



Eagle County Democratic Party

May 2016 - News and Upcoming Events

Dear Eagle County Democrats and friends,

Did you know that all of the activities sponsored by the EC Dems are run by volunteers? That includes caucus, assembly, fundraisers, fair booths, voter registration drives around the county and in area high schools, plus campaign activities like canvassing and phone banks. The local party has NO paid staff. Volunteers are the life-blood of our party and the major reason we have been able to elect so many Democrats to represent Eagle County. There are never enough! We need your help this election season and throughout the year.

How can you help? Here are some ideas:

1) Voter registration: Help register new voters in area high schools in the fall. It's rewarding and fun to register enthusiastic young adults for the first time.

2) Summer events: This summer we'll be showing our Democratic Party spirit at various events around the county. Our elected officials and candidates join us to meet and greet voters, answer questions, register voters and distribute literature. We need help with planning, set up, decorating, staffing and tear down. Events include: Vail's Fourth of July parade, Gypsum Daze booth & parade, Eagle Flight Days booth & parade and the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo. We're looking for fun and creative energy!

3) Campaign help: All our candidates, from the top of the ticket and down, will be recruiting supporters to make phone calls and knock on doors starting this summer. Consider giving them all some volunteer time; our aim is to win every single race!

4) Literature "drop": Eagle Dems will be distributing a door hanger with our slate of candidates as ballots are mailed, in mid-October. We'll be asking for just an hour or two of your time, to leave door hangers on targeted doors in your neighborhood.

5) Other help needed: Do you have computer skills? Are you good with social media? Wordpress? Constant Contact? Are you a good writer? Like data entry? Old fashioned envelope stuffing? Whatever your interests, we need your help!

Sign up on our website, at: eagledems.org/contact-us. Or email either Carole at conderdonk0316@gmail.com or Joy at joyh@eagledems.org

Gail Schwartz for US Congress, CD 3

Gail Schwartz won the nomination (by less than one vote!) at the April 15th CD 3 Assembly to run against Scott Tipton. It was a squeaker, with Gail getting 70.18% of

the vote to Steve Sheldon's 29.81%. We appreciate Steve Sheldon stepping up to run and we sincerely hope he will stay active in our party's progressive, forward-thinking politics. Thanks, Steve!



Incumbent Republican Representative Scott Tipton is getting a serious challenge with Gail's entry into the race. Gail most recently served two terms as our former State Senator from SD 5, and before that she spent six years representing CD 3 as a member of the CU Board of Regents. She knows the district well, is a fearsome



advocate for Colorado's environment and a formidable campaigner. This race is one to watch and support - let's send Gail to Congress! For more information about Gail's candidacy, visit her website at: gailschwartzforcongress.com.

A drumroll for "down ballot" races!

As we await the outcome of the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination, we can be proud of our Democratic slate below the top line (down ballot). As the Republican Presidential nomination race continues to polarize and alienate, we expect outside conservative groups and their donor network to target all the other races more than ever. While rooting for your preferred Presidential nominee to win, don't underestimate the importance of electing these Democrats to office:

Senator **Michael Bennet**, for reelection
US Congress, CD 2 **Jared Polis**, for reelection
US Congress, CD 3 **Gail Schwartz**
CU Regent-at-Large, **Alice Madden**
District Attorney, JD 5 **Bruce Brown**, for reelection
State House District 26, **Diane Mitsch Bush**, for reelection
County Commissioner **Jill Ryan**, for reelection
County Commissioner **Kathy Chandler- Henry**, for reelection
Treasurer, **Teak Simonton**

Email Carole or Joy about getting involved at conderdonk0316@gmail.com or joyh@eagledeems.org

Upcoming Events

THIS SATURDAY, May 7 - Join the Eagle County Democrats for the 16th Annual Community Pride Highway Cleanup. Bring garden or work gloves and sunscreen. Sorry, no kids 12 and under. We'll have trash bags, safety vests and water. Afterwards we'll enjoy great food, Crazy Mountain beer, live music and a raffle at the Broken Arrow at Arrowhead.

What: 16th Annual Community Pride Highway Cleanup
When: Saturday, May 7, Cleanup is 9:00 a.m. - noon; BBQ is noon - 2:00 p.m.
Where: Meet at Wolcott Park and Ride, I-70 Exit 157

RSVPs helpful: Email Jane Lowery at janelowery@aol.com or call 713-805-7609

Thursday, May 12 - You're invited to join our State Representative Diane Mitsch Bush for a 2016 legislative wrap up, review, and community conversation. She will give an end-of-session update on the 2016 General Assembly, take questions, and explain issues. Most of the time will be discussion and Q&A, so feel free to come and go as it's convenient. Diane is looking forward to visiting with you.

What: Legislative Wrap Up with Representative Diane Mitsch Bush

When: Thursday, May 12, 5:30 pm to 7pm,

Where: Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd floor

Eagle County Building, 500 Broadway, Eagle, CO 81631

(You can also sign up to receive Diane's newsletter, at: dianeforcolorado.com.)



ColoradoCare
Vote Yes on Amendment 69

Saturday, June 11 - The Eagle, Garfield and Pitkin County Democratic Parties are pleased to be hosting the ColoradoCare campaign at the Glenwood Springs Library. Former State

Senator Jeanne Nicholson will present an overview of Amendment 69, a citizen-driven ballot initiative that would ensure 100% of all Colorado residents receive comprehensive and affordable health care. By eliminating layers of bureaucracy and reducing administrative and other nonmedical costs, ColoradoCare would cover all residents and cost less than the current system.

What: ColoradoCares - Healthcare for All Coloradans - A Presentation

When: Saturday, June 11, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: Glenwood Springs Library, Glenwood Springs, CO

Upcoming Summer Events - mark your calendars!

Fri - Sat, June 24 - 25 - Eagle Flight Days Booth and Parade

Mon, July 4 - Vail Fourth of July Parade

Fri - Sat, July 15 - 16 - Gypsum Daze Booth and Parade

Wed - Sat, July 20 - 23 - Eagle County Fair & Rodeo Booth

Next Eagle Dem Monthly Meetings

All are welcome. Email Cookie at cookiemp619@gmail.com if you'd like to receive the monthly meeting reminders and agenda. Meetings are held at the Eagle Valey Library at 600 Broadway in Eagle, unless otherwise noted. Join us!

Wednesday, May 11, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Become a Dem "GEM"

Be one of our prized GEM (Give Every Month) donors. A small monthly donation really adds up - just \$10 monthly becomes a healthy and welcome \$120 contribution by year's end. Just select the "Make it Monthly" button when you enter your payment information at Act Blue.



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 door hangers. Every dollar helps!

**Teak Simonton's
delicious
campaign
kick-off**

Those who attended the enjoyable afternoon kick-off of Teak's campaign for Eagle County Treasurer were treated to an amazing spread of her homemade cookies and other treats at her beautiful home. That was a SWEET way to earn our support! Thanks, Teak!



Joy Harrison, Pat Hammon and Carole Onderdonk sampling the homemade goodies. The tastiest campaign kick-off ever!

Check out Teak's Facebook page for more info on her candidacy: [facebook.com/simontonfortreasurer](https://www.facebook.com/simontonfortreasurer)

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