



Dear *POLLcats*,

You have done outstanding work thus far in 2008. We've got two down and two to go. We're halfway home!

I need to ask for your help again. I am counting on all of you to sign up and be part of the June and November Election Day teams. But I also need you to sign up a friend to be a poll worker.

At this point in time we need 500 more poll workers just to make sure that we have four-member precinct boards for June. I need each of you to encourage a friend to do this with you. A common-sense, hard-working, dependable patriot like yourself who likes people and would devote their time and energy on behalf of this democracy. You know the type—somebody like you.

You are the best ambassadors we have. You are the reason our voters have come to expect excellent service at the polls on Election Day. Those of you who have been doing this for years—you are invaluable. You can help us recruit new poll workers.

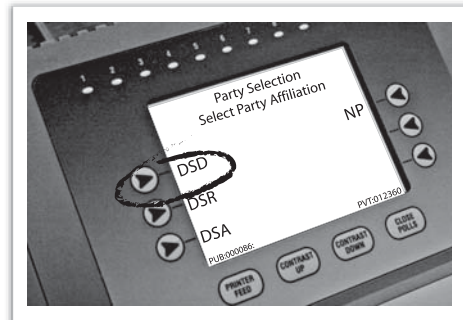
Speaking of new poll workers, in the February Presidential Primary Sample Ballot and Official Voter Information Pamphlet, we offered lunch with Greta and me in a drawing for first-time poll workers who registered to work online. We had 92 people register! Congratulations to our four lucky winners: Aldo Disgrazzi of Redwood City, Katherine Movolson of San Carlos, Alice Taylor of San Mateo, and Oscar Frener of East Palo Alto.

Best,

Warren Slocum

Finding DTS Voting Options on the JBC

Somewhere in the middle of setting up of the eSlates, Howard and George started singing the old Beatles tune, “I Wanna Hold Your Hand” and got it stuck in their heads. The happy go-lucky song helped relax their team as they daisy-chained the eSlates together, but everything was up and running and the polls were open and it was driving them nuts now. That was until a Decline to State voter suddenly presented herself at the roster table.



“Good morning,” Howard greeted the voter. “I see you’re a DTS voter — would you care for a partisan ballot today?”

The voter, a Liz Somebodyorother, knew exactly what she wanted. “I’d like to vote a Democratic ballot,” she said.

That made it easy, thought Howard. It’s the people who don’t know which ballot they want and what their choices are that take time and can hold up an early morning line. He turned to George, the eJudge, and said, “She’d like a DTS Democratic ballot style, George.”



This was the precinct’s first DTS voter of the day. George began searching the JBC screen for the DTS Democratic option and didn’t see it. Then he suddenly remembered from class that he had to press the arrow button to get to the second screen of ballot style options. Sure enough, the next page of the display showed a whole bunch of options that started with “DS.” George wasn’t sure which one to pick, so he checked the new reference sticker on the left side of the JBC, and found that “DSD” stood for “DTS Democratic.” George pressed the selection and - voila! - the JBC began printing the voter’s access code.

George ripped off the access code and handed it to Liz saying, “You are welcome to vote on any of the eSlates in this precinct. Once you enter this access code, it will display the Decline to State Democratic ballot.”

She thanked them both and headed off to vote. And from that moment on, Howard and George forgot about the song jangling in their heads and began to enjoy the company of voters and the promise of another exciting election.

The Quiz – Challenge Your Knowledge!

The Quiz, the newest feature on www.shapethefuture.org, is an election brainteaser for poll workers to test their election knowledge. Some questions will be a snap and some will stump you, but you’ll know right away if your answer is correct.



There are 37 multiple-choice questions — so just see how well you can do! No one is checking your score; it’s just for fun, so feel free to take it as many times as you like. You’ll get a score at the end of the quiz, but you’ll be the only one that knows what you got — unless, of course, you tell your POLLcat buddies.

