 c. chopped pecans. Pour the cake mixture into a greased 9" x 13" pan and bake at 350 for 40 minutes.

**Sauce:** 2 T. butter  
1 14-oz can condensed milk  
3/4 c. chopped pecans

Melt butter in a sauce pan. Add condensed milk and heat (do not get hot). Add 3/4 c. chopped pecans. Take off heat and pour over slightly cooled cake.

*Happy*  
**THANKSGIVING**

**Enjoy!**

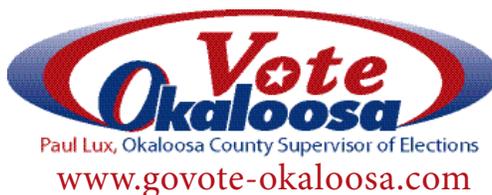


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