

NEWSLETTER

WINTER
2026

ALAMOSA DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEW YEAR EDITION

ALAMOSA DEMOCRATS CARE, AND ... WE SHOW UP!

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As the Alamosa Democrats reach the end of 2025, this is a great time to review what we achieved. Over and over, the message of our deeds is clear: we are getting things done in Alamosa, as well as supporting Democratic efforts in the Valley!

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FIRST MEETING OF 2026

Our First Monthly Meeting of the year will be on **Thursday, January 8th**, at **Lindo Jalisco**, located at 1019 6th Street in Alamosa. Order food & drink at **5:30pm**. Our meeting starts at **6:30pm**.



REALIGNMENT PLANNING

The party's Realignment Planning Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 31st, starting at 9:30am at The Barn at Manzanilla Farm, 6487 CO-17, in Alamosa.

We will be looking at reevaluating our Goal Team Structure and look at solidifying our planning for 2026, including discussing upcoming events, like our Candidate Forum (Feb 21), and Caucus (March 7). More details on Events will be forthcoming as plans and attendance solidify.

Check the Website Calendar for Updates!

HIGHLIGHTS

**2025 BIG
RECAP IN
LEAD STORY**

**FIRST MTNG
OF THE YEAR
JAN 8TH!**

**PLANNING
WORKSHOP
JAN 31ST**

**CANDIDATE
FORMUM
FEB 21ST 2PM**

**DEM CAUCUS
MAR 7TH 2PM
REC CENTER**



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Check out this list of accomplishments from our Goal Teams:

Voter Engagement (Goal Team I) Goal Team Co-Captains: Jamie Keairns & Dave Hofmann

- Focused on being trained in the VAN system.
- Led the *Get Out the Vote* (GOTV) effort for the November Consolidated Election with the help of Precinct Organizers.
- Planning precinct outreach in the Spring to turnout inconsistent Midterm Voters.
 - Targeted outreach
 - Deep Canvassing
- Currently soliciting Precinct Organizers for Precincts 5 and 8.

Communications (Goal Team II) Goal Team Co-Captains: Mary DeLorenzo & Mary Walsh

- Updated and maintained the Alamosa County Democrats (ACD) website.
 - added a functional calendar.
 - added pdf of the US Constitution (under resources).
 - researching a way to put restricted content on the site for Goal Team Captains and Precinct Organizers.
- Reached 1000 Facebook followers (from 250), and have increased post engagement especially for weekly *protest rally videos*.
- Continue to solicit & update new email addresses for use in ACD email communications.
- Created and printed an ACD brochure.
- Promoted ACD events using email & social media.
- Interacted with local media to get positive promotion for ACD activities (cleaning trails, volunteering at the food bank, partnering to replace flags at Centennial Park).
- Kept newspaper clippings for future project (digital scrapbook?).
- Developing an ACD Newsletter (quarterly).
- Drafted a Content Plan.

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Reach Out to Goal Team II if you are interested in writing for our Newsletter or Informational Bulletins.

★ **REMINDER: OUR RALLYS & PROTESTS ARE ON** ★
**SATURDAYS, FROM 12PM - 1PM AT THE CORNER OF
STATE AVE & MAIN ST IN ALAMOSA!**



SAVE THE DATE

**CANDIDATE FORUM
MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

21 FEB 2026

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Community (Goal Team III) Goal Team Co-Captains: Elsie Rudolph & Neil Rudolph

Continue ongoing projects such as:

- Increase visibility
- Hands-on Activities
- Consistent Regular/Outreach Events
- Food Bank Volunteers
- Adopt a Highway cleanup (Highway 160)
- Adopt a Trail cleanup (Sierra Blanca Loop)
- Find other Opportunities

Plans for 2026 are to continue 2025 projects and add others as the team is inspired to do so.

SLV Democrats Engagement (Goal Team IV) Goal Team Co-Captains: Jan Oen & Beth Kinney

Goal Team 4 worked hard on both the June 14 “No Kings” and the September Labor Day Marches, orchestrating the park reservations, setting up tent canopies, sound system, speakers, publicity and volunteer coordination. We also worked collaboratively with the *Crestone Indivisible Group* for both the June 14 March and the Labor Day March.

Some of us participated in both the SLV Veterans Salute and the July 4 parade in Monte Vista in support of the Rio Grande Democratic Party.

We backed the Black Friday Boycott on November 28 and 29, reducing purchases at big-box retailers and supporting small and local businesses.

Many members of the Alamosa County Democratic Party brought needed items for donations to migrant families, coordinated through the adopt-a-family from the Migrant Education Center at Adams State University.

All in all, a successful year was held by the Goal Team 4 participants. Those members include Beth Kinney, Jan Oen, Neil Rudolph, Chris Haley, Mary Russell, Sherry Perdue, Regina Rice, David Lenderts, and Marta Shoman.

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SEND YOUR EVENT PICTURES TO US AT
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Fund Raising (Goal Team V) Goal Team Co-Captains: Patti & Art Otiz

Members of the team include Art Ortiz, Patti Ortiz, Bob Rice, Regina Rice, Mary DeLorenzo, Mary Walsh, and David Hargis.

