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NEWS FROM THE LARIMER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Issue of April 8, 2008

New Editor! We welcome **Anne Wilseck** as the new editor of this newsletter, with Ann Harroun as backup. Anne has a degree in journalism and is looking forward to practicing those skills. During this transition period, please send newsletter items to anneeliz73@gmail.com, a.harroun@comcast.net, and adambowen@frij.com.

Editor's Notes: 2008 Election Calendar has been added, below "Save the Date".

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR: DELEGATE DEADLINE! If you are a delegate to the State Convention/Assembly and are filing the Statement of Candidacy to be a National Convention Delegate, you should file the forms this week, as they must be RECEIVED by the State Party on or before April 17th.

If you have questions about details of State Convention, please visit the State Party website:

www.coloradodems.org

BUS TRANSPORTATION to Convention: Check next week's newsletter and the county party website for details.

PARTY NEWS

Today! Tues, Apr. 8: PAUL KORDIS, AUTHOR OF "STRATEGY OF THE DOLPHIN; SCORING A WIN IN A CHAOTIC WORLD" TO ADDRESS DEMOCRATIC BUSINESS COALITION LUNCHEON

For more than a decade, Paul Kordis has been researching, writing and speaking to groups about the process of profound change for individuals and organizations. His combined passions for science, technology and human development make him a favorite choice of groups who not only want to take charge of their future. but want to have fun doing so..

The hearty few who made it to lunch on March 11th had the pleasure of hearing the positive news on the Colorado Conservation Voters (CCV) from Gary Wockner. The CCV's record of progressive achievement 2002 to 2006, the 2008 State Legislative campaigns, and the strategy of supporting candidates versus focusing on lobbying were discussed.

Date & Time: Tues, Apr. 8, 11:30 social, Noon meeting

Location: Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Rd., Fort Collins

Contact: M.L. Johnson, 482-4979 or mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu for reservations and to order your catered lunch.

JIM HIGHTOWER WOWS AUDIENCE AT ANNUAL DINNER!

About 375 people laughed and cheered as Texas humorist, Jim Hightower, entertained the crowd with his populist insight and wit at the Marriott on March 29.

Bob Massaro won the Volunteer of the Year award for outstanding service to the Larimer County Democratic Party over the past three years. He has been Director of HD51, Chair of the Community Events Committee, and a member of both the Information Technology Committee and the Loveland Area Group.

The Robin Murphy Davis Memorial Award went to the Loveland Area Democrats for organizing and passing the ballot issue that brought campaign finance reform to Loveland, for organizing successful community forums, and for generally bringing Loveland area Democrats out of the shadows.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to former Sen. Peggy Reeves for her many years of service to Colorado and Larimer County, for turning around the fortunes of Democrats in Larimer County, and for being a public servant that we all can be proud of.

The Dinner Committee would like to thank everyone who generously donated items for our first silent auction. The event was a big success thanks to all of you!

Fri, Apr. 11: VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING

There will be a telephonic voter registration training session with the Secretary of State's Office for anyone interested in participating in Larimer County Democratic Party voter registration. Please RSVP to Tracy Ragsdale. Also, please indicate in your RSVP if you are interested in being a responsible agent for the Party on voter registration drives. If you are interested in voter registration but cannot attend this training, please email Tracy so that alternative training can be arranged.

Date & Time: Friday April 11, 2008 at 1:30 P.M

Location: Larimer County Democratic Party Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

Contact & RSVP: Tracy Ragsdale, splace2@juno.com, or 970-532-0374

Mon, Apr. 14: OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Outreach Committee will be Monday, April 14 at 10:00 A.M. at HQ. New members of the committee are always welcome. Come and bring your ideas on how we can get more active Democrats. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help please contact Tracy Ragsdale, splace2@juno.com, or 970-532-0374.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

Thurs, April 10: Betsy Markey for Congress: NEW DATE FOR GOURMET DINNER

Due to popular demand, we have postponed the dinner with Chef Florian Wehrli and star candidate Betsy Markey until Thursday April 10th.

Please check out <http://www.markeyforcongress.com/> for menu details. If you are interested in this event please contact Mackenzie at Mackenzie@markeyforcongress.com.

Date & Time: Thurs, Apr. 10, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Edwards House, 402 W Mountain Ave, Ft. Collins, CO

RSVP: Mackenzie at Mackenzie@markeyforcongress.com

Sat, Apr. 12: BETSY MARKEY TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR LOGAN COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Betsy Markey will be the keynote speaker at the Logan County Dems annual dinner, to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sterling this Saturday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Contact: Jenifer Felzien, gjfelz@kci.net

Sat, April 12: CANVASSING FOR KEFALAS

Come help State Rep. John Kefalas kick off his re-election campaign by walking and knocking with John on Saturday, April 12 in a neighborhood near you. This is the first walk of 2008, and we want it to be big! Help spread the word about John's great work at the capitol, all while getting a bit of fresh air and a couple of hours of exercise.

