

# MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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calendar:

- Monday,  
Sept. 21st  
MCRW ice  
cream social  
at Lincoln  
Park.
- Friday, Sept.  
18th MCR  
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## President's Message

By Ruth Ehlers

Another day, another protest rally! This time it was to call on U.S. Representative John Salazar to hold a town hall meeting to allow his constituents the opportunity to share our views regarding the Health Reform Bill with him. A small group, some of whom were said to be from Basalt, were there to counter our rally. We had music and they had their cow bells - I'd say a good time was had by all!

Actually, the only Health Reform Bill that has seen the light of day is H.R.3200, which passed at least three House committees before the August recess began. There are, as far as I know, at least three different versions roaming around in the Senate – none of which seem to have the sixty votes needed to pass – unless the Democrats decide to use what is called the Nuclear Option or Reconciliation - to pass parts of the bill with 51 votes. This would be a terrible blow to our form of legislation.

The President keeps telling us that we are being “misinformed” about the bills – from all I've been able to learn, he is the one who is misleading the public. I was just made aware in the last couple of days that at least one of the bills calls for Unionization of all Health Care workers. This helps to explain why the Unions are working so hard to see that a



Reform bill is passed.

Something that happened right here in Grand Junction last week should give us all the proof we need that the LAST thing we want is to allow the Federal Gov-

ernment to have control over our health care – and every aspect of our personal lives. Our Governor decreed that in order to help balance the budget he was closing the Regional Center here in Grand Junction. This, without any warning to any of the parties involved. The residents at the Regional Center are some of the most vulnerable and innocent victims of society – and yet our Governor saw fit to evict them from the place where they are most secure. Just ask yourself – “if our Governor will do something like this – in his own State and to such helpless souls, how much consideration do you think the Federal Government will give to any individual's personal health care?”

The most important thing we can do is continue to be as involved and as educated as possible on all the bills being brought to the House and the Senate. It's becoming more obvious all the time that the Administration currently in power has an agenda that doesn't fit with our Constitution.

There will be no lunch event in September, but instead the ice cream social! See more details...

# Women's Forum

Topic: How technology won Obama the election  
Sept. 8, 2009  
5:45-6:45 p.m.  
at the Gala Cafe



## Special event

By Heather Benjamin

In lieu of the usual monthly luncheon and speaker for the MCRW gathering, September will include the annual ice cream social event. The theme for this year's social is, 'Proud to be a Conservative American!'

The social will be held on Monday, September 21st, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You will find the MCRW party at Lincoln Park under the shelter on the north side of Gunnison Avenue, next to the

playground. The cost will be \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child. Please R.S.V.P. to Sue Stitt by Friday, September 18th via email at: [suestitt@bresnan.net](mailto:suestitt@bresnan.net) or call Sue at: 314-2283.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL



## Member support

Peggy Rundle, one of our dedicated MCRW members recently went through surgery. She has been unable to attend our monthly luncheons lately because of her ill health, and we miss her smiling face! Ruth Ehlers has spoken to Peggy's husband, Paul, often to keep us all informed on Peggy's progress and what we can all do to help them both. Paul assures us that all they need right now is our prayers. Peggy is not currently up to visitors or calls, but a short note of encouragement would be much appreciated.  
Peggy Rundle  
328 Dakota Circle  
Grand Junction, CO 81507

## Membership Update

By Cathy Percefull

Where do I begin? The Obama Administration is throwing everything at us. CAP & Trade, Health Care, Card Check and Social Security is next! NOW is the most important time for you to contact your elected officials to tell them where you stand on these important issues. Health care is the issue of the moment, but don't forget CAP & Trade. Under this the average family is expected to see a minimum of \$1,300 per year increase in their energy related bills (CBO report). For those of us small business owners, we'll be hit twice -- rates will go up at home and at the office. Under America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009 (HR3200) there will be neither choices nor affordability. HR3200 threatens job creators, does not increase access and choice, and destroys choice and competition for private insurance. It includes a destructive payroll tax. The public plan option would end up restricting choice to a single plan -- the government plan.

## MCRW Fund-raiser

### Pies Anyone? Pies For Sale...

It is that time of year again and MCRW Board members are so excited to get our annual fund-raiser underway! Every year the pie sales grow just like a homemade apple pie, bubbling over with caramel and sweet smells filling the kitchen.

Attached to the newsletter is a catalogue and order form for each member to get busy selling, selling, selling! Remember the pies all get delivered by October 26th so there is plenty of time for folks to get a Thanksgiving pie or two.

The pie orders must be in Rose's hands by October 1st so the overall order can be made by the MCRW deadline we have with Liberty (the pie company!). If you have any questions or to turn in your order form contact Rose directly at: 464-1183 or via email at: [vilarose16@aol.com](mailto:vilarose16@aol.com).

Thanks for supporting MCRW and participating in this successful and fun fund-raiser!

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## Recap of recent Local events

For those of you who joined MCRW President Ruth Ehlers at the President Barack Obama visit on the outside of the town hall meeting, this photo illustrated the view you most likely had...of the group of protestors split down the middle by Warrior Way and Sheriff's Deputies. No one was arrested and no one got hurt, so most would say it was a successful rally. The heat was the biggest problem, especially for those that were outside in the sun for many hours.



Rose Pugliese kicked off her Tuesday morning with a press conference in downtown Palisade. For what you ask? Rose announced her candidacy for District 51 School Board. Rose is running in District E, with great support from her MCRW fans. Shown in the photo is: John Pugliese, Rose and Marcia Neal. Photo taken by Ruth Ehlers.



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