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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:**

Our bi-annual reorganization took place this weekend with another stellar Larimer Dems crowd. In addition to Reps. Fischer and Kefalas, and Sen. Bacon, we welcomed Colorado Democratic Party Chair Pat Waak and Lt. Gov. Barbara O'Brien. A surprise guest was former House Speaker Andrew Romanoff who brought laughter to the crowd on multiple occasions. Ken Bennett, Betsy Markey's newly appointed District Director, spoke on her behalf. (Betsy was with the Democratic House delegation retreat in Virginia) .

Much of the same LCDP leadership is back for the 2009-10 cycle. Some of the most enthusiastic and capable workers from the campaigns just concluded have also emerged to fill key leadership positions in the Party. I am looking forward to another outstanding election cycle!!

On a personal note, I am enthusiastic about working with you for another two years. It has been a real privilege to have held this position through the 2008 Presidential cycle, and I look forward to moving into the next cycle with equal vigor.

We have another big task heading into 2010 -- census and redistricting occur after the next election. So it is essential that we continue to build on our majority in the State House and Senate. Our county offices are also critical to our future, and we must field strong candidates in those seven races. This will be a major Party focus in the next two years.

Thank you to everyone who attended Saturday and participated as a voting member, an observer, a candidate and/or a volunteer. Congratulations to everyone who was elected! See all details immediately below.

**PARTY NEWS**

**LARIMER COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING WRAP UP**

<b>LCDP Executive Board</b>					
Adam Bowen, LCDP Chair	Charlotte Miller, LCDP 1st Vice Chair	William Russell, LCDP 2nd Vice Chair	Anne Wilseck, LCDP Secretary	Lynn Alldrin, LCDP Treasurer	
<b>Senate Districts</b>					
Kevin & Julie Caffrey, SD14 Directors	Arne Jamtgaard, SD14 Dept. Director	Brett Johnson, SD14 Secretary	Eric Weedin, SD15 Director	Mark Shaffer, SD15 Dept. Director	Melissa Adams, SD15 Secretary
<b>House Districts</b>					
Martha Coleman, HD49 Director	Tim Kubik, HD49 Dept. Director	Andrew Lemley, HD49 Secretary	Kathleen Worthington, HD49 Platform Committee		
Robert Massaro, HD51 Director	Ralph Trenary, HD51 Dept. Director	Linda Bersch, HD51 Secretary	Diana Greer, HD51 Platform Committee		

Nancy Tellez, HD52 Director	Tim Kubik, HD52 Dept. Director	Irma Woollen, HD52 Secretary	Nancy Tellez, HD52 Platform Committee
Kristina Bulik-Hocum, HD53 Director	Bryan Blakely, HD53 Dept. Director	Kristin Chatnani, HD53 Secretary	Geraldine Raichel, HD53 Platform Committee

**State Central Committee Bonus Delegates**

Lynn Aldrin	Martha Coleman	Nate Donovan	Karen Ericson	John Ericson	Cecil Gutierrez
Ann Harroun	Leah Johnson	Tim Kubik	Robert Massaro	Erma Muelbach	James Ross
William Russell	Mark Shaffer	Linae Warden	Janell Weber	Eric Weeding	Anne Wilseck

**State Central Committee Bonus Alternates**

David Anderson	Linda Bersch	Judith Elliot	Cami Hay	Dee Heath	Jeff Hindman
Arne Jamtgaard	Brett Johnson	Trudi Manuel	Nathan Morimitsu	Sue Radford	Vern Richardson
Patrick Sanchez	Victoria Wasinski	Irma Woolen	Kathleen Worthington	Deb Cape	

**TODAY! Feb. 10: STOVES-TREE-LIVES at the February DBC LUNCH**

The DBC Luncheon presentation for February features Stuart Conway, International Director for Trees, Water and People. He'll focus in on their signature program that provides ecologically efficient and safe cooking stoves that are gaining expanded use in Central and South America. In addition to providing an economic boost to tortilla makers, these innovative stove designs offer a positive change to deforestation practices and are combating acute pulmonary infection cases. Since this will include a question and answer session, you can study-up by reading more at their website [http://www.treeswaterpeople.org/stoves/stove\\_intro.htm](http://www.treeswaterpeople.org/stoves/stove_intro.htm).

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 10th, 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:** 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.

**Sat. Feb 14: DATA COMMITTEE MEETING**

Please come if you can, and find out if you like the work. It takes a lot to win a campaign, including good data.

Meetings are the second Saturday of the month, 4:00 pm at LCDP Headquarters.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, February 14, 4:00 pm

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

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

**Sat. Feb 28: JANE JEFFERSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB PROGRAM:**

The Jane Jefferson Democratic Club will have a program on Saturday February 28. Jodi Radke will teach us tools on how citizens can effectively lobby their representatives. Watch for details next week.

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

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

**Contact:** Kathy Batterton at [kathybatterton@q.com](mailto:kathybatterton@q.com) for reservations.

## **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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cimiller44@hotmail.com) or Martha Coleman, [marthacoleman@earthlink.net](mailto: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](mailto:ntellez@frii.com)

## **SOUTH OFFICE NEWS**

The first 2009 '*Expectations, Visions and our Future*' forum took place last week at the South Office. Bill Kaufman, chairman of the state Transportation Commission, presented the condition of Colorado's transportation systems to a packed house. The news is not good-- the available funds in the state do not come close to meeting the needs of the maintenance and upgrades required. In 1998 CDOT had a budget of \$10 billion; last year the budget was exactly the same, yet costs have gone up more than 40%. Bill started at 7 p.m., formerly finished Q&A two hours later, then stayed in conversation with a smaller group, leaving just before 11 p.m. It was a great night! I recommend that everyone do research on the state of our transportation systems. FYI: Bill left transportation reports at the South Office if anyone is interested.

