

Editor's Note:

Because of the Conventions and Assemblies this weekend, PLEASE submit any and all newsletter items as early as possible to Anne Wilseck anneeliz73@gmail.com, Adam Bowen adambowen@frii.com and Ann Harroun a.harroun@comcast.net. (Yes, the deadline remains 5:00 pm Sunday, but early submissions will be greatly appreciated.)

From the Chair:

Keeping with tradition, The Larimer County Democratic Party's May monthly meeting will be in Estes Park at the Library. That's this Thursday May 15th. If you are in the Estes Park area please join your fellow Dems at 5:30pm at Sweet Basilico, 401 E. Elkhorn. Don't let it stop you from showing up, but if you are able, please RSVP to Karen Ericson kjericson@earthlink.net

This weekend will also be a big one for all Colorado Dems as we nominate our Congressional and Senate candidates (Go Mark, Go Betsy!!!) and select our delegates to the National Convention. If you haven't made your bus reservation, please do so right away. Having our state and CD conventions in Colorado Springs is hugely symbolic - and shows that our positive Democratic message plays well in all parts of our great state!

Adam Bowen
Chair
Larimer County Democratic Party

Delegate and Alternate information for Conventions and Assemblies

DELEGATES: SEE BELOW: [FAQ's for The Big Bus to Colorado Springs](#)

Additional information for delegates and alternates to the CD4 Convention and Assembly and the State Convention and Assembly can be found here:

CD4 Convention & Assembly: www.coloradodems.org/content/view/627

State Convention & Assembly: coloradostateconvention.com/

PARTY NEWS

WANT TO HELP GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT OUR PARTY & OUR CANDIDATES?

We need news monitors, letter-writers, bloggers and researchers who can occasionally help educate others about a candidate, an issue, a value or an opponent in the races leading up to the all-important November election. If you'd like to be part of this effort, I'd like to add you to a no-pressure email list from which I can ask for volunteers as the need arises, please send your name, phone number and email address to Amy Satterfield at amy@wadoofurniture.com, or call me at 223-4012. Thanks!

TODAY! May 13: DEMOCRATIC BUSINESS COALITION

Gary Amato, CSU, will discuss "Technology Transfer." The Fort Collins area is pursuing tech transfer as a major initiative for economic development. It is important that we understand the process and various implications...such as "Is this just a way for those CSU professors to get richer at taxpayer expense?" and "Why would an educational institution get into business?" Gary holds degrees in engineering and law. He works in both the Engineering and Business Colleges.

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 13, Socializing: 11:30 am, Presentation: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Location: Community Room, basement of Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave., Ft. Collins

Parking is available on Mountain Ave. or in the Old Town parking garage one block to the west. Home State Bank requests we do not park in their small lot.

Contact: M.L. Johnson, 482-4979, mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu for reservations and to order catered lunch (or you can bring your own lunch). For \$10 the sandwich box lunch or chef salad of your choice from Dorothy's Catering of Loveland will be waiting for you.

TODAY! May 13: YOUNG PROFESSIONAL DEMOCRATS: BRAINSTORMING & NETWORKING

Join us at the Island Grill to network with other "young professionals" and to brainstorm how to get more of our contemporaries involved with the party. We interpret "young" and "professional" very liberally, so if you think you fit into one or both category, please join us. If you are interested or have ideas, but can't make our brainstorming session, please contact one of us.

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm

Location: Island Grill, 2601 S. Lemay Ave #12 (near Sunflower Market), Fort Collins

Contact: Alan Jones, 566-1217, ajonesbroker@yahoo.com, Tiana Smith, 692-1133, tianaj54@yahoo.com, or Anne Wilseck, 484-4399, anneeliz73@gmail.com

THE BIG BUS! FAQ's! DON'T MISS OUT! THIS IS THE WAY TO GO TO ASSEMBLY/CONVENTION There are seats left - reserve NOW

This is a double-decker royalty coach, featuring a cash bar with waitstaff. Cost: \$50

E-mail or call us ASAP if you aren't already on the list. Include the name of your motel.