The purpose of this Goal Team is to actively solicit support for the Alamosa Democratic Party through donations in order to create a viable budget that prioritizes the needs of the party while staying within means. At each monthly meeting we make available forms for sustaining memberships (recurring donations) through Act Blue, also one-time donation envelopes that capture information needed for the treasurer's reporting. Donation jars are set out at each meeting and at all events.

We also informally, on occasion, pass the hat for donations. Team members donate and offer baked goods, snacks and drinks for donation at each meeting. We offer merchandise by donation including various styles of tee shirts and denim shirts, with our custom SLV Democrats logo. These items are paid for in advance. We also have bumper stickers, pens, and pocket size constitution books available for donations. We are planning to expand to offer other merchandise such as tote bags, ball caps, etc.

Future fundraising may include a silent auction. A Fall Potluck Fundraiser was held on October 18th. The event was well planned. A highlight for the event was a Decadent Dessert Auction. Also Dr. John Taylor from Adams State University was a featured speaker. We are happy to report that the Fall Potluck Fundraiser was well-attended and a great success. We raised over \$3,400 at this event.

We will continue to fundraise for the upcoming midterms next year, where there will be expenses such as office rental and associated expenses, printing of materials, support of candidates, etc. We are open to other fundraising ideas.

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Marketing and Special Events Outreach (Goal Team VI)

Goal Team Co-Captains: Sherry Perdue & Mary DeLorenzo

Goal Team 6 Accomplishments:

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We set up tables at several local events. At these events, we distributed information, collected monetary donations and had many conversations with people in the community about our values, commitments and our work. Community engagement at these events was overwhelmingly positive.

Significant progress was made on this year's projects.

- We have a trailer to be converted into a float and a budget that will allow us to complete the conversion.
- We have obtained 100 pocket Constitutions for distribution at events.
- We also created a business-card sized hand-out with a QR code link to the Constitution.
- The project to establish a Young Democrats Chapter at ASU is underway and we now have a Faculty Sponsor and contacts established to facilitate a sign-up event in January as students return for the Spring Semester.
- Additionally, plans for the Candidate Forum on February 21 are progressing and we anticipate a well-attended, informative and engaging forum. Stay tuned!

In conclusion, Goal Team 6 worked hard, had fun and had a positive impact. We continue to work on ways to better engage and contribute to our overall mission:

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**THE 5 CALLS APP & WEBSITE HELPS U.S. CONSTITUENTS
MAKE POSTIVE POLITICAL IMPACTS IN THEIR
COMMUNITIES AND BEYOND!**

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2025 PARADES

4TH OF JULY
ASU HOMECOMING
VETERANS DAY

2025 EVENTS

PRIDE FEST
ASU HOMECOMING
TRUNK OR TREAT

2025 PROJECTS

TRAILER FOR FLOAT
CONSTITUTIONS
YOUNG DEMOCRATS
CANDIDATE FORUM



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HOW THEY HELP BUILD COMMUNITY!
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Local Candidate Recruitment and Support (Goal Team VII) Goal Team Co-Captains: Jan Vigil & Bob Rice

What we Accomplished:

- **School board**- kept the majority. One person got off the board and it was filled, unopposed, by a registered Democrat. Two other seats have now become open because one person was found not to live in that district and the other spot was never contested during the election. We have found numerous people in both spots who have submitted letters of interest for these two spots. It is now on the current board to select people to fill these positions. It would be in our best interest if we run a silent campaign in the background on the current board to choose democrats to fill these spots.
- Ran in favor of the **School Board Funding Mill Levy**. It barely lost again, but Democrats showing that we supported the measure, paints the local party in a positive light.
- **City Council**- Even though it is a non-partisan legislative body, we believe *dem*-leaning people have the majority on that board.

Candidate Recruitment

- We believe we have found someone to run for County Assessor - Adam Lauer.
- We believe we have found someone to run for Alamosa County Commissioner, but await confirmation.
- We believe we have found someone to run for Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder- Belen Garcia.

We are actively looking for others by March to get them set up for the Caucuses to run for the rest of the county seats. We think that having a robust Caucus and Primary is what is best for the Alamosa Democrat Party.

Policies and Procedures (Goal Team VIII) Goal Team Co-Captains: Mary DeLorenzo & Regina Rice

- Developed a roadmap of content for an ACD Operations Handbook
- Drafting content for the Handbook
- Created Financial processes
 - Form to request expenditures
 - Developed budget process
- Plan to present a draft to the Central Committee in February

Office Space Search (Goal Team IX) Goal Team Co-Captains: Dave Hofmann & Bob Rice

Exploring potential space for Fall 2026.

Administration Goal Team Co-Captains: Regina & Bob Rice

- Developed first ever budget
- Conducted Executive Committee and Central Committee Meetings for budget review and approval. First ever budget approved!
- Budgeted for improvements for ACD such as storage unit, professional space for Caucus, etc.
- So much occurred this year! We have a lot of people to thank for this amount of work, as well as lots of effort to cheer for. ***Let's give ourselves a round of applause and get ready for the New Year!***