

THANK YOU!

The volunteer steering committee event organizers:

Bob Clark	Jason Kiely	Brianna Randall
Matt Clifford	Cliff Larsen	Robin Saha
Derek Goldman	Matt Leow	Anna Swanson
Beth Jaffe	Ron Mueller	Alex Taft

Outgoing MCV board co-chair Dick Barrett

Program guests:

Sen. Carol Williams
Dave Tyler
Theresa Keaveny

Program sponsors:

Scott Gil, Scotty's Table
Laura Waters, the Redbird
Andy Sponseller and Connie Poten, Ten Spoons Vineyard and
Winery
The Good Food Store

Thanks to the many members and community members with whom we spoke about organizing a chapter. More than 70 people met our staff and grassroots leaders individually to describe Missoula County's political climate and environmental opportunities.

Setup and clean-up volunteers



Missoula County Chapter Montana Conservation Voters

Member Kickoff Party
November 15th, 2007



Missoula County MCV Chapter Kickoff Program

Purpose of the Chapter Kickoff

Our chief purpose is to officially establish a Missoula County chapter of MCV, and formally elect a slate of grassroots volunteers to lead the chapter.

MCV recruits, trains and helps elect conservationists to public office. We shine a spotlight on the votes and actions of elected officials – from City Hall to Congress – so that voters know whether they stand up for Montanans' values for clean air and water.

Chapters are organized to recruit and help elect conservation-minded city and county officials, and hold them accountable. The cycle of accountability is the year round process of working to elect conservationists to office, lobby and pass local environmental priorities, and inform voters of elected officials' actions or votes on those priorities. Chapters also recruit members to serve on appointive boards and commissions.

Voting

Any member whose dues are current may vote. Guests of members may join tonight!

Program Feature - Senator Carol Williams, Missoula

Sen. Carol Williams is Montana's first female Senate Majority Leader. As a fifth generation Montanan, her professional and personal lives have been dedicated to ensuring that the next generations of Montanans have a bright future. MCV proudly endorsed her candidacy for the State Senate in 2004. She earned 100% voting records in the 2005 and 2007 sessions, where she defended Montanan's right to a clean and healthful environment in committee and on the floor of the Senate. Sen. Williams is married to former U.S. Congressman, Pat Williams. Tonight, Carol shares her perspective on why the conservation community matters to elected decision makers.

Tonight's schedule

6:00 - Social

7:00 - Program

- **Why form a chapter in Missoula?** Brianna Randall, Jason Kiely- Missoula Chapter Steering Committee members
- **A statewide perspective**, Dave Tyler, Chair MCV Board of Directors, rancher from Belgrade
- **Why conservationists matter to politicians**, Sen. Majority Leader Carol Williams
- **Opportunities for citizens to participate: boards and commissions**, Derek Goldman, Steering Committee member
- **Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund program highlights**, Theresa Keaveny, MCV and MCVEF Executive Director
- **Why join MCV?** Brianna Randall
- **Elect chapter leadership (all members may vote)**
- **Official establishment of chapter**, Alex Taft, Steering Committee member (all members may vote)
- **Raffle drawing**¹, Matt Leow, Steering Committee member
- **Concluding remarks**, Jason Kiely

Program end to 9:00 p.m. - Social

Volunteer help for clean-up graciously accepted.

* Win a chance to split the pot- buy raffle tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 each, or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing winner receives half of the proceeds. Must be present to win.