

Coalition for a Conservative Majority - Colorado Springs

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***** MONTH IN REVIEW *****

- ***It bears repeating!!!*** Your grassroots efforts assisted in defeating the following critical state legislative bills:

CO HB1299 – Would have surrendered Colorado's electoral votes to winner of nationwide popular vote.

CO HB1274 – Would have repealed the death penalty in Colorado.

- **CO State Senator Ted Harvey sent an "End of Session Overview" dated 5/7/09, and in it he states:** "The 2009 legislative session has come to an end, and conservatives have won great battles in spite of being outnumbered in both the House and Senate. The grassroots involvement in this legislative session has been unprecedented. The successes we have seen this legislative session were only because of the hard work of conservatives at the grassroots level. Thank you for your help: none of our victories this year would have been possible without your commitment. ... The ... more important factor ... is the sudden emergence of an active, engaged conservative grassroots. Citizen activism on this level has never happened before, and it has transformed this legislative body. The people of Colorado are no longer content to allow their lives to be controlled by a handful of politicians in Denver ... The citizen involvement that has taken place among conservatives has transformed this legislative session." → **Power to the people!** ☺☺☺
- **CCM-COS is 100% local!** CCM-COS members have voted to charter our own 501-c-4 in the state of Colorado. It's an exciting time as we are now a 100% locally controlled and grassroots-driven group, with no strings attached to remote interests.

***** TONIGHT'S SPEAKERS *****

CO State House Representative Kent Lambert

CO State House Representative Kent Lambert will introduce an overview to his new Grassroots Advocacy Training.

*** SPECIAL FOCUS FORUM ***

"Governor Ritter's Energy Economy... Can Colorado Afford It?"

Expert panelists will discuss and expose the truth about Governor Ritter's energy economy. Panelists include:

Don Garretson, Economist

Don Shattuck, AQCS Program Manager, Zachry Engineering Corporation

John Harpole, President, Mercator Energy

***** UPCOMING AREA EVENTS *****

Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition Meeting June 11th 7:00pm (2nd Thursday of the month) VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Avenue. For more information check out: www.ppfco.org

Grassroots Advocacy Training Tuesday, June 16th 7:00 – 9:00pm – CO State House Representative Kent Lambert has thorough knowledge and understanding of liberal tactics and methods, both here in Colorado and nationwide. He will be training conservatives how to effectively combat liberal agendas using social networking technology and other techniques. Class will be held at the El Paso County Republican Headquarters. RSVP to the Republican Headquarters @ 578-0022. Sign up soon, only 75 seats are available and this class is expected to fill up fast. This class is free.

CCM Progress & Strategy Meeting Tuesday, July 7th. Take note of new meeting format and schedule:

6:00 – 6:30pm Members' Business Meeting

6:30 – 7:30pm Progress & Strategy Meeting for members, volunteers, and guests

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“Free People, Free Markets” by Paul Prentice Tuesday, July 14th 6:30-9:30pm at the Vanguard School, 1605 S Corona Ave, Colorado Springs, 80905. This highly recommended course makes moral/philosophic case for free-market capitalism. \$25 per person. Register here: www.limitedgovforum.org/prog.html or call Sean Paige at 719-576-9055.

Check our website for more updated events information under the “Events” tab.

***** **PERSONAL ACTION YOU CAN TAKE NOW** *****

- 1) Sign up for and attend the Grassroots Advocacy Training and learn how easily you can make a difference in our political landscape. Then get active online, on the phone, anywhere you can!
- 2) Write at least one (or more) letter(s) to the editor and help expose the truth about Governor Ritter’s energy economy. Check our online “Media Power” page (under the “BE HEARD” tab) for letter-to-the-editor tips, then find our listing of all local papers and write a letter to at least one newspaper. This is an easy, yet critical action in shifting public opinion back towards truth!
- 3) Share what you’ve learned with friends, neighbors, family. Friendly, educational conversation can be one of the best ways to motivate and mobilize others to get involved!
- 4) Network online! If comfortable doing so, get a Facebook account, join our Facebook page, and start networking.
- 5) Bring a friend to next month’s CCM Progress & Strategy meeting.
- 6) Grab some CCM flyers and keep them in your car or purse. Seek opportunities to spread the hope of conservative grassroots by handing them to folks who might be interested in getting involved.
- 7) Forward email alerts to as many as you can, both here in Colorado and nationwide, and encourage your recipients to get involved locally or to start their own grassroots groups across our state and nation... we’re eager to consult or assist startup groups in any way we can.

***** **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING** *****

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| ➤ Healthcare task force* | ➤ Website content updates | ➤ How-to documents |
| ➤ Media watch | ➤ Local legislative watch | ➤ State legislative watch |
| ➤ National legislative watch | ➤ Database maintenance | ➤ Email alerts editor |

* President Obama’s Organizing for America group is kicking off a nationwide comprehensive health care campaign June 6th. Their goal: grassroots pressure on lawmakers to support comprehensive health care bills in the US Congress by August. We must strategize, organize and act to counter this effort now. But first we need volunteers to watch their effort, research and compile pertinent information, and help us all prepare to mobilize with truth. Ready to take it on?

***** **THINGS TO CONSIDER** *****

- Local school boards across our community are seeking nominations for upcoming elections. If conservatives are going to take back our city, it’s got to start at this very local level. Although not everyone will be compelled to do so, consider running for these positions. This is your opportunity to have a direct impact on our local public education. CCM doesn’t endorse candidates, but we’re compiling powerful information resources that can help prepare potential candidates for successful campaigns.
- Remember: every effort counts, no matter how big or small. You decide what level of commitment you make to advance the conservative cause... but seek ways to get involved! Success depends on each one of us!

☺☺☺ **Thanks for being a part of tonight’s meeting! See you next month!** ☺☺☺

Are you ready to act? Let’s take it back!