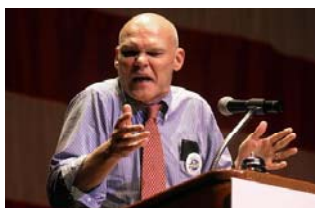




# Election 2008

## One Year Out

### James Carville Delivers The Goods



Carville started his presentation at the 2007 Hall Of Fame Dinner on November 2nd at the Wyndham Hotel in Phoenix by reminding us, "Who would have thought seven years ago when the United States was valued by most every country in the world, we were at peace and our military was greatly respected, we had an unprecedented monetary surplus in our treasury, our constitution was not challenged, and citizens of the United States had hope and faith that our country was moving in the right direction and that we would not be where we are today!"

What a discouraging turn of events during the past seven years. Even though things are looking positive for our national and local Democratic candidates, we must make sure that the way of life we have treasured for most of our lifetime does not disappear. It is time to dig deep and contribute time and money so that we can end this nightmare.

We ask you not to do this for the Democratic Party, but for the survival of our country. It is not an option whether to be a part of this vital upcoming election. He praised the quality slate of candidates the Democratic Party is fielding this election, but the important function for the Democratic Party this election is that we develop our grass roots organization. This election is for keeps.

### Message From The Chair



I am encouraged and hopeful about this election. In the last two elections, there has been a lack of coordination between the national, state and district efforts. The Party and candidate representatives did not share information, and we felt left out of or dominated by this approach. This year seems quite different:

- Howard Dean, Chair of the DNC has presented an inclusive plan that has been well coordinated and involves national, state and district levels. Be sure to read his article on page 2.
- Don Bivens, State Chair of ADP spoke of cooperation and coordination in a sincere way. Read his article on page 2 to get the detail of his message.
- Maria Weeg, Executive Director of ADP has an optimistic view of the Democratic Party in Arizona and seems like a good leader. Read her article on page 2 for details.

As you read this months newsletter I hope that you will share my enthusiasm about this 08 Election Plan.

## Howard Dean Unveils 08 Election Plan



The Democratic Party is committed to winning elections at every level in every region of the country, and we're getting started right now with a massive effort to fund organizers on the ground in every state.

What is the ultimate goal? An active, effective group of Democrats organized in every single precinct in the country. Here's what we're doing to get there:

1. The Democratic Party is hiring organizers chosen by the state parties in every state -- experienced local activists who know their communities.
2. We bring those organizers together for summits where they can learn from each other the best practices for getting organized to win elections.
3. Armed with the knowledge they've shared with each other, Democratic organizers return to the states and recruit and train leaders at the local level.
4. Those local leaders recruit more leaders and volunteers until every single precinct in their area has a trained, effective organization of Democrats dedicated to winning votes for Democrats.

This is the most comprehensive effort by the Democratic party to establish a grass roots organization since the introduction of the party.

## Introducing Don Bivens, Chair of the ADP



Arizona Democratic Party (ADP) Chair Don Bivens spoke to the PCs at our October business meeting. We learned about his extensive political background ranging over 30 years and beginning with his presidency of the Young Democrats, through his role as Finance Chair for Bruce Babbitt to his ongoing fundraising efforts for candidates.

He spoke about the importance of family involvement and introduced his wife Trish and his son Andrew who accompanied him to the meeting. He emphasized how important it was that he and the state party earn the trust of PC's and volunteers in the Legislative Districts.

Don has three (3) priorities for the ADP. The first priority is to raise money for the Party and to stabilize the Party's finances. Secondly, he is tapping the DCCC for support of our congressional district candidates. Thirdly, he is promoting Arizona as a potential blue-state: we are out-registering by 2 to 1, more Democrats than Republicans; we are included in the national strategy for victory along with Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico. Overall, he is positioning the Party as a "National Player" in 08.

Chairman Bivens stated that he was excited about the team members on the State Party staff and felt that they would contribute to building a grass roots organization. He values the efforts and ideas from the Legislative District members. Chairman Bivens spent time talking and listening to every participant before the meeting. He made a great first impression and that he truly wants to build a strong team in the state of Arizona.

## Maria Weeg, Executive Director, ADP

Maria told the D8 PCs at our September meeting that "Arizona is known as having one of the best state parties in the country." She said the State party is well situated for the 2008 campaign with a great competent staff and a plan for coordinating efforts across the state to support state and local candidates." Maria said the State is committed to bringing in 10 electoral points for a Democratic president. This means we in Arizona have a lot at stake and we need people to commit during the next 12 months to "dig deep" and meet and talk to our neighbors, make personal phone calls, and do what ever it takes to get Democrats elected. Maria reminded the Committee that people are better off when Democrats are in office and the country is beginning to realize this as a fact.

## D8 Taking The Initial Steps

Well it is all finally coming together, after several frustrating elections, the Democratic National Committee (DNC), the Arizona Democratic Party (ADP), and the Legislative Districts are all coming together in harmony.

The “50 State Strategy” developed by Howard Dean and the DNC has been the centerpiece for this campaign. They have awarded the resources to the states coupled with a great plan to put Democrats contacting their neighbors in all 50 states.

The program is well designed, thoughtful and should be appealing to a broad range of people. Approximately 35 District 8 PC's and Volunteers have gone through the training for the national program. These people will now be a part of the house parties that introduce the program to other neighborhood volunteers. The introduction to the “50 State Strategy” will be held on *Saturday, November 17th* at three (3) locations. A brief overview of each house party will be listed below.

The house party at **Ron Owen's** residence is serving the southern part of D8.

**Where:** 8620 E San Miguel Ave

**When:** Nov. 17th, 1:00 - 5:00pm

Ron will conduct a canvass after the presentation and discussion. For directions or more information call 480-675-8787

The house party at **Laura Cople's** residence is serving the north-central part of D8.

**Where:** 9274 E. Desert Trail

**When:** Nov. 17th, 12:00-1:30pm

Laura will conduct a canvass after the presentation and discussion. For directions or more information call 480-614-1561

The house party at **Margaret & Jim Hogan's** residence is serving the eastern part of D8.

**Where:** 9434 N. 125th Pl

**When:** Nov. 17th, 7:00pm

The Hogan's will conduct a discussion after the presentation and canvass at a later time. For information call: 480-661-4997

## Well That is The Story, How About You?

If you have read the newsletter from front to back I am sure that you can see that this is going to be a well organized, enthusiastic campaign. Don't forget that we elected Harry Mitchell in an area of the state that the Republicans had taken for granted for years.

It took a great amount of organization and dedicated work to pull off the wins in our last election. We need to do that and more for this one. The stakes and the opportunity have never been greater than now. We need to get serious if we want to turn the country around.

We need your help! You need to attend one of these orientation house parties to hear about the plan and what your friends have to say about it. We need people to do all kinds of activities, but the most important though is to contact a few of your neighbors and get them to come out and vote.

These House Parties are the beginning of putting the network together in D8. If this is not a good date for you, don't worry. We will schedule more later. Let us know if you are interested

***See you at one of the house parties.***