

EAGLE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Newsletter
APRIL 2016

Dear Eagle County Democrats and friends,

Thanks to all the caucus and assembly/convention attendees! Eagle County had a record-setting number of 978 caucus-goers this year. That's more than double the number in 2008, when we had 460 attendees!

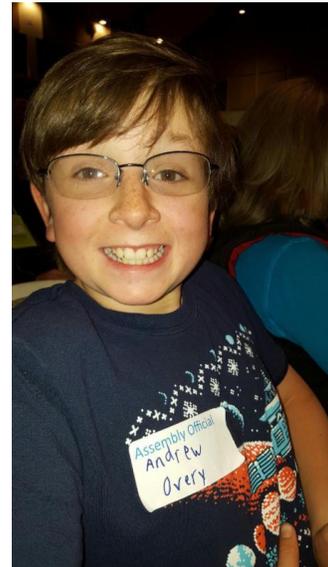
Congratulations to all the Bernie Sanders supporters and volunteers for convincing wins. Sanders gained 64% of the raw vote at caucus and Clinton won 35%, with the balance uncommitted. Preference poll results improved slightly at the county convention for Bernie who received 66% support to Hillary's 34%.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A sincere thank you goes to everyone who volunteered at caucus and at the assembly/convention, including:

Tom Berthiaume, Cheryl Bottomley, Mark Chapin, Debra Davis, Audre Engleman, Martin Haeberle, Andrew Halls, Bill Harris, Kathy Heicher, Becky Herrreich, Cherryl Kachenmeister, Dimitri Moursellas, Elizabeth Musolf Reilly, Andrew Overy, Danny Padnick, Jay Raiola, Stephen Richards, Bob Rutledge, Katherine Schmidt, Teak Simonton, Kathy Smith, Doug Tucker and Carl Walker.

And, special thanks to Andrew Overy, an eighth grader at Eagle County Charter Academy and a future (hopefully Democratic!) leader, for his great energy and enthusiasm! Andrew efficiently and capably helped seat alternates and count preference poll ballots at the assembly/convention.



Andrew Overy

Delegates and alternates to higher assemblies and conventions

Make your plans to attend, INCLUDING ALTERNATES! There's a good chance most alternates will be seated. You can only be seated if you show up.

JD5 - This is the assembly whose members (delegates elected at county assemblies) will nominate incumbent District Attorney for Judicial District 5, Bruce Brown, as our Democratic candidate for reelection. (Postponed due to adverse weather - delegates will be notified.)

HD26 - This is the assembly whose members (delegates elected at county assemblies) will nominate incumbent State Representative for House District 26, Diane Mitsch Bush, as our Democratic candidate for reelection.

When/where: **Friday, April 15, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at The Ranch in Loveland**

CD2 - This was the assembly whose members (delegates elected at county

assemblies) nominated incumbent U.S. Representative for Congressional District 2, Jared Polis, as our Democratic candidate for reelection. (Held April 2 in Ft Collins.)

CD3 - This is the assembly whose members (delegates elected at county assemblies) will nominate U.S. Representative candidate(s) for Congressional District 3. In the running is Eagle County's own Dr. Steve Sheldon, who recently announced his candidacy. Read more about Steve, below. When/where: **Friday, April 15, 2016, 7:15 p.m. gavel at The Ranch in Loveland**

State Assembly - This is the assembly whose members (delegates elected at county assemblies statewide) will nominate incumbent Senator Michael Bennet as our Democratic candidate for reelection. Members will also be nominating its candidate(s) for C.U. Regent-at-Large. When/where: **Saturday, April 16, 2016, 7:30 a.m. registration, 9:00 a.m. gavel, at The Ranch in Loveland. Held concurrently with State Convention, below.**

State Convention - This is the convention whose members (delegates elected at county conventions statewide) will allocate and elect delegates to go to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, PA to support Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders. One of the two will become the Democratic Party's nominee for President in the November general election. **Held concurrently with State Assembly, above.**

Welcome to new PCPs!

We're happy to have some new faces joining the Eagle County Central Committee and some familiar folks returning as Precinct Committee Persons. It's an important role which we will explain in more detail in an upcoming event, in emails and on our website. If you missed being elected at caucus, and are interested in being appointed, send us an email at info@eagle.dems.org and let us know. We're planning an event for late spring or early summer -- stay tuned!

County candidate nominations

At the County Assembly we officially nominated our hardworking county commissioners, Jill Ryan and Kathy Chandler-Henry, as candidates for reelection to their seats. We are grateful for the long hours they put in and their commitment to a better Eagle County for all. Also nominated was Teak Simonton, who is running to use her skills and experience to become the next Eagle County Treasurer. She has served capably for over 12 years as our Clerk and Recorder, managing county records and overseeing fair and accurate elections.

Dr. Steve Sheldon for Congress!

Local Eagle County Democrat, Eagle resident and veterinarian, Dr. Steve Sheldon is running for U.S. Congress in Congressional District 3. Thanks to Steve for stepping up to oppose Republican Scott Tipton.

In Steve's words: "We need a representative for the people, and not for big business and not for special

interest groups... I stick strong and firm to this and my other democratic beliefs. Our party is truly the party of the people."

Learn more about Steve at his website:
stevesheldonforcongress.com

and "Like" his Facebook page:
facebook.com/stevesheldonforcongress



Dr. Sheldon with (not Abraham) Lincoln

Platform committee report

A variety of resolutions were submitted by caucus attendees to our county assembly. Thanks to our platform committee chair Beth Reilly and new volunteer and co-chair Bob Rutledge, who summarized the resolutions into a ballot for a vote at assembly. Beth and Bob tallied the ballots and ranked the resolutions in a report which has been forwarded to the State Platform Committee. A couple notable findings:

* Ranked number one, two and three were resolutions supporting Planned Parenthood, making college affordable and overturning Citizens United, in that order.

* Of 25 total resolutions, 18 were new or updated ideas; only eight resolutions were already listed in the current state platform. Eagle County Dems are progressive and thoughtful! Read the final document online at: eagledems.org/2016platform

Upcoming events

Town Hall with Senator Donovan

Saturday, April 9... 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lecture Hall VE118
Colorado Mountain College, Edwards
50 Miller Ranch Rd

Eagle County Democrats regular monthly meeting

Wednesday, April 13... noon - 1:30 p.m.
Eagle Valley Library in Eagle

Note: Beginning in May through the fall, our monthly meetings will be held in the evenings, still every second Wednesday.

Teak Simonton for Treasurer Campaign Kick-Off

Sunday, April 24... 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Cliff and Teak Simonton's home
287 Castle Peak Rd. in Eagle

Last, never least...

Please consider a one time or even a monthly donation to the Eagle Dems. We just had a big outlay for caucus and convention/assembly site costs and materials. In an election year, we pay those expenses plus event fees, office space for fall campaign season, internet service, prepaid cell phones and doorhangers. We rely 100% on YOUR donations. Every dollar counts!



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