

## Chaffee County Democrats

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Dear Democratic Friends,

Former Colorado state senator and conservative Republican John Andrews said in a recent television commentary that his party would rebound from its overwhelming defeat in last year's elections because of the inevitable "overreaching" by Democrats in 2009 and 2010. While there appears to be no indication of that forecast becoming a reality, it is certainly true that Republicans, in Colorado and here in Chaffee County, are working diligently to regain political power in order to pursue their agenda. We cannot rest during this off-election year and risk that: not statewide, not nationally, not here in Chaffee County.

Our county party intends to fight to retain Democrats in the county offices they now occupy, including that of our respected Commissioner Tim Glenn. Tim has been one of the most effective officers to hold that position in recent memory but unfortunately is term limited in 2010. Our recruitment committee already has begun the search for the best candidates to receive our party's backing and support for that office next year, and for other county and local offices as well.

The campaign will be neither easy nor inexpensive. Given the political orientation of most of the media in Chaffee County, the best alternative to get our message out to the public is through paid advertising —and that's expensive. For example, a one-eighth page color ad in the Mountain Mail and Chaffee County Times costs \$275. Radio spots and direct mailings are just as costly.

Faced with these political and financial realities, once again this year I am encouraging you to become a member of the **2009 Century Club** with a contribution of \$100 or more. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience; please fill it out completely. If your present circumstances do not permit you to contribute this amount, please consider a donation of some lesser sum. Consider also contributing your time or talents to our party by sponsoring a fundraiser such as a neighborhood spaghetti dinner, or designing a parade entry, or assisting with the annual Democrats' picnic to be held July 25th in Buena Vista. Please contact me directly for more information about how you can contribute in this way.

Sincerely,

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