We will meet at Larimer Dem headquarters for training and refreshments at 11 a.m., and at noon we'll split into teams and car pool to the precincts. John thanks you for your support!

Date & Time: Sat, Apr. 12, 11 a.m.

Location: Democratic Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

Contact: James Thompson at (970) 222-6397, james@kefalas2008.com

Thurs, Apr. 17: Betsy Markey for Congress: COME JOIN THE CRITICAL ISSUES RESEARCH TEAM

There will be a meeting for those like to do research on critical issues that face those of us who live in the 4th District of Colorado.

We will meet at the Markey campaign headquarters to discuss a variety of topics that researchers might address. Ann Molison will provide you with "tools" that will help you with your research efforts. If you wish to be added as a "researcher for Betsy's campaign" and attend this meeting, please contact Ann Molison.

Date & Time: Thurs, April 17th 6:30 p.m.

Location: Campaign HQ, 419 West Canyon Ave., Suite 315

Please RSVP: Ann Molison, amolison@comcast.net

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fri, May 9 Deadline: OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ON COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

LARIMER COUNTY — Larimer County has open positions on 19 of its 30 boards and commissions, such as the Planning Commission, Open Lands Advisory Board, Environmental Advisory Board, & new Parks Advisory Board. The complete list is on the County website, www.larimer.org/boards.

The deadline to apply for an opening is May 9. Residents can apply online or pick up an application form at the nearest county office.

New board terms for residents begin in July. A short video and a question-and-answer section answering many questions about serving on a county board are available online at www.larimer.org/boards.

Contact: Diane Tokarz in the Larimer County Commissioners Office at 498-7015 or dtokarz@larimer.org

RANCHWAY FEED HELPS FEED STARVING DEER

Remember the news story about Colorado Department of Wildlife trucking feed to starving deer near Meeker? Ranchway Feed Mills, a family-owned Fort Collins company, manufactures the feed right here in Fort Collins. Check out the Channel 9 video at <http://www.9news.com/video/player.aspx?aid=46751&bw=>.

Please support local manufacturing - one of our Democratic Party values. And, if you know of other businesses or activities that support Democratic values, like Ranchway, please forward information to your newsletter editors.

**Wed, Apr. 9: "PRIVACY AND THE LAW: U.S. SUPREME COURT AND THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY":
Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Larimer County**

Privacy rights continue to be controversial. Some protest that these rights are not mentioned in the Constitution and therefore are not protected, while others contend that the Ninth and the Fourteenth Amendments protect rights not enumerated in the Constitution. Privacy rights include parental rights, reproductive rights, right to refuse unwanted medical treatment, right to sexual privacy, right to marry, etc.

Prof. Courtenay Daum, CSU Political Science Dept, will address the LWV on "Privacy and the Law: U.S. Supreme Court and the Right to Privacy." The public is invited.

We encourage everyone to hear this informative talk and to join in the discussion about this controversial issue.

Date & Time: Wed, Apr. 9, 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Congregational Church, 916 W. Prospect, Fort Collins.

April Calendar: NAMAQUA UUC OPEN FORUM: Covering Global Energy and the Move to Alternatives

The Loveland Community Forum topic for April is Energy. Three speakers on three separate Sunday afternoons will discuss the global energy situation and how we can move from the traditional source of hydrocarbons to alternative sources and developing technologies to reduce energy usage.

The topics and speakers are:

April 13: Ethanol - Today and Tomorrow. Speaker is Jim Geist, CEO of Great Western Ethanol

April 20: If only I had the Energy. Speaker is Robert Brownlee, retired Astrophysicist from Los Alamos National Laboratory.

April 27: Hydrocarbons; Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. Speaker to be announced.

Times: Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community of Christ Church, 7th and Washington, Loveland

Information: www.namaquauu.org

Contact: Pat McVey, 203-0649

April Calendar: HEALTH CARE FOR ALL COLORADO

Notice: PBS Channel 6 will broadcast an in-depth look at the health care crisis in the United States on April 10 and 17 from 9 to 10 PM (Thursday nights).

Wednesday, April 16, 7:00-9:00 PM

Health Care for All Colorado, Northern Colorado Chapter Meeting. Plymouth Congregational Church, 916 W. Prospect Rd., Fort Collins "The Future of Health Care in the U.S." Randall Marsh, MD Cardiovascular surgeon, Greeley. Guests welcome.

