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Correction:

Apologies to Gary Amato, HD 52 Deputy Director; Joan Shaffer, State Central Committee Alternate; and Tim Kubick, Deputy Director for HD49 only. They were listed incorrectly or omitted from the results of Central Committee in last week's newsletter.

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.

The Larimer County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting (Executive Committee) will be held in Loveland this Thursday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us!

From the Chair:

For those of you in Loveland, Berthoud, Estes Park, Windsor and other parts of southern Larimer County - - we're kicking off the 2009-10 cycle at the South Office in Loveland on Thursday! Everyone is invited to attend the monthly Party meeting. Bring your enthusiasm and ideas from 2008, learn more about the work of the Party, and get together with some really great Democrats!

PARTY NEWS

Feb. 20-22: CAMP WELLSTONE IN DENVER

Are you going to Camp Wellstone in Denver this weekend? **If you are, please contact the office so we know who is going.** We would love to help coordinate carpools, or if you plan to stay in Denver, we would love to coordinate hotels and dinner.

If you haven't signed up for Camp Wellstone, it isn't too late! Larimer Dems receive a discounted rate of \$50 for the training. For more information about Camp Wellstone, visit www.wellstone.org/training-calendar/camp-wellstone-colorado

Interested in Carpooling? Contact Martha at marthacoleman@earthlink.net or 970-391-1630.

Contact: LCDP, ldems@frii.com or (970) 689-6391

Sat. Feb 28: JANE JEFFERSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB PROGRAM: TOOLS FOR CITIZENS TO LOBBY LEGISLATORS

Join the Jane Jefferson Democratic Club of Larimer County at the Larimer

County Democratic Party South Office on Saturday, February 28. Jodi Radke will teach us how citizens can effectively lobby their legislators. Taste Catering will provide breakfast for our February event and the cost is \$7.00 per person. The menu is herbed cheese frittata, cream scones with jam and butter, and honey dew melon, coffee and tea. RSVP to Kathy by 2/24.

Bring a friend!

Date & Time: Saturday, February 28, 9:00 am

Location: LCDP South Office, 507 S. Cleveland, Loveland

Cost: \$7.00 per person

RSVP by February 24: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com for reservations.

Wed, Mar 4: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: ALL POLITICS ARE LOCAL

To prove that time-honored axiom, the Democratic Breakfast Forum will have the opportunity to hear from candidates for Fort Collins City Council and for Mayor on Wednesday, March 4. With the non-partisan election set for April 7, there is--and will be---time to support candidates with the donation of time and hard-earned dollars. Come join fellow Dems to quiz the candidates and hear their views. Special thanks to attendees at the February Breakfast Forum, who posed informed and incisive questions for Larimer County Clerk Scott Doyle regarding elections. Make the 1st Wednesday Breakfast Forum a staple on your calendar. In a non-election year there is still much to be done, and always time to celebrate accomplishments with fellow Dems.

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 4, 7:45 AM

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

RSVP by February 25: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annewmich@comcast.net

Sat, Mar 28: LARIMER DEMS ANNUAL DINNER with DAVID SIROTA

Let's Celebrate! Our annual dinner and silent auction is coming up at the Marriott on March 28! Our guest speaker is New York Times Best-selling author **DAVID SIROTA**. *Mr. Sirota is a political journalist, nationally syndicated weekly newspaper columnist and bestselling author. His two books, Hostile Takeover and The Uprising, were both New York Times bestsellers. He appears periodically on CNN, Comedy Central's Colbert Report, Fox News, and National Public Radio. His writing has won praise from across the political spectrum. Mr. Sirota's books will be available for purchase and book signing.*

RSVP now! Table placement is based on when payment for the entire table is received by the Larimer Dems. We anticipate a HUGE turnout this year, so reserve your table early for prime seating. Please RSVP by March 20. If you need a special meal--kosher, vegan, gluten-free--the hotel is prepared to accommodate you with advance notice. Contact Steve Rose

srose58089@earthlink.net

Date & Time: Saturday, March 28, 5:30 pm Cocktails (cash bar), 7:30 pm Dinner

Cost: \$85 per person/\$850 per table

Location: Fort Collins Marriott, 350 E. Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins
RSVP TODAY!: <http://www.larimerdems.org/specialevent.html>
Contact: Nancy Tellez, 689-6391, ntellez@frii.com

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED for the ANNUAL DINNER!

