

EAGLE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Newsletter

December 2015

Dear friend and supporter,

We are fast approaching the start of campaign season! Your neighborhood caucuses will be held on Tuesday, March 1 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Please commit to attending, whether you support Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders or Martin O'Malley. Caucus is where citizens may influence who the candidate is at the top of June's primary ballot, and who will earn Colorado's delegates at the Democratic National Convention in August.

Voters must be affiliated with the Democratic Party in order to participate; the deadline to affiliate is January 4, 2016. Be sure to remind your progressive unaffiliated friends and neighbors to register as a Democrat at: govotecolorado.com

We are looking for volunteers countywide to help run their caucus. We will be holding trainings in February. [Please email us](#) if you are interested in helping out, or visit our website to learn more about the process, [at eagledems.org](http://eagledems.org).

Upcoming Meetings

Our next meeting is:

Wednesday, December 16... 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Teak Simonton's home in Eagle. We're making caucus reminder calls to our "best" Democratic voters in Eagle County following a short business meeting. We're mixing business with fun, so BYOB and Teak will provide snacks. [Email us to get Teak's address](#) if you'd like to join us.

Upcoming meetings:

Sunday, January 24... 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Joy Harrison's home in Eagle Ranch. At this get-together, we'll be making more calls to prospective caucus attendees to encourage participation. [Email us to get Joy's address](#) if you can join us. Joy will have a big pot of soup... and again, BYOB.

February... (Date, time, location TBD.) Caucus training(s) will be offered to anyone interested in becoming a Precinct Committee Person or in volunteering at their caucus site. Details will be posted on our website ASAP and in the next newsletter.

Tuesday, March 1... 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. CAUCUS! Head to your precinct caucus site. We're planning eight locations - Vail, Red Cliff, Minturn, Avon, Edwards, Eagle, Gypsum, El Jebel - to make it more convenient for citizens valleywide to participate. We'll publish locations and addresses in an upcoming newsletter and on our website.

Our state legislators

Eagle County is special for many reasons, including its scenery, natural resources and quality of life. We're ably represented by Senator Donovan and Representative Mitsch Bush in the state legislature, who are committed to protecting our open spaces for the next generation. But make no mistake - they are challenged by conservative colleagues who seek to privatize public lands and deny climate change. Sign up for their newsletters (links below) to learn more about their work during the next session of the General Assembly, which convenes on January 13, 2016.

Senator Kerry Donovan - Senate District 5

Kerry is a member of the Senate Agriculture, Livestock & Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Local Government Committee. She's working to help rural communities by mitigating the impact of coal mine closures and layoffs with an emergency grant program. She is also researching how to bring broadband to the towns in Colorado who currently have little or no access to high speed internet so residents may compete on a level playing field with urban-dwellers.

[Sign up here for Senator Donovan's monthly newsletter.](#)

Representative Mitsch Bush - House District 26

Diane is Vice Chair of the House Transportation & Energy Committee and a member of the House Agriculture, Livestock & Natural Resources Committee. She's been a tireless advocate for free-flowing rivers in the drafting of the new Colorado Water Plan. Rep. Mitsch Bush will continue her work to reduce weather-related closures on I-70, by introducing her vehicle winter-traction bill again in the next session. [Sign up here for Representative Mitsch Bush's newsletter.](#)

Building A Better Colorado



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Join the discussion

A group of stakeholders from across Colorado came together this summer to form the "Building a Better Colorado" organization. Its bipartisan members are seeking solutions to some of Colorado's most vexing challenges: TABOR limits, the initiative process (whereby citizens may easily amend our state constitution), and reforming our caucus system. If you'd like to weigh in on these important issues affecting all of us, visit the website and offer your own comments, at betterco.org. New legislation to fix these problems may be drafted for the November 2016 ballot, based on the findings of this statewide discussion.

Brunch Before the Broncos

Playing Offense and Defense in 2016

Thank you to all who came out on November 8th for a great event: Brunch Before the Broncos. Rick Palacio, the Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party gave a presentation on the current economic picture, and how fellow Democrats can explain our vision of creating better opportunities to our friends and neighbors. We also heard updates from State Senator Donovan and Representative Mitsch Bush. And, we held the Great Eagle County Democrats Inaugural Presidential Candidates Marble Poll! The results? Hillary Clinton in first with 22 marbles; Bernie Sanders in a close second with 19 marbles and Martin O'Malley came in a distant third with 2 marbles. Let's do it again in four years!



Thanks for coming!



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