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PCC's annual Constitution Day celebration to include patriotic songs, speeches & voting information

PUEBLO – Several patriotic speeches and songs, a presentation of colors, Pledge of Allegiance, conducting of voter registration, and a moment of silence in honor of those who have died serving our country will be part of the Constitution Day celebration on Sept. 17 at Pueblo Community College. The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Pueblo Joe's, located in the lower level of PCC's College Center, and the public is invited.

Free pocket-sized copies of the U.S. Constitution also will be available for all those attending. The day's theme will be "We, the People are the Power: Read, Think, Vote!"

Pueblo City Councilman Ray Aguilera will serve as master of ceremonies along with Arian Bonetto of the "Democracia USA" voter project. PCC President Patty Erjavec will give a welcome to attendees.

Here are the speakers and their topics:

- "The Importance of Constitution Day to PCC" – Ron Swartwood, PCC's Director of Financial Aid
- "Was Our Constitution Ever in Danger? The Gettysburg Address" – Ray Aguilera
- "How Does the Constitution Affect Our Lives Today?" – Michael Engle, History instructor
- "Do You Know Your Rights From the Bill of Rights?" – Joe Albo, Coordinator of PCC's Law Enforcement Academy

In addition, Mary Kubeck, Chair of PCC's Law Enforcement Academy, will provide early comments as well as closing remarks. The PCC Ensemble, comprised of students and staff under the direction of music instructor Judith DeRosa, will sing "America," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America the Beautiful."

"This year is an especially lively one for Constitution Day, thanks to the activity of the Tea Partiers," noted Mary Leonard, a PCC instructor and member of the Constitution Day planning committee. "Citizens can now register rapidly online from the PCC website."

That accessible is available by going to www.pueblocc.edu, then clicking the "Quick Links" tab on the left and clicking on "Voter Registration." Voting will take place Nov. 2.

PCC's Constitution Day is jointly sponsored by PCC's Law Enforcement Academy, Alternative High School Diploma Program, Community Education and Training Department, Financial Aid and Employment & Career Services offices, and Associated Student Government.

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