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**Editor's Note:**

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.

**From the Chair:**

**All are invited to the Fort Collins Inauguration Ball!** LCDP is partnering with two well-organized women, Bridgette Johnson and LaKendrea Moore, who are representatives of the growing African-American community in Larimer county. They have done the major ground work for a classy gala at the new Drake Centre event facility.

The doors open at **6:30 p.m.**, with a showing of the Swearing In and Inauguration Speech at **7:00**, on two very large TV screens. Then the screens will show live coverage of the Washington festivities on the various major networks and cable channels for the rest of the evening.

Enjoy a plentitude of hors D'oeuvres, and the music of a live, and lively, local jazz quartet. There will exciting door prizes, champagne/sparkling cider to toast our new President, and cash bar.

Bridgette and LaKendrea's organization is the The Conversations Book Club. Their mission is to enhance the diversity experience throughout Larimer County. They have organized a Martin Luther King Community Celebration at the Lincoln Center on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with Abyssinian Christian Church; are now planning a May event at Rolland Moore Park; and perhaps most importantly, have a commitment to donate books to the libraries of our schools on African-American culture, well as those with authors of African-American descent.

Any proceeds beyond expenses will go to support these endeavors. The cost for this historic event is \$30 individual, and \$55 for couples. **Please join old friends and new at the Drake Event Centre, 802 W. Drake, Fort Collins, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Tues., Jan 20th, to celebrate the Inauguration of the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Barack Obama!!**

Call (689-6391) or e-mail ([ldems@frii.com](mailto:ldems@frii.com)) LCDP Headquarters to RSVP. Keep checking our website, where you will be able to pay in advance by credit or debit card. Cash, check or card accepted at the door.

## **PARTY NEWS**

### **Fri, Jan 9: GOVERNOR BILL RITTER & SENATOR-DESIGNATE MICHAEL BENNET STATE OF THE STATE TOUR**

Join Governor Ritter and Senator-designate Michael Bennet as they make two stops in Northern Colorado kicking off their State of the State tour this Friday, January 9th. Come meet the Governor and Senator-designate Bennet speak about their plans for the future of Colorado.

**Date:** Friday, January 9

**Time & Location:** 1:00 pm, Loveland Museum, 503 N. Lincoln Ave, Loveland  
**and**

**Time & Location:** 4:15 pm, Aztlan Community Center, 112 Willow Street, Fort Collins

**Contact:** Joe Duffy, (847) 370-4807 or [joemduffy@gmail.com](mailto:joemduffy@gmail.com)

### **Sat, Jan 10: LARIMER DEMS DATA USER GROUP MEETING**

**This month's special topic: Phone Numbers.** A data users group for the LCDP has formed and will be meeting this Saturday, Jan. 10, at 10:00am at the LCDP Headquarters, at 606 Mason S. St. The overall goal is to network about how we can more effectively use data, and how to improve the quality of the data we have. At this meeting we will identify the data sets available for use by campaigns, begin a list of new data we would like to build, and then work on this month's special topic: Phone Numbers. We anticipate that phone numbers will be a 2 to 3 month series. If you have an interest in using data or being a data resource person for a campaign, please join us. Bring a laptop if you like.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, January 10, 10:00 am

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

**Contact:** Martha Coleman, [marthacoleman@earthlink.net](mailto:marthacoleman@earthlink.net) or 221-2581

### **Sat, Jan 10:LCDP SOUTH OFFICE GRAND OPENING (AND MANY OTHER HAPPENINGS)**

The South Office is moving forward with several important steps this week!

The first half-dozen vital volunteers are on-board to open the office everyday of the week and Friday starts another busy weekend. An on-site Food Drive runs Monday-Sunday for the Food Bank of Larimer County Loveland Center. The blue barrel is in-place. Please bring in non-perishable canned and boxed food.

**Friday, January 9** is another Downtown Loveland Second Friday Open House. Stop by between 6:00 and 9:00 pm as you're out enjoying the shops and restaurants.

**Saturday, January 10** is the South Office Grand Opening from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Special guests have been invited to join with our friends and volunteers to celebrate the new facility.

### **Tue, Jan 13: DEMOCRATIC BUSINESS COALITION LUNCH: HEALTH CARE REFORM--THE COST OF DOING NOTHING**

2008 sure closed out with a memorable and important event. Now, we're set to kick-off 2009 with Dr. Cory Carroll's presentation on state and national health care.

Our struggling health system seriously impacts the American economy. What are the

current costs of health care in the U.S?

