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## Between Elections

staying up-to-date



1918 Valentine by Ellen Clapsaddle, from Moore's Postcard Museum

Happy Valentine's Day! With our 2016 elections behind us, I'd **love** to share some of the things we're doing now.

**Community outreach.** Throughout the year, you'll see us at community events to remind people how important it is to participate in democracy by voting. We're also attending naturalization ceremonies every week to register our newest citizens to vote, and visiting high schools to pre-register students to vote.



MLK Day Parade

**Updating the voter roll.** If you get mail from us, make sure to open and read it! We are constantly working to keep our voter registration database as up-to-date as possible. That includes sending out address confirmation cards when the post office tells us about a change in address.

**Ongoing education.** Our staff strives to provide the best service to our community, and one way we do that is by continuing to learn and

share best practices. Last month, members of our staff joined our counterparts from other Florida counties in classes offered by the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE).



Staff during a class

### WE LOVE IT WHEN YOU REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Let us know if any of these things change:

- ♥ your residential address
- ♥ your name
- ♥ your mailing address
- ♥ your signature

the flip side



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# SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE JUNIORS AND SENIORS

If you are currently enrolled as a junior or senior at a college or university, you may be eligible to apply for a scholarship. The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) will award \$1,200 scholarships to three students who qualify this year.



Some of the requirements include:

- ★ Students must be registered to vote in Florida, and submit their applications to the county in which they're registered.
- ★ Students must be majoring in political science, public or business administration, or journalism/mass communication.

**The deadline to apply is March 29, 2017.** Visit [VoteHillsborough.org](http://VoteHillsborough.org) for the application and details about scholarship requirements.

## GUEST SPEAKER

I had the pleasure of speaking to Leadership Tampa about what we do to conduct safe and secure elections.



While I was there, I learned which of the three methods of voting the class liked best. Their answers reflected what we saw countywide—most like to vote early or by mail, and just a few raised their hands to say they prefer to vote on Election Day.

## WALKING FOR A CAUSE

Our office is participating in Walk Like MADD this year and I invite you to join our team. Together, we can help curb drunk driving in our community. The walk will be held on USF's campus on Friday, March 24. Register by visiting [VoteHillsborough.org](http://VoteHillsborough.org).



## the last word

We have a great Top 10 list on our website. Check it out at [VoteHillsborough.org](http://VoteHillsborough.org) and learn how we ensure the integrity of our elections.

