

Editor's Note:

We will be featuring local candidates (one every week or two.) We also would like to put candidate profiles on our website. Watch for our second profile in next week's edition. Please send newsletter items to Anne Wilseck anneeliz73@gmail.com, Adam Bowen adambowen@frii.com and Ann Harroun a.harroun@comcast.net by 5:00 pm Sunday.

From the Chair: Our apologies for the resend. We're still getting used to the new software!

Well, we've had the last of the snows (hopefully!) and not a day too soon either.

This past weekend marked the kickoff of our Summer Event season, with your Larimer Dems showing at three different events over the weekend.

First, we set up across from Consuelo's at Cinco de Mayo celebrations in Old Town Fort Collins.

Energized Democrats stopped to chat, rant, and pick up handouts or voter registration forms.

Drake Road Farmers Market kicked off and Larimer Dems were there - we'll set up, rain or shine, every Saturday for the whole season. Come on by!

Finally, several of us tabled over three nights at Poudre High School's production of *43 Plays about 43 Presidents*. The actors were brilliant - and the play was fun, informative and a tad irreverent. Students and parents talked with us and took away information on the party and its candidates.

So, see below for details on how to play a part in this vital activity. Taking a shift at an event or walking in a parade are easy, but important, ways to get involved and show our communities the Democratic strength and enthusiasm!

DELEGATES: SEE BELOW: FAQ's for The Big Bus to Colorado Springs

PARTY NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOOTHS AND PARADES

Spring is here, Summer not far behind! Volunteers are needed for the weekly Drake Street Farmers Market every Saturday from 9am to 1pm, Setup between 9 and 10 and closes at 1.

Can you set up? Work a shift? Break down the booth?

As we all know, this is an election year and we need to encourage folks to vote. We want to make sure we not only win the Presidency but also our state and local elections.

A full schedule of all booths and parades can be found on the website,
www.larimerdems.org/communityevents.html

Please contact Bob Massaro for more information

Date & Time: All summer long!

Location: Festivals throughout Larimer County

Contact: Bob Massaro, 402-3678, massaror2001@yahoo.com

Wed, May 7: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM

The Democratic Breakfast Forum will welcome the Udall Campaign's Political Director, Ben Davis, as the main speaker on May 7. Davis will explain the wide philosophical differences that will emerge between Congressman Mark Udall and his opponent, Bob

Schaffer, in the race for the US Senate.

Newly announced HD 49 candidate, James Ross, will also address the forum. Bring a friend and learn how you can make a difference in these two important campaigns.

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

Tues, 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

Tues, 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.

THE BIG BUS! FAQ's! DON'T MISS OUT! THIS IS THE WAY TO GO TO ASSEMBLY/CONVENTION There are 10-15 seats left - reserve NOW

Cost: \$50 Please mail check now to LCDP, P.O. Box 1252, Fort Collins 80522 OR drop off at Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins OR pay online at www.larimerdems.org and designate your contribution for the Big Bus

1. The Bus will leave at **11:00 a.m., Friday, May 16th**

FROM: Harmony Park & Ride, Fort Collins then will stop at Loveland Visitors Bureau, Loveland, and final stop at Johnstown Exit Park & Ride.

SEE website www.larimerdems.org for directions to these locations

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

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

3. You may ride one way, but the full payment must be made.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. The BUS has space for **one carry bag** per person. Luggage space is a premium.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

Wed, May 7: BETSY MARKEY TOWN HALL MEETING: Weld County

Town hall meeting in Greeley to present economic plan.

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

Location: Heath Middle School, 2223 16th Street, Greeley

Contact: Mackenzie, 221-1473, mackenzie@markeyforcongress.com

Fri, May 9: RANDY FISCHER FOR COLORADO HOUSE KICK-OFF PARTY!

Randy Fischer is running for re-election! Please join Randy, his sisters Pam and Debbie, niece Erin and their families for a big Campaign Kick-off Celebration. Meet special guests Tom Sutherland, Peggy Reeves and Kelly Ohlson.

Randy has been hard at work representing us in the House and this is your chance to thank him, volunteer for his campaign and make a donation. Enjoy food, drinks and lively conversation!

