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JENNIFER J. EDWARDS
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

Reflecting on 2014 and Moving Forward!

The 2014 Election Cycle is officially complete! Congratulations to all of our election workers, temporary staff and full-time elections staff for a job well done! Without the support from our team, elections would not be possible.

During the November election, our office was pleased to see 61% of our 187,982 voters turn out to cast their ballot, which exceeded our initial predictions. **Fun Fact:** did you know that the Early Voting site located at Library Headquarters on Orange Blossom was **the number one** most active Early Voting site in all of Florida? Here is the complete breakdown on how Collier voters cast their ballot in the 2014 General Election:

Blossom was **the number one** most active Early Voting site in all of Florida? Here is the complete breakdown on how Collier voters cast their ballot in the 2014 General Election:

- 40,158 ballots cast by Mail/Absentee
- 31,768 ballots cast by Early Voting
- 42,919 ballots cast on Election Day

During these past elections, our office received several compliments on how we run elections in Collier County. Receiving such positive feedback from voters reminds us of how important our jobs are and encourages us to continuously improve our processes.

We hope you enjoy this issue of News & Views where we will display some of the comments our office received and also introduce two of our newest employees.

Wishing you all a warm holiday season and a very Happy New Year!



Jennifer serving at the 2014 Farm City BBQ

OUT & ABOUT

Kudos to our Election Workers!



Ray McChesney (second to far right) pictured with the Marco Island Kiwanis who adopted one of our precincts during the 2014 elections.

Recently, three of our workers were recognized for their leadership in the community. Congratulations to Ray McChesney, who was named 2014's Kiwanian of the Year on Marco Island, Debra Shanahan, who was honored as the Naples Daily News Citizen of the Year for Marco Island, and Jack Patterson who was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce! We are so proud to have you all as a part of our Elections Team!

It's no wonder we have such remarkable Election Workers in Collier County!

VOTER EDUCATION

2014 Education Recap



CYNDI YOUNG
EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Season's Greetings from the Voter Education and Outreach Department!

During 2014, we conducted several outreach events including voter registration drives, straw polls and student elections. Over the course of the year, 1,126 voters were registered through our office and/or made updates to their voter record, and approximately 5,644 individuals participated in one of our mock elections.

Moving forward into 2015, our department has many events lined up including the 18th Annual MLK Celebration and the Diversity Festival at Sugden Regional Park. We are also finalizing plans for our annual spring reading program.

If your organization is planning an event that would benefit from a voter registration drive or voter education presentation, please contact us at (239)252-8805 or via email at CynthiaYoung@Colliergov.net

Best wishes to all for a safe and Happy Holiday season!

"I would like to compliment and commend the many volunteers who man the Early Voting sites. Early Voting is a wonderful way to vote, but wouldn't be possible without the volunteers. Bravo!"

VOTE BY MAIL UPDATES



Our office received over 51,000 requests for vote by mail ballots during the General Election. With an 80% return rate, the General Election produced the second highest return in SOE history.

This trend is certainly noteworthy. Voting by mail allows you the ability to take your time researching the candidates and feeling confident in your selection. We are ready for 2016 and excited to see the increase in

voters who have caught on to the convenience of voting by mail.



DAVE CARPENTER
QUALIFYING OFFICER

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING

Looking Back & Moving Forward

It is always interesting to take a look at who the voters of Collier County elected into public office after an election. Under Florida Election Law, candidates who are totally unopposed at the close of the legal qualifying period do not have their names printed on the ballot because the law assumes them to be elected in November. So what offices got filled by Collier Voters in 2014?

- Collier voters elected two congressmen...one of them twice.
- Collier County had a say in the election of the Governor, Lt Governor and three State Cabinet Officers.
- Three State Representatives were chosen to represent parts of Collier County.
- Our State Attorney and Public Defender were re-elected without opposition.
- Voters chose "YES" to the retention of three Appellate Court Judges and we elected 10 Circuit Court Judges and two County Court Judges.
- Districts 2 and 4 selected their County Commissioners, one was unopposed.
- The entire county voted on three School Board members.
- Voters in five different fire districts chose 12 Fire Commissioners.
- Voters elected three Mosquito Control Commissioners and four Soil and Water District Supervisors.
- Collier's Community Development Districts chose 26 Supervisors.

In addition to these individuals elected to office, we made our voice heard on four local referenda and three amendments to the State Constitution.

If you think this was a lot, just wait until 2016!



Thank you to our Election Workers who staffed our newest Early Voting site at the North Collier Regional Park! Approximately 2,877 voters cast their ballot at that location during the General Election.



