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February 2018 Newsletter

## A Message from Alan Hays...



This month has been very busy. In the elections this year, all polling sites will be utilizing the electronic poll books, and our early voting sites will also be utilizing ballot on demand printers. We have been testing each polling location throughout the county to make sure we have the proper electrical and communications support at each site. We want to be confident that when early voting begins on August 16, and on Primary Election Day of August 28, we have the proper connectivity to ensure the election goes smoothly. Our clerks have worked diligently with our professional staff and we have had great results. We do not expect any hiccups.

We have also been visiting area high schools and registering students to vote. We had a record number of 381 students register at Lake Minneola High School!! Thank you Mr. Montuori for inviting me to visit each of your AP Government classes!! I had the pleasure of visiting with each class and am happy to say your students were very engaged, asked some very thought provoking questions, and we had a lively exchange of ideas. We also visited East Ridge, South Lake, and Umatilla High Schools, adding a total of 872 new voters to the register. We will be visiting Tavares High School next month, and Eustis and Mt. Dora in the fall. Students can pre-register as early as age sixteen, and when they turn eighteen they will be fully registered and eligible to vote.

We are moving! We are happy to announce that later this summer, our new address will be 1898 E. Burleigh Boulevard, Tavares!! This location is on US 441 across from Florida Hospital, Waterman. We will be sharing the building with Reunion Bank.

This facility is much larger and will provide us with several improvements. For instance, our entire operation will be consolidated. We will be able to store all our equipment and have our administrative offices in the same building. Our security measures will be enhanced and we will be considerably more accessible to the public. Our new office will also be utilized as our tenth early voting site.

We appreciate your patience as we move. We will be having an open house to familiarize the public with our new facility. Please stay tuned for additional announcements for date and time of the event. We are here to serve you and we thank you for that privilege.

Sincerely,



D. Alan Hays, DMD  
Lake County Supervisor of Elections

## Voter Outreach Calendar



We continue to be out and about in the community. We encourage you stop by our booth at various events throughout the county. Our goal is to increase voter participation, provide voter education, and be a resource for voters in Lake County. Here are just a few of our upcoming events. Watch for additional events as they pop up..follow us on Facebook @LakeElections for additional locations, dates, and times.

**February 23-25, 2018**

**116th Annual Eustis Georgefest- Historic Downtown Eustis  
Celebrating George Washington's Birthday**

**Friday 4 - 9p, Saturday 10a - 10p (parade at 10a), Sunday 10a - 3p**

This is one of the longest running festivals that celebrates the father of our Country. There is fun for all ages - carnival rides, music, food trucks, and much more. We will be in the parade on Saturday and manning a voter registration/information booth the entire festival. Please stop by and let us help with your voter registration and updates. Keeping your record current saves you time at the polls.

**March 3**

**Florida History Day Regional Competition**

**Wesley Center, 715 W. Juniata St., Clermont FL 34711**

Students in grades 6-12 engage in research and interpretation of historical topics related to an annual theme. This year's theme is Conflict & Compromise. We will be judging the competition from 9:30 - 11:30a. After the judging, we will host a voter information table during the public viewing hours from 12 - 1:30p. We hope you come out and see the impressive exhibits these students have worked very hard to create. Maybe you will find out a little more about the Elections process and update your information with us too.

**March 9-11**

**20th Annual Pig on the Pond Community Festival**

**Clermont Waterfront Park**

**Friday 5 - 10p, Saturday 10a - 10p, Sunday 11a - 6p**

This event helps fund scholarships to area students. We will be sharing a booth with the Lake County Sheriff's Office. You will have both agencies at your disposal all in one stop.

**April 5-14**

**Lake County Fair**

**2101 N. CR 452, Eustis, FL 32726**

Enjoy the fair food, rides, entertainment, and exhibits, and stop by our booth to check your voter record and find out information regarding upcoming elections. We will be there manning our booth again this year, weekdays from 5 - 10p, and on the weekends from 1 - 10p.



**VOTE**  
IN HONOR OF A  
**VETERAN**

We are excited about a new program we initiated this month. The program is called Vote in Honor of a Veteran. The intent of the program is to honor our veterans, and as a way to thank them for their sacrifices which enable us to enjoy the privilege of voting. It is an opportunity for voters of all ages to show their appreciation for our veterans. We rolled out the program this month at the voter registration drives at area high schools. We encouraged students to submit a bio of their family members who have or are serving our country. The program works like this: veterans or their family members submit a bio on the veteran they would like honored, and their information will be placed on our honor wall on our website and displayed in our office. We would love to have a picture to display (preferably in uniform). We ask that you not send us original photos, but we will be glad to scan them in for you if you want to drop by our office. We had one of our first bios submitted by Mr. Griffin, one of the teachers at Umatilla High School, while we were there registering young voters.

Students and citizens of all ages who wish to honor the veteran with their vote will be given a "My Vote Honors Veteran \_\_\_\_\_" sticker instead of the regular "I Voted" sticker at the polls. We encourage voters to take a picture wearing their sticker and tag us on Facebook and Instagram. The hope is that it will encourage others to participate, and honor the veterans who protect our freedoms, especially our sacred right to vote. This is a small way to let our service men and women know that they are appreciated and to thank them for their service.

Veterans can share their stories and explain the importance of voting. For more information regarding the program, how to submit a bio, or visit our wall of honor, please click the button below. Forms can be submitted online, emailed, or dropped off at our office.

[Vote In Honor of a Vet](#)

**Attention Election Workers!!!**

If you are a veteran or have a family member who is a veteran, we would like you to be some of the first to be represented on our Wall of Honor. Please complete a biography form so we can honor you with our vote. We know many of our election workers are veterans, and this is a small way to say thank you for your service. We will post your information on our website and display it in our office.

Interested? Click the link below to find out more about this program and submit your bio. And again, thank you for your service.

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