Date & Time: Friday, May 9, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Where: Pam, Bill and Erin Grogan's Home, 3034 Clemma Ct., Ft. Collins

Directions: Take W. Drake west of Taft Hill, turn south on Pasquinal Dr., then turn west on Clemma Ct.

Parking: Best spots are on Pasquinal or on the west side of Overland Trail, south of Drake. Watch for Fischer yard signs.

Contact: RSVP to Gina Janett at ginaciao@frii.com or 493-4677. Gina is also recruiting volunteers and food donations for the event.

Sat, May 10: KEN BENNETT (HD 51) AT THE SWEET SPOT

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

Date & Time: Saturday, May 10, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Where: The Sweet Spot, 210 E. 4th Street, Loveland

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

Sat, May 10: JAMES ROSS (HD 49) GRILLIN' & CHILLIN' CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

Lisa Poppaw, Nancy Tellez & William Russell invite our House District 49 friends and the Larimer County Democratic Party to inaugurate the campaign of James Ross for State Representative! We'll be grilling (burgers & hot dogs) and chilling (cold drinks) beside the Big Thompson River. James Ross will describe the challenges of the campaign ahead and the opportunities in front of House District 49.

Join us at the Backbone Events Center, a unique Colorado/Western location (more information at www.riverwilds.net). Good company and a great cause!

Date & Time: Saturday, May 10, 4:00 - 8:00 am

Where: Backbone Special Events Center, just 2.4 miles west of Loveland in the foothills off of U.S. Highway 34 just past the Devil's Backbone rock outcropping. At the bottom of the hill is Glade Road, make a right turn (North) at Namaqua Conoco then left (West) on Wild Lane.

Suggested donation: \$49

Contact & RSVP: Ralph Trenary, 690-2996, trenaryr3@msn.com

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

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

Larimer County

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Election Day for Health District Board is TODAY, May 6

For more information on the election or to request a mail- in ballot call 224-5209 or visit www.healthdistrict.org/election

CANDIDATE PROFILE: James Ross for HD 49



James Ross is the Democratic candidate for Colorado House District 49. He is committed to helping Northern Colorado by investing in the people who live here, and bringing citizens together to find solutions to our common problems and concerns. James wants to provide the people of District 49 with the full and fair representation they deserve.

James has been a resident of Colorado for nearly 20 years, and lives outside LaPorte. He teaches at Colorado State University, and has worked in the construction, marketing, international education and public policy sectors. James has served on boards, commissions and community task forces, in addition to being a leader in promoting voter participation. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado and is married with three children.

James Ross to Answer Calling for House District 49

My name is James Ross and I am the Democratic Party candidate for State Representative in House District 49. I am a graduate of the University of Colorado,

married and an involved "Soccer Dad" with three children. I have broad experience in the construction, marketing, public policy and higher education sectors.

I ask for your support to answer this calling: to bring people together to find solutions to our common problems and concerns.

The real issues facing the people of House District 49 require connection and collaboration, especially in uncertain times. I believe that our communities are strongest when we work together, building on our common values and goals. My service on local boards and commissions has been driven by the broad aim of restoring the dialog that will move us beyond insular fear to mutual trust.

I want to bring quality representation to House District 49, to listen to you, to find common values and provide responsive leadership. Much as I have done in my role as an educator and organizer, I want to build trust, develop dialog and find solutions to the real problems and concerns facing us.

Together we can do just that.

We need our state representative to make sure that real issues facing all of us get a fair hearing at the Capitol. Dialog that moves us forward shouldn't be optional.

I want to see a better Colorado and for that I will work for excellent education for all of our children, affordable healthcare for everyone and a new energy economy that limits our dependence on foreign oil, protects the environment against uranium mining in our backyards and brings good jobs to Northern Colorado.

The issues facing families, today, are real and immediate.

Like families across Colorado, people here are being squeezed by a faltering economy, the mortgage crisis, falling home values, evaporating savings, high healthcare costs and a strained transportation system. I believe quality representation demands responsive leadership on these issues.

Join me to bring people together and provide quality representation on the real issues facing House District 49 and the State of Colorado.

For more information email James at James@Ross49.org, call 970-204-7579, or go to the campaign website, www.ross49.org.

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,	Democratic National Convention, Denver!!

Aug 25-28	
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: Irene Fortune for more information vladimir1992@hotmail.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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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.