We'll be having a silent auction again, **so start looking for and soliciting those unique items that might be treasured by attendees. Wine is always a good seller, especially Champagne.** You can drop off your items at either party office, or we'll pick up your donation!

For more info, contact: Charlotte Miller, cimiller44@hotmail.com or Martha Coleman, marthacoleman@earthlink.net

Or call either office: Fort Collins Headquarters: 970-689-6391, South Office, Loveland 970 461-5779

NOMINATE YOUR LOCAL DEMOCRATS FOR AWARDS at the ANNUAL DINNER

We recognize area Dems with the following awards: *Volunteer of the Year*, *Lifetime Achievement* and the *Robin Murphy Davis Award* (awarded to a Dem whose efforts have made a material change in Democratic political activities or successes).

If you would like to nominate someone, please submit a letter of nomination, detailing what the person has done to deserve that particular award.

Nominations are due by March 1.

Email your nomination to: Nancy Tellez, 689-6391, ntellez@frii.com

Wed, Mar 11: LARIMER DEMS BOOK CLUB

The Larimer Dems would like to invite everyone in joining the formation of our new book club called "*Off the Fence*" that will educate and titillate lovers of history and political events. Along with informative discussions, we hope to generate real enjoyment and to share ideas and reactions with people of all walks of life (elephants included!). If you read, skim, scan, Google, cliff note or wait for the movie to come out, we would love to have you join us. Everyone will have the option of choosing a book. Some may not want to join every session but pick and choose those subjects that they find personally compelling. We contacted the Anthology Book Store in downtown Loveland, a struggling Democratic locally owned business, which is willing to work with our book club and provide us a generous discount. We have scheduled our first inaugural meeting and chosen the first book for expediency.

Book: *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage*, by Daniel Mark Epstein (paperback)

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 pm

Location: 505 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland

Contact: Larimer Dems South Office, LCDP_south@yahoo.com or (970) 461-5779.

WE CAN'T REST

I believe we all know that the 2010 campaigns have already started. Several folks have indicated they are running against Betsy. Dick Wadhams has stated the Republicans are targeting both Betsy and Bennet and intend on taking them out in 2010. We can't rest. By opening the South Office we are attempting to position the LCDP to win more countywide elections and increase the margin of victory at the federal level. This will not happen without a commitment of support from all of us for the LCDP. **So please dig deep and contribute whatever you can on a monthly basis. If each of us donated as little as the \$8.50 / month (Century Club Membership) we will be able to keep this office open and reach our goals countywide. It is up to each of us. Remember, democracy is not a spectator sport.**

PHOTO REQUEST

If you have a few (3-4) photos of party events taken between March, 2008, and February, 2009, please e-mail them to Bob Massaro at massaror2001@yahoo.com, especially photos from the State Convention, National Convention and/or Obama's Acceptance speech.

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED: GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

We frequently have needs for graphic designers. Most of our projects are quick, small and fun: flyers and posters for events, simple forms, etc. We'd like to create a pool of designers who can help out occasionally as needs arise. This is a perfect opportunity for students building a portfolio or seasoned professionals who want to make a valuable and appreciated contribution to our party and candidates.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Anne Wilseck, anneeliz73@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED: PHOTO/MEDIA MANAGER

We are in the process of putting photos and video from our many events online for all to see. We need a volunteer who will be responsible for uploading images to Picasa, keeping images organized, tagged and captioned. We also would like to start uploading video of events to YouTube. All work can be done from your home on your own schedule.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Jennifer Walton, jenniferawalton@gmail.com

CAMPAIGN NEWS

RITTER FOR GOVERNOR LUNCHEON - Rescheduled

This event is being rescheduled due to Pres. Obama's visit to Denver today!

Bill and Diane Warren invite you to a luncheon honoring Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. at Sonny Lubick Steakhouse. Suggested contribution \$150 per person.

Date & Time: TBA

Location: Sonny Lubick Steakhouse, 115 S. College Ave, Fort Collins

Suggested Contribution: \$150 per person

RSVP or for more info: Rachel Gordon, 303-825-0245 or rachel@ritterforgovernor.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thur, Feb 19: THE POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE 2009 WITH T.R. REID

Traveling the World to Fix American Health Care

Presenter: T.R. Reid is a veteran foreign correspondent and Denver Bureau Chief for The Washington Post, a Health Policy Fellow for the Kaiser Family Foundation, a commentator for PBS and National Public Radio and the author of nine books. His book, *The Healing of America*, will be released in the spring of 2009.

