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Completing another successful election for Polk County's voters was a great way to start a busy election year! With three more elections on the way plus reapportionment, we have a lot to accomplish this year. Whether you are an election worker or a polling place representative, we sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to working with you again in the fall!

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January Presidential Preference Primary

Just over 1,000 of our 2,200 election workers served at seven early voting sites and 154 polling places for the January 31, 2012 Republican Presidential Preference Primary Election. In all, 48,788 Republican voters cast their ballot for that election, including those who cast their ballot by mail. Comment cards are pouring in, and voters overwhelmingly reported excellent service. Read on for details about deserved recognition from a very distinguished source!

Florida Senate Honors Election Workers

The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections reported that Senate Resolution 1296, published March 1st in the Journal of the Senate, commends the thousands of individuals who work during Early Voting and on Election Day for their outstanding service and dedication to the democratic process in their communities. Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley presented the idea to Senator Mike Fasano, who represents portions of Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando and Citrus Counties. Fasano introduced the resolution in December and shepherded it through the chamber.

Municipal Elections April 3rd

With the help of a number of our dedicated Election Workers, voters who live inside the city limits of **Bartow, Dundee, Frostproof, Haines City, Lake Wales, and Mulberry** were able to cast their ballots on Tuesday, April 3rd during municipal elections in those cities. Some of the Election Workers in Haines City had a second opportunity to serve just a week later during that city's run-off election. Great job team!

Change is Coming: Reapportionment

Every ten years following the completion of the US Census, every state is required to redraw the boundaries of their legislative districts. Once that process is complete, each county in Florida must then align the boundaries of their voting precincts to the new legislative boundaries. This realignment sometimes results in changes to polling places. That means new facilities must be located and surveyed, voters must be notified, and election workers must be reassigned. It's a painstaking process, and one that must be completed in a very short time just before the Primary Election in August. If you are interested in serving at the polls for the August 14th Primary Election, please know that you must be flexible with regard to where you will be working in the event a boundary change occurs in your area. More details will be provided as we progress through this process.