



HORIZON AWARD

First awarded in 2004, the *Horizon Award* was established to recognize someone new to the Pueblo Democratic Party who has made significant contributions. **Victoria “Tory” Marquesen received this year’s award at the March 17th St. Patrick’s Day Dinner.**

Tory moved to Pueblo in 1999, joining the faculty at CSU-Pueblo as the Director and later the Associate Dean for Teacher Education. Before this move to Colorado, she taught students with special needs and later served on the faculty at Morningside College in Iowa and at The Ohio State University, and the University of Kansas. She’s currently Professor Emeritus at CSU-Pueblo.

Although she’s a lifelong Democrat who’s volunteered in past election cycles, Tory’s retirement from CSU-Pueblo in 2015 has given her the opportunity to participate in a more significant way with Pueblo Democrats.

During the 2016 election, Tory served as a volunteer at the Pueblo office of the Colorado Democratic Party’s Coordinated Campaign, spending countless hours helping canvassers and phone bankers.

Last year, she was selected to serve on the Pueblo Dems’ Executive Committee. She’s an active member of the Fund-raising Committee, taking leadership roles on several projects, including co-chairing our successful Fall garage sale as well as last year’s and this year’s St. Patrick’s Day Dinner silent auctions. She’s a member of the Jac-X-Pres Democratic Club, serves as the Treasurer of Brianna Buentello’s House District 47 campaign, and has participated in many events for the Party’s Outreach Committee.

Tory brings a deep well of experience in Democratic politics, having been Vice-Chair of her Party in Woodbury County, Iowa before coming to Pueblo.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU, TORY, for your enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication. This award is well deserved!

“There is hardly anything in the world that some men can’t make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and the people who consider price only are this man’s lawful prey.”

-- John Rushkin

A new activist organization has recently been formed called *Moms Demand Action (Affiliated with Everytown for Gun Safety)*. For information, check out

<https://momsdemandaction.org> or contact Crystal Carkhuff at cqcarkhuff@gmail.com for information. Their statement states: “We support the Second Amendment, not wanton violence.”



JAC-X-PRES
DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Pueblo Union Depot. Annual dues (January – December) are \$10. A good time to socialize with fellow Democrats, have a good lunch, and listen to good guest speakers!

For information on Jac-X-Pres’ organization and activities, call Kathy Bacino at 595-0164.

Support This Woman Scientist for CU Regent!



Photo for by Lesley For CU Regent

Hi, I’m Lesley Smith, a Democrat running for CU Regent At-Large to fight for affordable, accessible pathways to success for all students.

- ★ Career scientist and educator.
- ★ Eight years on local school board.
- ★ First woman aquanaut to live & work in the Aquarius underwater research lab.

Learn more about Lesley and why this race matters at:

Exceptionally Qualified Leadership LesleyForCU.org



**DEMOCRATS' PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE
CANVASSING PROGRAM**

Pueblo Democrats are participating in the Colorado Democrats' People to People Program. The mission of People-to-People Canvassing: *"To turn Colorado from purple to blue, and help swing the House and the Senate to the Democrats; to elect Democratic candidates up and down the ticket all over the country, and specifically here in Pueblo."* The program is *"based on a simple premise: we need to meet people where they are, listen to them, and learn from the voters themselves rather than listen to consultants or polls."*

Jan Butorac and Vicente Martinez Ortega have been leading in this local effort. They've been busy recruiting volunteers, especially precinct chairs, and held a training class at Dem HQ on April 22nd. They're working with the new state-wide Field Coordinator, Tyler McDermott.

This is a labor-intensive effort and will make a big difference in the way Pueblo votes. Both Dems and Unaffiliateds need to be reached.

For information on how you can be involved in this important voter outreach program, contact Jan at: jan.butorac@gmail.com, 703-622-1722 (cell phone number), or Vicente at vmo17.63@gmail.com, 303-960-3335 (cell phone)

IMPORTANT PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

By Gilbert "Bo" Ortiz, County Clerk & Recorder

With the passing of Proposition 108 in the 2016 Presidential election, unaffiliated voters now have the right to vote in party primary elections like the one coming up on June 26th. In order to facilitate them, the county clerk from every county will send two ballots, one Democratic, one Republican, in the unaffiliated voter's ballot packet. **The unaffiliated voter needs to pick which ballot she or he wants to vote for, fill out that ballot, and return the filled-out ballot. The unaffiliated voter cannot vote for candidates on both ballots and return them both. If both ballots are returned, neither of the unaffiliated voter's ballots will be counted.**

An unaffiliated voter can also go online at: govotecolorado.com or in person at the Elections Department, 720 N Main St., Suite 200, and request only a Republican or Democratic ballot. In this case, the unaffiliated voter will only get the ballot requested and it will not continue as a permanent preference.

Please remind our unaffiliated friends that if they vote two ballots, neither will be counted!

BINGO VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

First awarded in 2006 to recognize a volunteer for his or her dedication and work at our Party's Friday night bingo games, Linda Biondillillo received this award at the March 17th St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Linda's helped with the bingo games since the Party began conducting them in 1997. Trying to express with the written word how invaluable she's been is hard to do ... not sure there are enough adjectives. She has the institutional knowledge of the machinations of all aspects of the games, including the rules, working the cashier's counter, selling pull tabs, maintaining the accounting books, assisting in solving problems when they arise, and helping wherever she may be needed. She volunteers her time almost every Friday of the year. If she's not needed to help with a task on a particular night, she enjoys playing the game.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU, LINDA, for your immeasurable assistance and dedication!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are
 always in need of volunteers to help with
 bingo. This is the primary fundraiser for the
 party. If you have even one night that you
 can help, please call:

AL BECCO – 561-0086

OR

MIKE ORAZEM – 564-2377



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