Date & Time: Thursday, February 19, Noon - 1:30 pm

Location: CSU Lory Student Center West Ballroom, Fort Collins

AND

Date & Time: Thursday, February 19, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins Marriott, 350 E. Horsetooth, Fort Collins

For More Info: 491-1723

Sat, Feb 21: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP. JOHN KEFALAS

Representative John Kefalas will hold a community conversation at the Reader's Cove Bookstore on Harmony Road this Saturday. Please come and enjoy a cup of coffee and informal discussion on the issues facing Northern Colorado residents. Learn about proposed legislation and other updates from Denver while actively participating in the democratic process.

Date & Time: Saturday, February 21, 9:00 - 10:00 am

Location: Reader's Cove Bookstore, 1001 E. Harmony Rd. Unit C, Fort Collins

Thur, Feb 26: KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Keeping Kids Healthy in the 21st Century Topics will include access to health care for kids, immunizations, and childhood obesity.

Presenter: Susan McColl, RN pediatric nurse. She worked as the health specialist in the Early Head Start program for the Poudre School District. She has participated in the Early Childhood Council and is widely known and respected in the early childhood community.

Date & Time: Thursday, February 26, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins Main Library, 201 Peterson St, Fort Collins

**Sat, Feb 28: COMMUNITY ISSUE FORUM WITH KEFALAS AND FISCHER:
FOCUS ON LONG TERM CARE AND AGING IN NORTHERN COLORADO**

State Representative John Kefalas (HD-52) and State Representative Randy Fischer (HD-53) host an Issue Forum on long term care and aging. ***“Community Issue Forum with Kefalas and Fischer – Focus on Long Term Care and Aging in Northern Colorado”***

These issue forums are open to the public, and all residents are invited to share a lively conversation with Representatives Kefalas and Fischer about the long term care and aging issues facing Northern Colorado residents.

Invited panelists include *Yvonne Myers with Columbine Health Systems and Dennis Shelby with Ernest Health, Inc., Bev Dahan with Total Long Term Care and Lori Carlson.*

Date & Time: Saturday, February 28, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Location: Fort Collins Harmony Library, 4616 S Shields St, Fort Collins

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS: A SETBACK OR A STIMULUS FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM

Airing of a special program on Fort Collins Public Access Network, Channel 97. Presented by Dr. Alexandra Bernasek, Professor of Economics at Colorado State University, the discussion addresses the intersection of the current financial crisis and the movement for health care reform. Is the reform movement knocked off the agenda by the financial crisis or does the crisis increase the pressure for comprehensive reform of the health care system?

The hour and a half program will air in February at these times:

Sundays 9:00 pm

Mondays 6:30 am

Wednesdays 10:30 am

Fridays 3:00 pm

Saturdays 11:00 am

Health Care for All Colorado is a statewide nonprofit organization working to achieve comprehensive, quality, affordable health care for all. For further information visit www.HealthCareForAllColorado.org

**Tue, Mar 3: A PHYSICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE AND PROPOSAL FOR REFORM,
Presenter: STEVEN THORSON, M.D.**

How do current proposals for reform stack up? What advantages does a single payer system offer? Presenter: Steven Thorson, M.D. is a family physician and co-founder of the Family Clinic of Fort Collins. He has served as the President of the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians and President of the Larimer County Medical Society and currently is a member of the Board for the Health District of N. Larimer County.

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins Harmony Library, 4616 S Shields St, Fort Collins

Tue, Mar 10: WHAT HEALTH CARE REFORM PROPOSAL IS BEST FOR THE UNITED STATES, Presenter: EARL BAUMGARTEL, M.D.

Which proposals are most likely to create positive change? How can citizens get involved in shaping a sustainable health care system for our country?

Earl Baumgartel, M.D. practiced as a Board Certified General Surgeon in Loveland for 27 years until his retirement in 2004. He has served as a member of the Board of Hospice in Larimer County, a member of the Larimer County Medical Society, and as Chief of Staff at McKee Medical Center.

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins Harmony Library, 4616 S Shields St, Fort Collins

SAVE THE DATES

Sat., Mar. 28

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: FEBRUARY MEETING AT SOUTH OFFICE, LOVELAND, 505 N. CLEVELAND

Contact: Anne Wilseck for more information anneeliz73@gmail.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

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 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 and adambowen@frii.com. Thank you.