Poll Worker Spotlight

Meet Bill Michelini, a poll worker extraordinaire, veteran of WWII, and current Commander of the San Bruno Post 409 of the American Legion.

Bill was born and raised in San Francisco and moved to San Bruno in 1953 where he and his wife purchased a house and have lived ever since. He and his wife raised a family of five children (2 boys and 3 girls) and now enjoy five grandchildren (again, 2 boys and 3 girls), too.



Bill Michelini, Daly City
Poll worker since 1990s

Bill became an Election Officer in the early "nineties" and was made an Inspector right from the "git-go." He's served in at least 22 elections or so; he never really kept track because all he ever wanted to do was "help out." He said the Elections Office was looking for poll workers even back then. What he enjoys most about being an Election Officer is "meeting all the different people."

Training Begins May 5

Have you signed up for class yet? Time seems to fly by in the Elections Office, so make sure to register for your Procedures Classes before it's too late! Classes began May 5, and will continue through May 31. Check the schedule that you got in the mail or go online, where you can also sign up for class or browse the rest of the poll worker resources like the new Election Officer Quiz or the eSlate Operations Guide.

To sign up for class: 1) go online to www.shapethefuture.org, 2) call 650-286-2810, or 3) send an email to pollworkertraining@smcare.org.

Resources Abound

If you haven't checked out www.shapethefuture.org, take some time now to poke around the Poll Worker section. Loads of resources are available; you can sign up to be a poll worker, register for training classes, take the Election Officer Quiz, or review eSlate operations. You can also find back issues of the POLLcat!

We want to make sure that you feel as prepared as possible once Election Day arrives. Take advantage of the opportunity to read the Election Officer Handbook or eSlate Operation Guide before the chaos of Election morning. Early review may be your ticket to smoother operations.

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Did You Know?



What's different about the Training Lab this time? It's not just about becoming proficient on the eSlates, although there is plenty of time for that kind of practice.

For the June 3 Statewide Direct Primary Election, there are five different Training Lab classes to pick from :

- eSlate Open/Close
- Ballot Reconciliation
- Processing VBM/Provisional Voters
- eSlate - Helping Voters
- Free Time

All Training Labs are staffed with your colleagues and they will give you the chance to fully prepare for June. Take the stress out of Election Day!

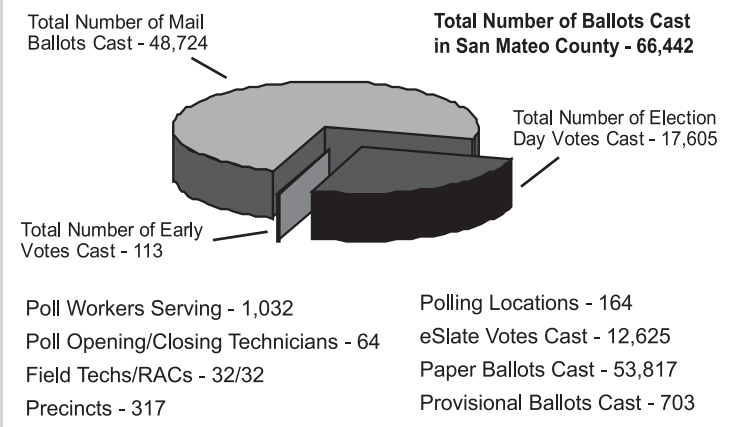
The Training Lab accommodates up to 20 people at a time, so we ask that you make a reservation. You can sign up online, by phone at 650-286-2810, or by sending an email to pollworkertraining@smcare.org. You can find the schedule on the website. Make a date of it with your POLLcat friends.

Lose your Harvard Class Ring?

After the April 2008 election, we found a 1974 Harvard class ring in one of the pieces of equipment that returned home to Tower Road. If this ring is yours, please contact Hillary O'Connor at 650-312-5294 to claim it.

By The Numbers

The April 8 Breakdown (San Mateo County only):



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