



Dear friends,

The participation and energy at our Reorganizational meeting on February 11 was inspiring! Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who stepped up to run as a "Bonus Member" to represent our county in the Congressional District 3, House District 57, Senate District 5, Judicial District 9, and/or the Colorado Democratic Party central committees.

Congratulations to those who were elected to serve as Bonus Members (see the list of names below). Each of the committees listed above will also be electing officers at their upcoming Reorganizational meetings and all registered Democratic voters within each district are eligible to run. You can [email us](#) for more info.

I'm honored to serve another two-year term as the GarCo Dems Chair, and I'm happy to announce that our other officers will be continuing as well: Brittany Biebl as Vice Chair; Donna Yost as Treasurer; Eden Steele as Secretary. All officer positions are volunteer, so I'm especially grateful for the high quality work and incredible commitment of these county officers.

I hope you will also consider joining our team! We have big plans for what we'd like to accomplish, but it's going to take more people-power to get it all done. We have openings for additional County Officers and Executive Committee members and we're always looking for volunteers for short-term projects, like helping to organize our Spring Party & Fundraiser. Please [reach out](#) if you'd like more info on any of these opportunities.

Finally, before we close out Black History Month, here's my February column, in case you missed it: [Drawing inspiration from our nation's heroes during Black History Month](#).

Best,
Debbie

Congrats to all the newly-elected Bonus Members who will be representing Garfield County as part of the CD3, HD57, SD5, JD9, or Colorado Democratic Party Central Committees:

Beatriz Soto, Caitlin Carey, Cole Buerger, Jasmin Ramirez, Jess Hedden, Judy Haynes, Mary Watson, Michael Merrifield, Mitchell Weimer, Roger Wilson, Sophia Clark, Trinity Stebleton



Latino Outreach Highlight:

Latino Outreach Director Trinity Stebleton attended the first-ever BIPOC Rising Prospective Candidate Training in partnership with the Boulder County Democratic Party. She connected with key community organizers and elected officials from across the state, and returned with a host of resources that we'll be drawing on to create our own county-specific handbook to make it easier for candidates of all backgrounds to run for and get elected to office.



If you're looking for a way to help the victims of the horrible earthquake in Turkey, GarCo Dems Executive Committee member Gina Thompson is working with her son, Caleb, an exchange student in Turkey, and the Rotary Club here in Glenwood Springs and in Adana, Turkey to fund grassroots relief projects in the coming months. Read more [here!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHAIR
Howard Chou Tim Kubik Shad Murib

1st VICE CHAIR **2nd VICE CHAIR**
Indira Doggrati Terry Kasker Eljahi Darnon-A Scott Mangino

VICE CHAIR - GEOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH **TREASURER**
Michael Bell Celyn Rieger Rosanna Reyes Christian Seid

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Eric Chan Sheema Kadi

Saturday 02.25.23
10am-12pm
www.coloradodems.org/reorg

COLORADO DEMS OFFICERS CANDIDATES FORUM

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Colorado Democratic Party Officers Candidate Forum with Colorado Dems

Saturday, Feb. 25 @ 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Join a forum with the candidates running for Colorado Democratic Party offices.

The forum for the chairs will be first, at 10:00 a.m., with 13 questions for each. This will be followed at 11:20 with a forum for other officer candidates.

RSVP



Uinta Oil Train Protest Centennial Park, Glenwood Springs

Saturday, Feb. 25 @ 12:00 p.m.

Join 350 Roaring Fork in a protest at Centennial Park in Glenwood Springs against the Uinta Oil Train. Demand the reversal of a decision by the U.S. Forest Service and Surface Transportation Board for a stretch of railroad from the Uinta Basin oil fields to the Union Pacific line along the Colorado River.

STOP A CLIMATE TRAIN WRECK

SECRETARY VILSACK: CANCEL THE UINTA BASIN RAILWAY!
TEN 2 MILE-LONG TRAINS A DAY HAULING HEATED CRUDE THROUGH GLENWOOD CANYON POSE GRAVE RISKS OF SPILLS, FIRES, WORSENS CLIMATE CHANGE

Even if you can't make it, consider [signing the petition](#) and/or [emailing Agriculture Secretary Vilsack](#).

Online Town Hall - Central Mountain Lawmakers with Voces Unidas Action Fund

Wednesday, March 1 @ 6:00 p.m.

RSVP

Join Senator Dylan Roberts (SD8), Representative Elizabeth Velasco (HD57), Speaker Julie McCluskie (HD13), and Representative Meghan Lukens (HD26).

		JOIN US FOR AN ONLINE TOWN HALL	
WITH OUR CENTRAL-MOUNTAIN LAWMAKERS			
SEN. DYLAN ROBERTS (SD8)	REP. ELIZABETH VELASCO (HD57)	SPEAKER JULIE MCCLUSKIE (HD13)	REP. MEGHAN LUKENS (HD26)
6 PM MARCH 1		RSVP at vocesunidasaction.org	

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Learn more

Living with Bears New Castle Community Center

Wednesday, March 1 @ 6:00 p.m. - Education
Learn about what makes bears tick, what they are interested in, and how they go about their lives.

Wednesday, March 22 @ 6:00 p.m. - Prevention
Learn what we can do to deter bears from coming too close as well as how to keep ourselves, our pets, and the bears safe.

Wednesday, April 19 @ 6:00 p.m. - Encounters
learn what to do when you meet a bear!

Email ccarey@newcastlecolorado.org with questions.



The Rural Initiative Invites You to a
CDP Chair Candidate Forum
Friday, March 17 at 3:00 pm via Zoom
REGISTER: <https://tinyurl.com/CDPRI-chair-forum>

COLORADO DEMOCRATS RURAL INITIATIVE



REGISTER



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RSVP

Colorado Democratic Party Chair Candidate Forum with the Rural Initiative

Friday, March 17 @ 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Please join the Rural Initiative of the Colorado Democratic Party for a candidate forum where you will have a chance to hear from the three candidates for CDP Chair about their plans for supporting rural county parties and getting Democrats elected in all parts of our state. You may submit questions in advance to chair@montezumadems.org and [RSVP here](#).



*****Save the Date*****
Garfield County Dems Party & Fundraiser
Sunday, May 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Homestead Bar & Grill, River Valley Ranch, Carbondale

Save the date for the Garfield County Dems Party and Fundraiser to be held again this year. Tickets will go on sale in April!

[Email us](#) to join our event-planning team!

Run for Something!

Have you ever thought about running for office? Local offices are a great way to get started!

If you're interested in learning more about positions coming up for election, please contact us at info@garcodems.org!



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- [Scrooges, heroes, and Social Security](#) (Post Independent, Dec 15, 2022)
- [Reflections on the elections](#) (Post Independent, Nov 18, 2022)
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