

Progressive 15

Northeastern Colorado

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Adams County Member's Caucus Set

Progressive 15 members from Adams County will be having their caucus on August 27th at 12 noon over lunch at the Adams County Economic Development Office. Mark your calendar and plan to attend - agenda to follow

Please thank the following

Sponsors of the 2008 Fall Membership Meeting & Candidate Forum.

Their support helps us keep the costs down.

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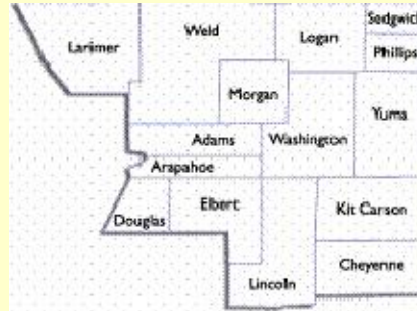
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Contact cathy@progressive15.org to reserve your sponsorship space or call her at 970-768-2230 with any questions.

Standing Committee Chairs & Co-chairs Needed

**Chair & Co Chair for
Education / Workforce**
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**Co Chair for Ag &
Public Lands**
**Co Chair for Economic
Development/Tourism**

If interested contact
Cathy at 970-768-2230 or
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E mail from Member Denise Denton on July 31, 2008

"I was just leaving Target when two people approached me and asked if I would sign their petition regarding severance taxes for the oil companies. Thanks to the recent P15 meeting, I felt well-informed on the topic and knew where I stood. Thank you."

News From Around the State & Country

1. Senator Ken Salazar Hosting Series of Town Hall Meetings on Health Care
 1. Tuesday, August 12th Burlington 3 pm VFW Hall
 2. Tuesday, August 12th Wray 5 pm Ambulance Barn Community Room
 3. Wednesday, August 13th Julesburg 10 am Sedgwick County Court House Annex
 4. Wednesday, August 13th Sterling 12 pm Devonshire Acres
 5. Wednesday, August 13th Fort Morgan 2 pm Morgan Community College

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Hosting Farm Bill Workshops 303-283-3530

1. Monday August 11 7:15 pm Greeley - Bunkhouse at Island Grove Park
2. Wednesday, August 13 1 pm Sterling Ramada Inn
3. Wednesday, August 13 7:15 Wray City Hall Roundhouse

Training

1. Colorado Institute for Leadership Training www.ciltonline.org
2. Bighorn Leadership Development on Rural Health Care
www.outreach.colostate.edu/bighorn
3. Transit Alliance Citizens Academy citizensacademy@transitalliance.org

Nominate outdated or ineffective federal regulations by going to
www.sba.gov/advo/r3 or e mail to advocacy@sba.gov

For the latest FAQ's on the rail relocation project go to
www.dot.state.co.us/RailroadStudy/FAQ/default.asp

Grants

1. Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Council awarded over \$1.9 million - in our area grants were awarded in Burlington, Fort Lupton, Haxtun, Kiowa, Limon, Sterling and Yuma
2. Colorado earns \$20.8 in homeland security grants. Local agencies will now have an opportunity to submit grant applications through the nine all-hazard geographical regions across the state
3. Funds to develop new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential health care services may be applied for at
<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webexternal/fundingoppdetails.asp?>

4. Advancing Colorado's Renewable Energy program to promote agricultural energy related projects has grant funds totaling \$500,000. www.colorado.gov/ag/energy
5. Grant funding through USDA-RD was awarded in Julesburg; Holyoke; Wray and Yuma

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**2008 Fall Membership Meeting & Candidates Forum
September 17-19, 2008**

Riverdale Golf Club - 13300 Riverdale Road - Brighton, CO

Tentative Agenda

9/17 Wednesday - Starting 10 am

Pro/Con Panels on Initiatives
 Colorado Innovation Council on Broadband Mapping & Deployment
 Colorado Film Commission & Economic Development
 Lunch & Evening Reception & Networking

9/18 Thursday - 9 am

Members discussion on Ballot Issues and position decisions
 Board Meeting
 State Senate & Representatives Candidates

Thursday Night Dinner - Alumni of the Plains Presentation

9/19 Friday 9 am

United States Senate and U.S. Representative Candidates
 Closing Lunch with Speaker Andrew Romanoff

