

Editor's Note:

Thank you to everyone who submitted their newsletter items early. It is appreciated! As always, 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. The deadline remains 5:00 pm Sunday.

From the Chair:

Under 6 months to go until Election Day, but with the intensity level reached at this past weekend's CD4 and State assemblies and conventions, you'd think we were going to the polls next Tuesday! Those of you unable to make the trip to Colorado Springs missed out on a dynamic presentation by Congressional candidate Betsy Markey. Betsy wowed the assembly and showed just how she's going to send Marilyn Musgrave back to Fort Morgan this November!!

For those vying to land a national delegate spot, please stay tuned to the state party's website, www.coloradodems.org. We'll also feature our own Larimer Dem national delegates on LarimerDems.org as soon as the State Party finishes counting the thousands of ballots--most likely, late this week.

With the state convention now behind us, it's time to focus on November 4th. I'd like urge you all to work in your own neighborhoods, encouraging new voters to register, and persuade other Dems to join the team, working for our party and/or one of our outstanding Democratic candidates.

Adam Bowen
Chair
Larimer County Democratic Party

PARTY NEWS

VOTER REGISTRATION: COME ONE, COME ALL!

The Outreach Committee invites all volunteers to attend Voter registration circulator training will be held at the following times and places during May:

May 21: Larimer Dems HQ, 606 S. Mason St, Ft. Collins 6:00 - 8:00 pm

May 23: Larimer Dems HQ, 606 S. Mason St, Ft. Collins 6:00 - 8:00 pm

May 25: Larimer Dems South Office, 218 E. Sixth St., Loveland, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

May 27: Larimer Dems HQ, 606 S. Mason St, Ft. Collins 10:00 am - noon

The LCDP Executive Board would like to have a registrar at as many parade and booth events as possible.

Wed June 4: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM

The June 4 Democratic Breakfast Forum will give local Democrats an opportunity to hear from State Representatives Randy Fischer and John Kefalas, concerning their work in the legislature on behalf of the constituents they represent. Since both are already heavily involved in campaigns to retain their seats in November, breakfast-goers will learn how they can assist in the re-election of these tireless legislators.

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 4, 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, annewmich@comcast.net, 484-9621

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 crucial November election. If you want to be part of this important 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!

NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

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

Wed, May 21: BETSY MARKEY TOWN HALL MEETING: Fort Collins

Betsy Markey is holding a town hall meeting in Fort Collins to hear from residents about their concerns regarding the economy and to discuss the release of her new economic plan.

Date & Time: Sunday, May 18, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Where: Boltz Junior High cafeteria, 720 Boltz Drive, Fort Collins

Contact: Mackenzie Tepel, 970-221-1473, Mackenzie@markeyforcongress.com

Sat, May 31: MEET YOUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES: Estes Park

You are invited to meet Democratic candidates Randy Eubanks for Larimer County Commissioner, Roger Hoffmann for Larimer County Commissioner and James Ross for Colorado House District 49 at a wine and cheese open house, co-hosted by Richard & Phyllis Gilliland and Rob & Julie Pieper.

Date & Time: Saturday, May 31, 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Where: 777 West Wonderview Ave., Estes Park

Contact: Richard or Phyllis Gilliland, 586-4223, jrgilliland@airbits.com

Sun, June 1: BARACKFAST FOR BETSY MARKEY

This will be our 16th consecutive, open-to-the-public Barackfast, a savory breakfast offered to everyone who eats, with a voluntary contribution to Obama for America. This month, however, we're working on Barack's coat-tails. Rather than a fundraiser for Barack, this is a Barack Service Event, a fund-raiser for Betsy Markey's campaign to oust Marilyn Musgrave from the House. Betsy belongs in the House!

Date & Time: Sunday, June 1, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Where: Dan Shaner's home, 3401 Terryridge Road, Fort Collins
Contact: Dan Shaner, 970-3760, dshaner@frii.com,
<http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/communityservice/49y>

COMMUNITY NEWS

TODAY May 20: FORT COLLINS IRAQ WITHDRAWAL COALITION MOBILIZATION

The next public comment portion of a city council meeting to urge the Fort Collins city council to pass a resolution calling for withdrawal of US military forces from Iraq takes place this evening..

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 20, 6:00 pm
Where: Fort Collins City Council Chambers, 300 W. LaPorte, Ft. Collins
Contact: www.fciw.org

Sun May 25: EYES WIDE OPEN: AN EXHIBIT ON THE HUMAN COST OF THE IRAQ WAR

Presented by the Loveland Peacemakers.

Increase your awareness and pay your respects to our fallen heroes. On display are military boots representing the 58 young men and women from Colorado who paid the ultimate price for our nation with their lives, 4000 flags to physically portray the number of US troops lost in this occupation, and Iraqi civilian shoes to highlight the untold number of innocent men/women/children deaths.

Names of soldiers will be honored by name recognition and bell ringing. Various local pastors, citizens and soldiers' family members will be addressing visitors throughout the day. A wall of remembrance will be available for you to leave a personal message. The evening will conclude with lighting of candles for peace, a final prayer for the fallen and playing of taps by Ralph Trenary and Eric Weedon.

Date & Time: Sunday, May 25, 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Where: Dwayne Webster Park in Loveland (on Eisenhower Blvd, across from Lake Loveland)

CANDIDATE PROFILE: Ken Bennett for HD 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.

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SAVE THE DATES

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	Kick off National Convention Week with the Larimer Dems! 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

Contact: ldems@frii.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting

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Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, NW corner of Drake and Worthington, Fort Collins.

Contact: Irma Woollen, 266-1136, ierwoole@peoplepc.com

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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: will resume Saturday September 6th

Location:

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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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.