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**Editor's Note:**

This is the last newsletter of the year. There will be no newsletter December 22 or 29 due to the holidays. You may continue to submit events while the newsletter is on holiday hiatus. The newsletters will resume January 5. Have a happy and safe new year.

The newsletter is always available online at [www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html](http://www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html).

As always, please submit any and all newsletter items to Anne Wilseck [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) and Adam Bowen [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). Deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm Sunday.

**YEAR END Message from the Chair:**

After an exhilarating 2008, we knew 2009 was going to be about a less glamorous variety of political work. We also knew the entrenched interests (such as health insurance lobby) wouldn't let the voters' mandate of 2008 take place without a fight. It's up to all of us to keep pushing ahead and supporting our elected lawmakers' reforms. Folks should not give up on health care reform and other vital issues. Indeed, FDR did not get Social Security passed until his THIRD year in office. Worthwhile results take time and are worth the fight!

In 2010, crucial races at all levels of government will be in play. After a good holiday rest, I hope to see all of you active with the party and the campaigns in 2010!

As we ready ourselves for the holidays, already underway for some faiths, I wish all of you a warm and peaceful season, filled with family and good friends.

Adam Bowen

## PARTY NEWS

**Fri, Dec 18: LARIMER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY SOUTHERN BREAKFAST: *So, What's Susan Kirkpatrick up to These Days?***

Join us Friday morning for a presentation by the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Susan Kirkpatrick. Dr. Kirkpatrick was the mayor of Fort Collins, the 1998 Democratic candidate for congressional district 4, a former political science professor at the University of Colorado and CEO of the Aims Community College Foundation before joining Governor Bill Ritter's cabinet in January 2007.

**Date & Time:** Friday, December 18, 7:00 am

**Location:** Schmidt's Bakery and Delicatessen 808 14th St SW - Loveland, CO 80537

**Cost:** Buffet - \$15.00 per person for the breakfast buffet, or you can order a la carte.

**RSVP:** 970-461-5779 or [trenaryr3@msn.com](mailto:trenaryr3@msn.com) by noon, Wednesday, December 16 for the breakfast buffet

**SAVE THE DATES:**

Caucus locations will be announced in 2010.

LCDP Central Comm. Meeting :: Saturday, January 30, 2010; time tba :: Location tba

Precinct Caucus	Tuesday, March 16, 2010; time tba	Locations tba
Larimer County Assembly	Saturday, March 27, 2010; time tba	Fort Collins
Larimer Dems Annual Dinner	Saturday, March 27, 2010; time tba	Fort Collins Marriott

## CAMPAIGN NEWS

### Sat, Dec 19: KAREN STOCKLEY LISTENING TOUR HOUSE PARTY

Please join Karen at Robin Van Ausdall's home for a Listening Tour and Fundraising House Party. Karen is running to win House District 49 in 2010 and wants to hear about your top issues and concerns. So come, bring a friend, enjoy some refreshments, share your views and help Karen win HD49.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, December 19, 5:30-9:00 pm

**Location:** At the home of Robin Van Ausdall, 903 Saddlebrook Lane, Fort Collins

**Contact:** Robin Van Ausdall 970-226-4171 or Martha Coleman 970-391-1630 for more info.

Visit Karen's website: <http://KarenStockley.com>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ORGANIZING FOR AMERICA--FORT COLLINS CALL PARTIES

The Senate is expected to vote on its healthcare reform legislation as early as next week and Organizing for America's Rapid Response Team is gearing up to stop a potential filibuster. Will you help?

If you're available for an hour or two during the week, we will show you how to empower constituents to find their legislative voices to secure legislation that we can all be proud of. More than 2 million volunteers have joined the campaign for reform since early June and have generated more than 500,000 calls to Congress. We are making history and having a fabulous time - please join us.

**RAPID RESPONSE TEAM:** Call Kathryn Barrett to sign up: 714 317-3039

#### TUESDAY CALL PARTY

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, December 15, 6:00 pm

**Location:** 5220 Boardwalk Dr, Fort Collins

**Host:** Barbara King - Phone: 970 206-0387

#### WEDNESDAY CALL PARTY

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, December 16, 5:00 pm

**Location:** Larimer County Democratic Party Office 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

**Host:** Kathryn Barrett - Phone: 714 317-3039

#### SATURDAY CALL PARTY

**Date & Time:** Saturday, December 19, 9:00 am

**Location:** 325-A Sundance Cir N; Fort Collins

**Hosts:** Doug Rogers & Kathryn Barrett - Phone: 714 317-3039

### WATCH MONEY DRIVEN MEDICINE ON FCPAN

*Money Driven Medicine*, a documentary about health care, will be shown on Fort Collins Public Access Channel 97.

Wednesday, December 16 at 8:30 pm and Friday, December 18 at 9:00 am 12/18/09 @ 9 am.

Also please check FCPAN.org schedule for possible time and date changes. DVD is compliments of HCAC and B-Side Entertainment.

## REGULAR MEETINGS

### Larimer County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting (All are Welcome!)

**NO DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING!**

**Date & Time:** Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm social, Meeting at 7:00 pm

**Location:** LCDP HQ, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

**Contact:** Anne Wilseck for more information [anneeliz73@gmail.com](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com)

### Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

**Date & Time:** First Wednesdays at 7:45 am

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

**Contact & RSVP A Week Ahead:** Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, [anne2616@comcast.net](mailto:anne2616@comcast.net)

### Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club

The Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club is going to be moving around this year! We are going to try some new activities and locations: breakfast, lunch, happy hour; Loveland, Fort Collins. Check the newsletter often and please join us!

**Date & Time:** First Saturday of each month. 9:00 - 10:30 am

**Location:** November: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 South Shields, Fort Collins

**Contact:** [c.j.quigley@comcast.net](mailto:c.j.quigley@comcast.net) for reservations or more info.

### 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](mailto:mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu) for reservations and to order catered lunch.

### Larimer Democrats Southern Breakfast: Loveland

**Date & Time:** Third Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 am

**Location:** Schmidt's Bakery & Delicatessen, 808 14th St SW

**Cost:** \$15, including tip & a donation back to the LCDP

**Contact & RSVP:** LCDP South Office 970-461-5779, or email Ralph Trenary at [trenary3@msn.com](mailto:trenary3@msn.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 (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](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) and [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). Thank you.