Calendar

	DATE	EVENT	DETAILS	FOR MORE INFORMATION
2008				
August				
	25-28	Democratic National Convention		

September				
	1-4	Republican National Convention		
	5-6	Club 20 Fall Meeting		
P 15 Event	17-18-19	Progressive 15 Fall Meeting with candidates forum and board meeting in Brighton	Brighton	
	22-26	CASTA Fall Conference & Expo		www.coloradotransit.com
	26-27	Action 22 Fall Conference		
October				
November				
	14 th	National Philanthropy Day in Colorado	Denver	www.npdcolorado.org
December				
P 15 Event	8	Board & Committee chair Retreat in Fort Morgan		

Progressive 15 At The Table:

- Congratulations to Lincoln County Commissioner Steve Burgess who was appointed to the new Child Welfare Action Committee by Governor Ritter
- Check out this month's issue of Colorado Biz at www.cobizmag.com

Membership

New Members 2008

Dennis and Debby Coryell SPONSOR: Deni Coryell

Jim Whitmore

Colorado Mining Association SPONSOR: Chuck Rech

Perry Buck

Don Ament

Powertech USA SPONSOR: Chuck Rech

Northeast Chapter of Colorado Oil & Gas Association SPONSORS: Cathy, David, Jon, Del, Kari & Bob

Bob Mailander SPONSOR: Don Rutledge

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Michael Ellsberry
Colorado AHEC System Office

Renewals- May / June/ July / August 2008

- Adams County Economic Development
- Adams County
- Town of Iliff
- I-70 REAP
- City of Fort Morgan
- Logan County Economic Development
- K. C. Electric
- Darris Cumming
- James Scholl
- Northern Colorado Medical Center
- Kindra Mulch
- Lincoln Bed & Breakfast
- Eastern Colorado Workforce Center
- Northeast Colorado Health Department
- Mike Benson
- Trevor Tuell
- Town of Limon
- Newland Communities

You can now join Progressive 15 with a credit card by going to
www.progressive15.org/membership.htm

2008 Ballot As Of August 5th

This is probably still not complete but is best info we can find at this time:

Ballot Initiatives Set or Signatures Turned In:

SET:

Amendment 46 titled Prohibition on Discrimination and Preferential Treatment by Colorado Government

Amendment 47 titled Prohibition on Certain Conditions of Employment

Amendment 48 titled Definition of Person

Amendment 49 titled Ethical Standards in Public Payroll

SIGNATURES TURNED IN:

Initiative 59 Restrictions on Campaign Contributions from Government Sole-Source Contractors

Initiative 113 Severance Tax increase for scholarships, open space, wildlife, etc.

Initiative 120 Freeze Severance Taxes but divert some existing revenues to I-70 expansion (Progressive 15 Board will be reviewing committee recommendation to support)

Initiative 121 Increasing betting limit in gambling towns for community colleges

Initiative 126 Labor/Amendment 23 reform plan

Referenda on the Ballot:

L - Qualifications for Serving in State Legislature HCR07-1002

M - Obsolete Constitutional Provision Relating to Land Value Increases HCR08-1009

N - Obsolete Constitutional Provisions Relating to Liquor HCR08-1008

O - Changes to Initiative Process SCR08-003 *(Progressive 15 has already come out in support of this one)*

Also Took Out Petitions to be Turned in August 4, 2008:

Initiative 2 - Prayer Time in School

Initiative 74 - Liability for Business Entities and Their Executive Officials - Criminal Liability

Initiative 75 - Criminal Conduct by Businesses - Liability

Initiative 76 - Just Cause for Employee Discharge or Suspension

Initiative 83 - Fee on Energy Emissions

Initiative 85 - Consumer Protection - Complementary and Alternative Health Care

Initiative 92 - Employer Responsibility for Health Insurance

Initiative 93 - Safe Workplace

Initiative 95 - Taxable Value and Taxes of Property

Initiative 96 - Cost-of-living Wage Increase

Initiative 100 - Attendance in Public Schools

Initiative 128 - State Sales Tax for Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

For full details on initiatives go to the www.elections.colorado.gov

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Standing Committees

	Title	Name
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