

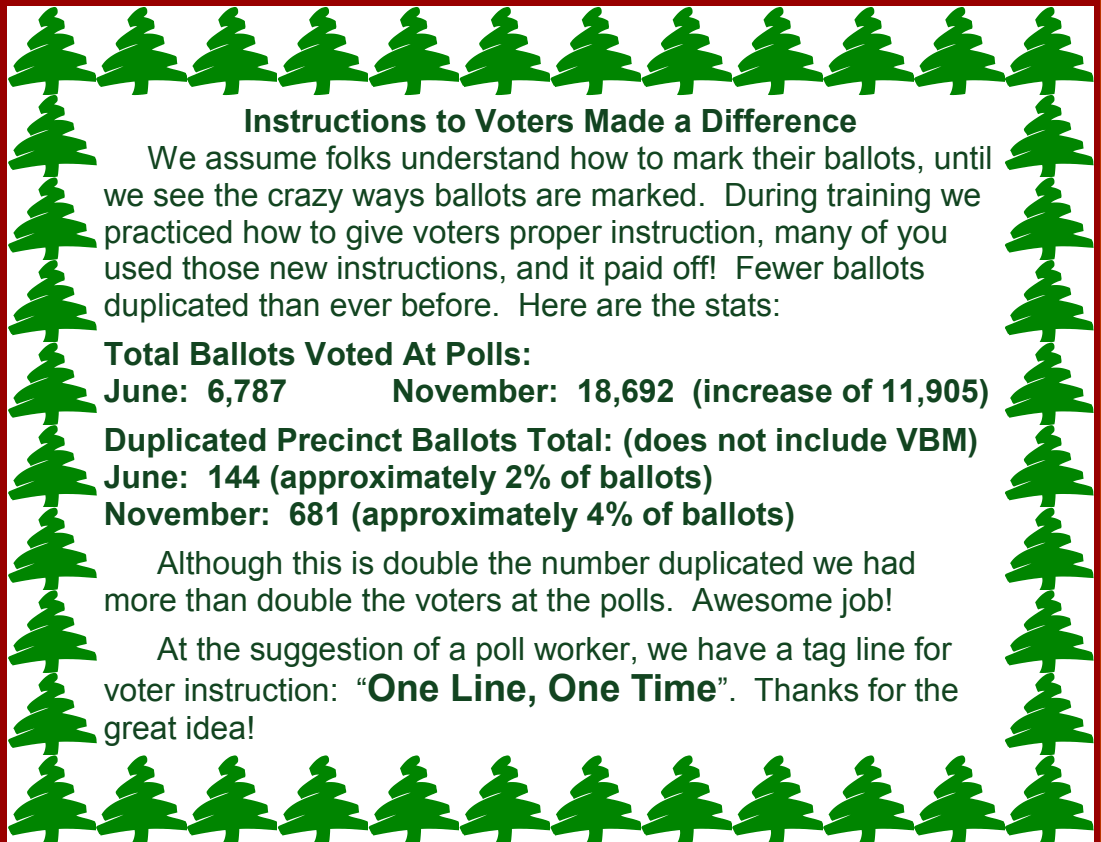
*We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

At the end of each year, we take time to reflect upon the happenings in our lives. 2014 brought a new poll site coordinator to Shasta County for two Elections. While the training format for the General Election changed, most of the information remained the same. Dee Dee's biggest goal is to increase understanding and communication with all of you, our valued poll workers.

Communication is a two way street. While these monthly newsletters are an excellent way for our office to connect with you, we look forward to feedback from all of you. We welcome emails, phone calls with your ideas and suggestions, even criticism.

2015 is an "off" year for Elections (pending any special elections), and offers a great opportunity for revising procedures to make Election Day easier for poll workers and staff alike. These changes may include the recruitment of new polling locations. If your current polling site requires a great deal of accommodations to become accessible to all, or has lighting or parking issues, Dee Dee may be out scouring the County for new locations. If you have any ideas for new polling sites, please feel free to contact us with your suggestions!

May you have a fantastic holiday season and a safe, happy, healthy 2015!



Instructions to Voters Made a Difference

We assume folks understand how to mark their ballots, until we see the crazy ways ballots are marked. During training we practiced how to give voters proper instruction, many of you used those new instructions, and it paid off! Fewer ballots duplicated than ever before. Here are the stats:

Total Ballots Voted At Polls:
June: 6,787 November: 18,692 (increase of 11,905)

Duplicated Precinct Ballots Total: (does not include VBM)
June: 144 (approximately 2% of ballots)
November: 681 (approximately 4% of ballots)

Although this is double the number duplicated we had more than double the voters at the polls. Awesome job!

At the suggestion of a poll worker, we have a tag line for voter instruction: **"One Line, One Time"**. Thanks for the great idea!

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Everyone at the
Elections Office
wishes you a
safe, and happy
holiday season!



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Election Q&A

Q1. Can all rosters have a spiral binding to make them easier to update?

A1. A spiral binding adds \$4.00 to each roster. Binding all of them with a spiral is just not cost effective. As long as no signatures are collected in the white rosters they are shredded once the election is certified.

Q2. What is the cutoff date to register before an election?

A2. 15 calendar days before the election, is the last day for a voter to register to vote in that specific election. However anyone may fill out a new voter registration card at any time, including Election Day.

NEVER TURN A VOTER AWAY. Even if they have never registered to vote, allow them to complete a provisional ballot. Just make sure they also complete a Voter Registration Card.

Q3. Why do we have to be careful what we write in notes and send back to the office?

A3. All items returned to the office become part of the election, and are open to public review. Therefore all notes should be professional and directly regarding the Election.

Q4. Why do we not have band aids at each poll site?

A4. As poll workers you represent Shasta County, and you are not trained in first aid for this position. Therefore, on Election Day we ask you perform only the duties for which you are trained. Think of it as a liability concern for the County. If help is needed please call 911!

Q5. Why are the Voter Registration Cards kept on the information table?

A5. We provide a substantial supply of VRCs for your use. Keeping some at the Inspector's and Clerks' tables is an excellent idea.

Q6. Why is it important to seal the unused ballot container (UBC) at closing?

A6. Election Code 14403 states all ballots must be "Defaced" upon closing of the polls, or placed in a special container with a tamperproof seal. Sealing them inside the UBC is much more efficient than marking each ballot with huge crosses across each page!