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Colorado Springs Mayoral Candidates to Address PPFC

On March 12th, three of the four major Colorado Springs mayoral candidates will address PPFC members and take our questions. John Suthers, Amy Lathan, and Joel Miller will be at our meeting. Mary Lou Makepeace has a schedule conflict. The format gives each of the candidates 30 minutes to address the members and take questions.

We will also take a non-binding straw poll on the mayoral and city council candidates. Only PPFC members who are current in their dues will receive a straw poll ballot. If you are not current (membership expiring in 2015 or later—check the date above your address), you can renew at the meeting and receive a ballot. New members who join that night cannot vote until they have been members for at least 21 days in accordance with our by-laws.

All candidates for the April 7th City Council and Mayoral election are listed on our website with their contact information. As the PPFC PAC Steering Committee endorses candidates, that will also be listed on our website.

This is an excellent opportunity for PPFC members to hear directly from our next mayor! **We need a great turnout to show support for our rights.**

Colorado Gun Legislature Update

Of the 11 pro-gun rights bills introduced in the Colorado legislature this session, 5 House bills have been killed on a party-line vote in committee, 3 House bills are waiting a committee hearing, 1 Senate bill has cleared the Republican controlled Senate and has been assigned to the House “kill” committee by the House Democrat leadership, and 2 Senate bills are waiting a Senate committee hearing. You can get the latest status on the PPFC website for these bills. You can also read the bills.

**Action on these bills underscores, in vivid terms, way it is imperative that PPFC members continue to work on getting Republicans elected in all positions.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 12, 2015, 5:30PM:** PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051
- **March 12, 7:00PM:** PPFC General Membership Meeting
- **March 7-8 and May 2-3:** Prospector Sertoma Gun Show, Event Center at Rustic Hills, 3960 Palmer Park Ave (NE corner of Academy & Palmer Park)
- **March 26, 5:30:** Friends of NRA dinner and fundraiser, 5515 Palmer Park Blvd.

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A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. --Amendment II, US Constitution

The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called to question; . . . --Article II, § 13, Colorado Constitution
El Paso County Sheriff’s Office Concealed Carry Update
Laurie Thomas of the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office gave PPFC members a great update on their concealed handgun permit program and process at our February 12th meeting. The program, Under Sheriff Bill Elder, will continue as is.

Annual Colorado Springs Friends of NRA Dinner
The 20th annual Colorado Springs Friends of NRA dinner will be held on Thursday, March 26th, starting at 5:30PM, at the Swan House Manor, 5515 Palmer Park Blvd (about 2 blocks west of Powers). This is the annual fundraiser for the NRA Foundation which helps fund firearm education, youth and women shooting sports, range development, and many other programs. Half of all money raised stays in our community. The NRA Foundation has given PPFC a grant for the last several years for our Women on Target clinics which introduce women to the shooting sports—a very successful program.

Information and a ticket order form are available on the PPFC website. You can also pre-purchase tickets for the ever popular bucket drawings. If you get them by March 12th, you will get 2-for-1!

There will be a great buffet dinner and many terrific prizes, including lots of firearms. Tickets are $40 and you do NOT have to be an NRA member to attend. If you have questions, call Dick Gandolf at 719-310-6414.

Renew and Stay Involved
If the member expiration date above your address is not 12/31/15 or later, your membership has expired. We need YOUR membership to ensure that PPFC remains a powerful voice in protecting our rights. PLEASE renew your membership now! You can renew, at our meeting, on-line on the PPFC website, or mail a check to PPFC at the above address. Dues are only $20 for individual and $30 for family memberships.

PPFC Members Address Students from France on 2nd Amendment
Richard Gandolf and Bernie Herpin spoke to 7 students from France at UCCS in their Colorado State & Local Government class. They were interested in our 2nd Amendment and state and local gun laws. We spent 2 hours with them and they had some great questions. Some of the students also visited the Magnum Shooting Range for some hands on experience. They also wanted to talk about our historic 2013 recalls. It was a great experience for us and them! Thanks to Professor John Mitchell for inviting us.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!