

# POLK COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

SUMMER 2015



# ELECTION NEWS



*From the desk of  
Lori Edwards...*

This is not election season, so I want to be sure that you don't forget about your friends at the Supervisor of Elections office, because we haven't forgotten about you! We're busy preparing for next year, and look forward to seeing you when we begin training for the March 2016 Presidential Preference Primary Election.

If you'd like to see us before then, why not invite us to your club or organization to offer a presentation or to provide voter registration services? Also, as a valued member of our team, maybe you can help out with these easy items:

1. Simply mark next year's election dates on your calendar, and keep us in mind as you plan for coming events. The dates are **March 15th, August 30th, and November 8th**. We'll send you a survey in a few months to confirm your availability to work.
2. Keep your voter record up to date, including changes to your name, address, and signature, and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. Just visit our website or call us to make needed changes.
3. Last but not least, be on the lookout for sharp individuals who might be a good addition to our team of Election Workers, and help us connect with them.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and for the opportunity to serve as your Supervisor of Elections. Have a great summer!

## LORI EDWARDS

### BE A TEAM BUILDER

With a Presidential election year right around the corner, we'll need more election workers than ever to staff our election day and early voting locations. As a valued team member, we hope you'll help us grow our team by recruiting people who have what it takes to get the job done. We need individuals who:

- Are registered to vote in Polk County or are eligible to register
- Are willing and able to work a 14+ hour day
- Are friendly and have excellent customer service skills
- Are willing and able to attend two to ten hours of training before each election
- Understand the important of operating our voting locations efficiently, accurately, and in accordance with Florida's voting laws



If you know of someone who would be a good addition to the team, call Debbie or Marcia at 863-534-5858 or email [electionworker@polkelections.com](mailto:electionworker@polkelections.com) to learn how to recruit them and earn a "Team Builder" ribbon for your election worker button!

### STORIES WANTED

Tell us why you serve as an Election Worker. How is it important? What's your favorite part of serving? We can share your testimonial through social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter, and on our promotional material, so others can hear first-hand why they should join! Just call in or email your comments.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS GUIDE AVAILABLE

Our 2015-2016 Elected Officials Guide is now available. To print a copy, go to "Printable Forms" at [PolkElections.com](http://PolkElections.com). You can also pick up a copy at Election Headquarters or from our mobile registration team when you see them out and about. Call us at 863-534-5888 for more details.

## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING TEAM MEMBERS

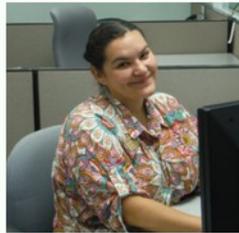
Your Election Team welcomes new and returning team members **Greg Esteve** and **Lori Smith** to our Community Services Department, and **Lizbeth Padilla** to our Registration Department.

**Greg Esteve**, our newest member, joined our team in March as an Outreach and Education Specialist. Greg has a long history in the field of education, and has experience with our team as an election day Precinct Clerk, Early Voting Specialist, and Election Worker Trainer.

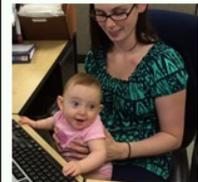


**Lori Smith**, who joined us in January, is a returning team member, and is now serving as Assistant to our Community Services Director. Lori brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as a full-time and part-time member of our election team since 2004.

**Lizbeth Padilla** joined us as a full-time staff member in April as an Election Specialist. Lizbeth previously served as a temporary staff member in both our Absentee and Registration departments. Her excellent customer service skills and delightful personality earned her a spot as a member of our year-round team.



Last but not least, we'd like you to meet our newest "junior" team member, Miss **Summer King**. Just six months old, Summer is the daughter of Absentee Ballot Specialist **Autumn King**.



## STUDENTS ROCK THE VOTE FOR DEMOCRACY DAY

Since the beginning of the year, 1,428 Polk County high school students have registered to vote following visits to their schools by our Outreach and Education Team. Our team provided presentations on the importance of voting, and offered registration services to get these students started on the right track to adulthood.