JULIO VIGIL
ELECTION SERVICES
COORDINATOR

OPERATIONS DEPT

Thank you to our Partners

The 2014 Election Cycle has finally come to a close, and the Operations Department, in collaboration with great partners, successfully managed all supplies, equipment and precinct set-up during all four elections this year. We would like

to dedicate this issue to our partners and thank them for their support during all the elections this year!

THANK YOU to all of our polling locations for opening your doors to our voters and serving our community.

THANK YOU to William C. Huff Moving & Storage Company, who cautiously handled the transport of our equipment to and from all polling locations and helped set up equipment and booths prior to Early Voting and Election Day.

THANK YOU to TQC Communications who manage all Early Voting and Election Day phone lines. TQC's services have been prompt and dependable. This in turn has helped ensure that all DS200 optical scanners successfully transmit results on Election Night.

THANK YOU to Robert Flinn Records Center who handled our election equipment and transports our equipment from our Main Office to our offsite warehouse.

THANK YOU to Florida Power and Light for making our polling locations a priority in power restoration.

And last but not least, THANK YOU to our Warehouse Operations Manager, William Kocses, and our temp employees who worked extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure a smooth election.

TRAINING NEWS

Positive Feedback

What an amazing year this has been for the Elections Team! The November election certainly was a grand slam with the voter turnout reaching 61% overall. When our office made a 56% turnout projection for this election, we were blown away when we saw certain precincts with voter turnouts over 70%, including precincts 255, 462, 464 and 477.



ROGER MUNZ
TRAINING DIRECTOR

Each team did an outstanding job assisting voters and our office received several positive comments which you will preview throughout this issue of News & Views. Thank you to each worker for their commitment to this process and to the voters of Collier County. We could not conduct elections without you!

As a reminder, we will have three elections in 2016, and it's not too early to start recruitment for new team members and getting them into the orientation sessions which will begin in the summer of 2015. Also, please keep your email and phone numbers current so that we are able to reach out to you with updates.

A final wish from our family to yours,
Happy Holidays!

Roger, Kevin &
Trish

"I love going their [Precinct 141] they always are so great. Just a pleasure!

So proud to be an American!"

"Everyone from the greeter to ballot helper was extremely courteous and helpful. It was easy-everything was explained well-no waiting! Signage was well planned [at North Collier Regional Park]."

NEW STAFF



Cody Jones, IT Support Specialist

Originally from Mercer County, New Jersey, Cody joined our team on October 13 as an IT Support Specialist. Cody graduated from Mercer County Technical School in 2009 and has worked in the IT field for the past five years with clients in the chemical and pharma industry and has served corporations such as Bank of America and Merrill Lynch. In his spare time, Cody spends time with his two dogs Swilly and Topsy, enjoys staying up to date on the latest technology trends and relaxing at the beach.



Alex Breault, Executive Assistant

Alex Breault joined the Supervisor of Elections Office on October 20 as the Executive Assistant to Jennifer. Born and raised in Naples, FL, Alex considers herself a true "Neopolitan." She is a proud alumna of Florida Gulf Coast University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Management, with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. Prior to joining the Supervisor of Elections Team, she worked in wholesale and production management. Alex is excited to work with Mrs. Edwards and to continue supporting the process of elections. Outside of her professional interests, Alex is an avid fisherwoman, boater and soccer player and enjoys spending time with her husband, friends and family.

SPOTLIGHT: ELECTION WORKERS - 2014

Many thanks from the entire Supervisor of Elections Office!

“Everyone [was] polite and very helpful, all with a great attitude.” - Voter from Precinct 310/
North Naples Baptist Church

“Very well organized, expedient, and courteous, helpful workers! We voted in Immokalee.”
- Voter from Early Voting site at the Immokalee Community Center

“Everyone was very friendly, upbeat and helpful. I walked right in, was instructed and sent
straight to a booth.” - Voter from Precinct 550/Quality Inn Golf & Country Club

“Early Voting makes sooooo much sense! The volunteers were great!” - Voter from Early
Voting site at North Collier Regional Park

“It was a pleasure to vote - the workers were pleasant, helpful, making the job of voting a joy.”
- Voter from Precinct 430/Foxfire Club House

“All volunteers were pleasant and knowledgeable. Thank you for all your hard work and dedica-
tion!” - Voter from Early Voting site at Marco Island Library

“Awesome job at the Orange Blossom location. Thanks!!” - Voter from Precinct 251/Library
Headquarters on Orange Blossom



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Update your voter registration information at www.CollierVotes.com or contact us at (239) 252-VOTE.

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