Can incremental change control rising costs or is comprehensive reform required? How do other countries provide health care for all their people and achieve better outcomes than the U.S.? These questions will be touched upon as Dr. Cory Carroll suggests that changes in the financing of our health care are required - and doable - to create a sustainable system. Join us for an insightful presentation and discussion.

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 13th, 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.

**RSVP to:** M.L. Johnson, 482-4979, [mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu) for reservations and to order a 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.

### **Wed, Feb. 4: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: ELECTION PRESENTATION WITH SCOTT DOYLE**

After a break to enjoy the euphoria of the election, the Democratic Breakfast Forum resumes its 1st Wednesday schedule on February 4. Mark your calendar to join fellow Dems for an election presentation by Scott Doyle, Larimer County Clerk. Here's your chance to ask the many questions that emerged the morning after big Democratic wins. Doyle will recap how elections were conducted in Larimer County and around the state, in addition to commenting on how and why elections may change in the future.

You'll also want to plan ahead for the March Breakfast Forum--an opportunity to hear from announced Fort Collins City Council candidates, and (if you choose) invest some post-election energy in these brief, non-partisan campaigns.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, February 4, 7:45 am

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

**RSV by January 28:** Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, [annemich@comcast.net](mailto:annemich@comcast.net)

### **Feb 20-22: CAMP WELLSTONE COMES TO COLORADO**

Just one month after we inaugurate President Barack Obama, join us at Camp Wellstone to grow the skills of the next wave of leaders, enhance the talents of long-time activists, and continue to build the foundation for the progressive movement. We all have to be ready to hit the ground running in 2009! Larimer Dems receive \$50 off the cost of this training!

Don't miss out! [Register today](#): Denver, CO: February 20-22, 2009

This training runs from 3:00 pm Friday to 3:30 pm Sunday. The location will be announced to registered participants.

[Learn more about Camp Wellstone](#)

If you are interested in Camp Wellstone, the Larimer Dems will be coordinating transportation to Denver and a discount. Please contact LCDP Headquarters if you are interested in attending Camp Wellstone.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Sat, Jan 10: REPS. KEFALAS AND FISCHER & SEN. BACON HOST TOWN HALL MEETING**

The 2009 legislative session starts on January 7 and Fort Collins lawmakers will host their first town hall meeting of the New Year to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing our state. On Saturday, January 10, 10:00 – 11:30 am at the Fort Collins Coloradoan Community Room, 1300 Riverside Ave., Representatives John Kefalas and Randy Fischer, and Senator Bob Bacon will conduct a town hall meeting to engage citizens in the issues that state lawmakers will face in the upcoming session.

The focus of this town hall meeting is to inform the community on proposed legislation and priorities for the 2009 legislative session and to continue receiving input from community members.

This event is free, and the public is encouraged to actively participate in the political process in order to improve our representative democracy and make good public policy. The Coloradoan Community Room is wheelchair accessible.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, January 10, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

**Location:** Fort Collins Coloradoan Community Room, 1300 Riverside Avenue, Fort Collins

**Contact:** Cyrus Patten, 970-690-2066

### **Thur, Jan 29: HEALTHCARE IN AMERICA: A MEDICAL, MORAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS**

Does the U.S. have the best health care system in the world? What health outcomes do we achieve for our health care dollars? How did the health care system become linked with employment and how does this compare with other industrialized countries?

Presenter: Cory Carroll, M.D. is a family practice physician in Fort Collins. He is a past president of the Larimer County Medical Society and a member of the Colorado Medical Society Physicians' Congress for Health Care Reform.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, January 29, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Harmony Library, 4616 S Shields Street, Fort Collins

Sponsored by Fort Collins Regional Library Series

**For more info:** Norman Fitzpatrick, 224-6122

## SAVE THE DATES

Tue, Jan. 20	Inauguration Party!--6:30 - 10 p.m., Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake
Sat, Jan. 24	Volunteer Appreciation Open House--Details TBA
Sat, Feb. 7	Central Committee Meeting--Thompson Valley High School , Loveland; 8:30 - noon
Sat., Mar. 28, 2009	Larimer Dems Annual Dinner, Marriott Hotel

## REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

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

**Contact:** Irene Fortune for more information [vladimir1992@hotmail.com](mailto:vladimir1992@hotmail.com)

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting. No meeting in December or January.

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

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

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

Estes Park Meetup for Democracy: Estes Park

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

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:** Varies

**Location:** Varies

**Contact:** Kathy Batterton at [kathybatterton@q.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) and [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). (Sometimes one of us will be out of town.) Thank you.