Please drop off check at Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

OR pay online at www.larimerdems.org (we'll know it's for the Bus).

1. The Bus will leave at **11:00 a.m., Friday, May 16th**
1st Stop: Harmony Park & Ride, Fort Collins
2nd Stop: Loveland Visitors Bureau, Loveland

Final Stop: Johnstown Exit Park & Ride

See www.larimerdems.org/stateassembly.html for directions to these locations.

The Bus will pick up riders at **1:00 p.m., Sunday, May 18th**

From: Doubletree World Arena, Colorado Springs (Convention Headquarters)

- If there is no Interfaith Church Service, the Bus will leave at 11:00 a.m.
- You may ride one way, but the full payment must be made.
- Upon arriving in Colorado Springs on Friday, you will be delivered to your lodging site (those within a reasonable distance of the Doubletree World Arena.) -
- On Sunday, you must be at the Doubletree for pickup.
- There will be shuttle service on **Saturday**, from certain lodging areas to the World Arena. The CDP has not made arrangements for shuttles on Friday. However, there will be many other attendees with their own vehicles there, so it should be no problem getting a ride to the Assembly.
- The bus has space for **one carry bag** per person. Luggage space is a premium.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

Wed, May 14: BOB BACON FOR SENATE KICK-OFF FUNDRAISING PARTY with COLO. SENATE PRESIDENT PETER GROFF

Please come and welcome Bob's special guest speaker, Colorado Senate President Peter Groff. Senators Bacon and Groff have achieved great success in the 2008 session of the Colorado Legislature. Please come help them celebrate their success and launch Bob forward in his 2008 re-election campaign.

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 14th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: Odells Brewery, 800 East Lincoln Ave., Fort Collins

Suggested Donation: \$50

Contact: Mims Harris, Mimsbharris@aol.com, 970-493-1117

Wed, May 14: BETSY MARKEY KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT GRADUATION

Betsy is the keynote speaker at the GED graduation ceremony at the Center for Adult Learning (Front Range Community College).

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Where: FRCC student center, 4616 S Shields, Fort Collins

Contact: Mackenzie, Mackenzie@markeyforcongress.com

Fri, May 16: CELEBRATE WITH BETSY MARKEY AT CD4 CONVENTION & ASSEMBLY

Celebrate Betsy and celebrate being a Colorado Democrat!

Date & Time: Friday, May 16, 6:30 pm

Where: Maxi's Lounge in the Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs. Cash bar, Hors D'oeuvres will be served.

Suggested Donation: \$10.

Betsy will be nominated and will speak at the CD4 Convention and Assembly

Date & Time: Friday, May 16, 8:00 pm

Where: Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs
Contact: Mackenzie, Mackenzie@markeyforcongress.com

Sun, May 18: KEN BENNETT (HD 51) AT CIRCLE MOON COFFEE SHOP

Ken wants to listen to your views, questions, concerns & hopes! Drop in to any of the Open Coffee Sessions hosted by Ken.

Date & Time: Sunday, May 18, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Where: Circle Moon Coffee Shop, 843 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland

Contact: Ken Bennett, 308-7499, kenbenett4house@aol.com

Wed, May 21: KEN BENNETT (HD 51) CELEBRATE SPRING AT NEIGHBORHOOD GET-TOGETHER & FUNDRAISER

Come meet and visit with Ken Bennett and other Democrats. Ken wants to hear your ideas and concerns about our state government. So please come, bring your questions, meet your neighbors, enjoy good food, drinks and conversation. Please RSVP so we'll know how much food to prepare. Space limited.

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Location: Harroun residence, 3321 Apple Avenue, Loveland

Contact & RSVP: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, a.harroun@comcast.net

Suggested donation: \$25

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you know of any upcoming community event? Submit them to Anne Wilseck anneeliz73@gmail.com, Adam Bowen adambowen@frii.com and Ann Harroun a.harroun@comcast.net for inclusion here.