SAVE THE DATES – 2008

Fri, May 16, 2008: **Congressional District 4 Assembly and Convention**, evening, Colorado Springs

Sat. May 17, 2008: **State Assembly and Convention**, all day, Colorado Springs

Sun, June 8, 2008: **Ice Cream Social w/Candidates**, sponsored by Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club, Shelter #3, North Lake Park, 29th & Taft, Loveland., 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Sun, Aug. 24, 2008: **Delegate Reception**, sponsored by LCDP, 6-9 p.m., Walker Fine Art Gallery, Denver

Mon-Thur, Aug 25-28, 2008: **Democratic National Convention, Denver!!**

Fri-Sun, Aug 29-31, 2008: **Convention Delegates Invited to Larimer County**. More information: www.larimerdems.org. Contact: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, a.harroun@comcast.net

2008 ELECTION CALENDAR

July 14 Last day to register for Primary Election

August 2 - 8 Early voting for Primary Election

August 5 Last day to apply for mail-in ballot for Primary Election if ballot is to be mailed to you

August 8 Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot for primary election

August 12 Primary Election - balloting closes at 7 pm

October 6 Last day to register for General Election

October 20 - 31 Early voting for General Election

October 28 Last day to apply for mail-in ballot for General Election if ballot is to be mailed to you

October 31 Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot for General Election

Complete document can be found at <http://www.lwvcolorado.org/Your%20Voice%20Your%20Vote%202008-2009.pdf>

REGULAR MEETINGS

Democratic Breakfast Forum; Fort Collins

Monthly meeting: **First Wednesdays** at 7:45 a.m. Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, NW corner of Drake and Worthington, Fort Collins. Contact: Irma Woollen, 266-1136, ierwoole@peoplepc.com. Reservations: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621

Estes Park Meetup for Democracy; Estes Park

Monthly Meeting, **first Wednesdays** at 7 p.m.. The Estes Park Meetup for Democracy is open to anyone interested in a return to progressive government. The group supports candidates who are fiscally responsible, socially progressive, and who promote honesty and candor in political discourse. Contact: John

Ericson, 586-5042

Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club; Loveland

Monthly Breakfast. **First Saturday** of each month, except June through August, 8:30 a.m. at Dorothy's Catering, 2248 West First Street, Loveland. Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com for reservations

Democratic Business Coalition; Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon. **Second Tuesday** of each month. 12 Noon, Guest presentation. Doors open at 11:30 to socialize and start lunch. Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain, Fort Collins. Contact: M.L. Johnson, 482-4979 or mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu for reservations and to order catered lunch.

Association for Responsible Development; Estes Park

Monthly Meeting: **Second Fridays** at 8:30 a.m. Good Samaritan Village, 1902 Ptarmigan Trail, Estes Park. The Association seeks to provide leadership and direction in an effort to serve the residents of the Estes Valley who wish to preserve its mountain character. Guests are always welcome. Contact Ron Norris at 586-3600.

LCDP Executive Committee (all are welcome):

Monthly Meeting: **Third Thursdays** at 6:30 social; 7 p.m. meeting. Headquarters, 606 S. Mason St., Fort Collins. Contact: Irene Fortune, Secretary, for information, vladimir1992@hotmail.com

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James Ross	PO Box 1148 Laporte, 80535-1148		
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Randy Fischer for Colorado House (HD53)	3007 Moore Lane Fort Collins 80526	215-7898	randyfischer@frii.com

COLORADO & NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

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Hillary Clinton for President Colorado Office Tyler Chafee, State Direc.	3457 Ringsby Ct., #107, Denver, CO 80216	(303) 296-1708	tchafee@hillaryclinton.com
Sen. Barack Obama	733 Santa Fe Dr.	(312) 819-2008	www.barakobama.com

Obama for America Shelia Canfield-Jones	Denver, CO 80204	(303) 249-4114	colorado@obama.com
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

If you have items to submit, **PLEASE READ!**

Due to the length of the newsletter, we are limiting the body of most items to 75 words (...doesn't include title and "date & time, location, contact" type information). If your submission is longer, it will be cut. We suggest including a link for additional information.

Our deadline for newsletter items is Sundays at 5 pm for publishing by e-mail on Tuesdays mornings. To be effective, send us your notices **at least a week early**, so that they can appear twice. This will give potential attendees time to put your events on their calendars.

We would like to include House District meetings, committee meetings, neighborhood coffees or picnics, etc. Such notices may increase your attendance.

Please send newsletter items to BOTH a.harroun@comcast.net and adambowen@frii.com. (Sometimes one of us will be out of town.)

Thank you.

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