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Editor's Note:

The newsletter is always available online at www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html. As always, please submit any and all newsletter items to Anne Wilseck anneeliz73@gmail.com and Adam Bowen adambowen@frii.com. Deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm Sunday.

Message from the Chair:

This Sat, Dec 5: LCDP HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE!

Kick off the holiday party season by getting together with other good Democrats at the Larimer County Democratic Party Headquarters on Saturday, December 5, anytime between 5:00 and 9:00 pm. Enjoy food and drinks provided by the Executive Board. Our elected officials and newly announced candidate for Larimer County Sheriff will join us.

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

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

PARTY NEWS

Tue, Dec 1: FILM: THE CRUMBLING OF AMERICA

Part of the 2009 Explorations, Visions and Our Future Series

The History Channel Documentary, *The Crumbling of America* will be presented then followed by a discussion session. The forum is part of the **2009 Explorations, Visions and our Future Series** and is sponsored by the Larimer County Democratic Party. The document takes a look at how America's infrastructure is failing. Once the envy of the world, much of it has reached or is near its design limit and is in desperate need of repair. This impacts more than just convenience it is the foundation of our commerce. Come see this documentary on America's aging roads, bridges, waterways and more. The event is free and open to the public.

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Larimer County Democratic Party South Office, 505 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland.

For more information, call (970) 461-5779.

JOIN THE CENTURY CLUB

The Larimer County Democratic Party is an all-volunteer organization, and every aspect of our organization is funded by contributions from generous Democrats like you. [Join the Century Club today by committing to a monthly donation of \\$8.50 or more.](#)

Larimer County is widely regarded as a swing county in a swing state. Your recurring monthly donation will help us swing Larimer County to a deeper shade of blue and will help us fund strong races county-wide in 2010!

Monthly contributions are easy and convenient. Clean water, clean air, good schools, good jobs and good health care are only possible when we have responsible and reasonable representation in Larimer County, Denver and Washington DC. Your monthly donation helps us elect representatives who will be responsible to the constituents who elected them.

A big THANK YOU to the current Century/Victory/Millennium Club members. The momentum we carry into another crucial election year would not exist without you. If you can increase your contribution in 2010 by even \$5 a month, more good things can happen!

To make a monthly donation or a one-time donation, visit

<http://larimerdems.org/contribute.html> today!

SAVE THE DATES:

Caucus locations will be announced in 2010.

Larimer Dems Holiday Party	Saturday, December 5; 5:00 - 9:00 pm	LCDP HQ
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

JAY HARRISON FOR LARIMER COUNTY SHERIFF

Jay Harrison filed his paperwork Monday to become the next Larimer County Sheriff.

"We have excellent personnel, but we are in critical need of independent leadership. That's why I'm running for sheriff," Jay said.

Jay is a professional law enforcement officer with 25 years experience. He took on the challenges of a floundering K-9 program and helped build it into the best K-9 program in the region.

Jay grew up in Northern Colorado and comes from a family with a history of service to county and community. "The sheriff's department needs to return to its original mission of serving and being accountable to the people of Larimer County."

Visit Jay's website: www.JayHarrisonForSheriff.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dec. 6: BARACKFAST BENEFITTING CENTRAL ASIA INSTITUTE

This week, our country will decide how and whether to continue to engage in an already eight-year-old military intervention in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Meanwhile, Greg Mortenson and Central Asia Institute, whose mission is "*to promote community-based education, especially for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan,*" will complete their sixteenth year of service to the people of that region.

And in this Holiday Season, what will you and I do? I hope you will enjoy a breakfast with Christiane Leitinger, Director of Pennies4Peace, at my house. Bring your families and invite your friends. Contemplate the significance of CAI's work to you, and then give the gift of education for girls who resist unimaginable obstacles to receive it, and have it matched by Pat Stryker and the Bohemian Foundation.

Not a potluck, and no RSVP needed All contributions go to Central Asia Institute, are tax deductible, and are matched by The Bohemian Foundation.

Date & Time: Sunday, December 6th Anytime between 10am and 2pm

Location: 3401 Terryridge Road in Fort Collins That's 1.7-miles north of 287 on Highway 1. Carpool if you can, and park on Highway 1 at the top of the hill if you're able to walk down

Sun, Dec. 6: NAMAQUA FORUM: UNDERSTANDING RUSSIAN LEADERS

The Namaqua Forum will feature Richard Life on December 6th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. His topic is "Understanding Russian Leaders: We meet at the Ferguson High School at 1101 Hill Top Drive in Loveland. The Forum is free and open to the public.

Date & Time: Sunday, December 6, 7:00 pm

Location: Ferguson School, 1101 Hill Top Drive, Loveland

Mon, Dec. 7: AMBULANCE TOUR FOR HEALTH CARE

On Monday, December 7th **Change That Works** will have an ambulance that will go on a

Colorado tour. On the 7th it will start in Fort Morgan at 9:30, Greeley at noon, Ft. Collins at 3:00, and Loveland at 5:30. Specific locations to be announced. for details, please call Change that Works at 970-227-4852. Now is a VERY critical time for the Health Insurance reform Debate, don't be stuck on the sidelines when history is made!

Date, Times & Locations: Monday, December 7, 3:00 pm, Fort Collins; 5:30 pm, Loveland

For more info: Call Change that Works at 970-227-4852

Thur, Dec. 10: BECOME A BACKSEAT BUDGETER!

Community Forum with Colorado House Reps. Randy Fischer and John Kefalas

Think you could do a better job of balancing Colorado's budget? Here's your chance to become a Backseat Budgeter! Fort Collins House Reps. Randy Fischer and John Kefalas will be joined by House Rep. Mark Ferrandino, a member of the state's powerful Joint Budget Committee, for a community forum on the 2010/2011 Colorado State budget.

The forum will be held on Thursday evening, December 10, from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Harmony Library Community room. Participants will invited to make their own suggestions for balancing state budget using an interactive tool developed at Colorado State University called the Backseat Budgeter. This web-based application will be up and running to allow participants to add or drop programs, raise revenues, or rearrange spending priorities to balance the 2010/2011 budget. Participants will enjoy opportunities for input, commentary, and questions and answers with our local House reps, as well as a member of the legislature's budget committee. Experience firsthand the challenge of trying to provide critical state services with insufficient revenues while constrained by Colorado's unique constitutional oddities and convolutions, such as the Douglas Bruce amendment, Amendment 23 and others.

Date & Time: Thursday, December 10, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Location: Harmony Library Community room, 4616 South Shields, Fort Collins

Sat, Dec 12: FINAL 2009 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP. KEFALAS

The public is invited to participate in John's final 2009 community conversation to discuss the issues of the day, celebrate the holidays and support a great local business by buying a book and a cup of coffee. Please bring your questions, comments and ideas to participate in this interactive and fun discussion. Remember the glass is half-full and life is good despite the challenges.

Date & Time: Saturday, December 12, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Location: Reader's Cove Book Store, 1001 East Harmony Road, Unit C (next to Ace Hardware), Fort Collins

REGULAR MEETINGS

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

NO DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING! JOIN US FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6.

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

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

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 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 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

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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 and adambowen@frii.com. Thank you.