CANDIDATE PROFILE: Ken Bennett for HD 51



Ken Bennett For House District 51

Ken Bennett is the Democratic candidate for Colorado House District 51 of the Loveland area.

Ken has a 35 year history of demonstrated leadership in our community. He was a teacher and coach, Principal of Bill Reed Middle School, and the Director of Curriculum for the Thompson School District. He was involved with the development of many programs such as: computer technology, industrial technology labs, literacy programs, drop-out recovery, vocational education and science programs to name a few.

Ken Bennett is the right choice to represent the people of the 51st district and for Colorado. Selected to the Colorado Institute of Leadership Training in 2006, Ken joined a group of leaders from across the state to study the challenges and the opportunities we have in Water, Criminal Justice, Growth, Transportation, Education, Health Care and Energy issues. Working with other Democrats in the Loveland area, Ken has helped organize public forums for the community on relevant topics such as transportation and health care.

Ken and his wife, Sandy, met in Loveland and were married in a hot-air balloon ceremony on the shores of Lake Loveland in 1981. Sandy is very involved with community and service. A graduate of Loveland High, Sandy retired from the Thompson School District after 31 years of service as a public school teacher. She is involved with the church, helps with Meals on Wheels and is known for her quilts. Their sons, Brad and Randy, both attended local public schools and graduated from Loveland High. Brad served 4 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, achieved the rank of Sergeant, and served 3 tours of duty in Iraq. He now lives, works and attends college in California. Randy lives and works in Boulder and is an English major at the University of Colorado.

Ken believes that while we are faced with some huge challenges, this is a great state with many good people who care about our quality of life for today and for future generations. He believes that working together, we can turn challenges into opportunities.

Opportunities to provide affordable health care for all. Opportunities to improve our pre-school, k-12, and higher education systems. Opportunities to improve our economy, provide quality jobs for northern Colorado and to protect our environment by committing ourselves to energy independence.

Ken Bennett will work for you as your state representative.

Ken Bennett for Colorado House
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SAVE THE DATES

Fri, May 16	Congressional District 4 Assembly and Convention, evening, Colorado Springs
Sat, May 17	State Assembly and Convention, all day, Colorado Springs
Sun, June 8	Ice Cream Social w/Candidates, Sponsored by Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club, Shelter #3, North Lake Park, 29th & Taft, Loveland. 2:30-5:30 pm
Sun, Aug. 24	Delegate Reception, sponsored by LCDP, 6-9 p.m., Walker Fine Art Gallery, Denver
Mon-Thur, Aug 25-28	Democratic National Convention, Denver!!
Fri-Sun, Aug 29-31	Convention Delegates Invited to Larimer County. More information: www.larimerdems.org Contact: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, a.harroun@comcast.net

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 www.lwvcolorado.org/Your%20Voice%20Your%20Vote%202008-2009.pdf	

REGULAR MEETINGS

Larimer County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting (All are welcome!)

Date & Time: Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm social; 7:00 pm meeting

Regular Location: Headquarters, 606 S. Mason St., Fort Collins

LOCATION - May only: Estes Park Library

Contact: ldems@frii.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:45 am

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

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.

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Contact: John Ericson, 586-5042

Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club: Loveland

Monthly Breakfast

Date & Time: First Saturday of each month, except June through August, 8:30 am

Location: Dorothy's Catering, 2248 West First Street, Loveland.

Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com for reservations

Democratic Business Coalition: Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon

Date & Time: Second Tuesday of each month. 12:00 noon, Guest presentation. Doors

open at 11:30 am to socialize and start lunch.

Location: 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.

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Larimer County Democratic Candidates (*a work in progress*)

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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 (not including 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 Sunday at 5:00 pm** for publishing by e-mail on Tuesday 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 anneeliz73@gmail.com, adambowen@frii.com, and a.harroun@comcast.net. (Sometimes one of us will be out of town.) Thank you.