## **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](mailto:massaror2001@yahoo.com), especially photos from the State Convention, National Convention and/or Obama's Acceptance speech.

### **LARIMER DEMS ARE ON FACEBOOK!**

Join the Larimer County Democratic Party on Facebook! Invite your friends! Network with old friends and make new friends. We are listed as Larimer County Democratic Party.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=42563568153&ref=ts>

## **VOLUNTEER NEWS**

### **VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED: DATA VOLUNTEERS**

**Data entry:** This spring's project is to improve phone number data in the registered voter database.

**Skills:** be comfortable opening, editing and saving computer files.

**Data inquiry and development:** We currently receive requests for basic data compilation and cross-tabulation style analysis.

**Skills:** Excel and Access software. Some experience, but you don't need to be an expert!

**The way it works:** You volunteer, someone from the data committee calls or meets with you to get to know you. Then, when we have a data request come in we match the request up with the right person. Sometimes as in the case of phone numbers, we will work on the project as a group. It's always good if you can make the monthly meeting (2nd Saturday of the month at 4 pm.)

**For more information or to volunteer,** contact Martha Coleman, [marthacoleman@earthlink.net](mailto:marthacoleman@earthlink.net)

## **CAMPAIGN NEWS**

### **Tue. Feb 17: RITTER FOR GOVERNOR LUNCHEON at SONNY LUBICK STEAKHOUSE**

Bill and Diane Warren invite you to a luncheon honoring Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. at Sonny Lubick Steakhouse on Tuesday, February 17, 11:30 - 1:00 pm. Suggested contribution \$150 per person.

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 17, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**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](mailto:rachel@ritterforgovernor.com)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Wed., Feb 11: Town Hall Meeting on Uranium Mining**

C.A.R.D., (Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction) will hold a public Town Hall Meeting to provide an update on the status of the proposed in-situ leach uranium mining close to Fort Collins. The passage of Colorado State House Bill 1161 was a great success. It created

standards concerning water quality that the mining companies have to meet, in order to get permits to do in-situ leach uranium mining. Now regulations need to be written, to ensure that the intent of House Bill 1161 is carried out, so that the uranium mining companies are held accountable to restore the ground water to pre-mining conditions.

Important information will be given at the meeting, about what needs to be done now and in the near future, to help protect people's health and the environment. For more information, go to the C.A.R.D. website, [www.nunnglow.com](http://www.nunnglow.com). **Date & Time:** Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive

**Contact:** Jackie Adolph, 568-0594 (h), 217-7007 (c)

### **Thur, Feb 12: *SICK AROUND THE WORLD* FILM & DISCUSSION WITH DEANNE LEMBITZ, M.D.**

What Can the U.S. Learn from other Countries to Reform our Health Care System? Film "Sick Around the World" and discussion with Deanne Lembitz, M.D.

Veteran Washington Post correspondent, T. R. Reid, travelled to five other capitalist countries that provide health care to all -- with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S. The result of his study was captured in the PBS Frontline special "Sick Around the World" and a soon-to-be released book. He discovers the successes and failures of the system in United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland, and raises the question "What can the U. S. learn?".

Presenter: Deanne Lembitz, M.D. is a Fort Collins native currently in private practice as a full spectrum family physician including obstetrics. She is a member of the Larimer County Medical Society and Physicians for a National Health Program.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 12, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

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

### **Sat. Feb 14: FORT COLLINS LEGISLATORS TOWN HALL MEETING: 2009 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Fort Collins State Representatives Randy Fischer and John Kefalas and State Senator Bob Bacon invite community members to attend a town hall meeting for an update on the 2009 legislative session and discussion of issues of interest to Fort Collins community members. Please bring your thoughts and questions!

**Date & Time:** Saturday, February 14, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Harmony Library Community Room, 4616 S. Shields, Fort Collins

### **Mon, Feb 16: *SICK AROUND THE WORLD* FILM & DISCUSSION WITH KATHY WALLER, M.D.**

What Can the U.S. Learn from other Countries to Reform our Health Care System? Film "Sick Around the World" and discussion with Kathy Waller, M.D.

Veteran Washington Post correspondent, T. R. Reid, travelled to five other capitalist countries that provide health care to all -- with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S. The result of his study was captured in the PBS Frontline special "Sick Around the World" and a soon-to-be released book. He discovers the successes and failures of the system in United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland, and raises the question "What can the U. S. learn?".

Presenter: Kathy Waller, M.D. has been a physician at Hartshorn Health Service at Colorado State University for 17 years. She completed residency and fellowship training in Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, and also earned a Master's degree in Public Health. She is a member of Physicians for a National Health Program, Health Care for All Colorado, and the Universal Health Care Action Network.

**Date & Time:** Monday, February 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** CSU Lory Student Center Theater, Fort Collins

### **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

### **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

### **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](http://www.HealthCareForAllColorado.org)

## **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](mailto: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](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). Thank you.