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Volunteer of the Month

Dennis Raube, Phone-Banking All-Star

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Dennis Raube is a stand-alone super volunteer. There is no phone where he does not clock less than 150 calls to voters per week. During election season, it is not unusual for him to make 100 calls a day! At times, he is the only volunteer championing our phone campaigns by himself, but he presses on. He is reliably consistent with post-carding and writing letters to the editor, too.

Dennis says, "Thank you for the recognition. Phone-banking is sooo easyyyy! Here is what I have found with making more than a thousand calls. 90% of the time you get voicemail and leave a simple, straightforward message that the voter can take their time reviewing. The other 10% comprises mostly disconnected phone numbers, followed by a few people who answer. Half of those who answer hang up without hearing your full message. The rest are thankful for the call. Believe me when I say you can reach 60 voters in an hour. Try it and be a Star for our Democracy!"

What you can do: Lee County phone-bankers are working to contact local Democrats in danger of being removed from the voting rolls. They're also helping with phonebanks for special elections on June 10 for 2 Florida House and 1 Florida Senate seats. To help contact Karyn Edison (vicechairleedems@gmail.com) or Paula Blair (blairps@gmail.com).