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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.

From the Chair:

PARADE MARCHERS NEEDED FOR ST. PADDY'S DAY CELEBRATION!

Put on your best **GREEN** and join the LCDP Community Events committee at the kick off Parade, Festival and Booths season by riding or marching in Fort Collins' **St. Patrick's Day Parade**. Join your Democratic elected officials and candidates on Saturday, March 14 in Old Town Fort Collins. We'll start staging at 8:30, and the parade starts at 10:00. Be there no later than 9:00 am - wearing **GREEN!**

Look for Leprechaun Bob Massaro and the LCDP flatbed trailer!

Location: Old Town Fort Collins - meet at the Armadillo parking lot, Walnut and Mountain.

Let us know if you can take part! contact LCDP, 689-6391, ldems@frii.com

PARTY NEWS

Wed, Mar 11: DINE & DIAL FOR DEMS

Join the Larimer County Campaign Corps (LCCC) on Wednesday, March 11 for Dining & Dialing! We'll be helping Markey for Congress by calling to invite fellow supporters to a Markey for Congress fundraiser. This is a great way to help Congresswoman Markey's re-election campaign. We'll supply the pizza and beverages. Please bring your own cell phone.

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 11, 5:30 pm

Location: LCDP Headquarters, 606 S. Mason

For more information or to volunteer, contact contact LCDP, 689-6391, ldems@frii.com

Wed, Mar 11: THE OFF THE FENCE BOOK CLUB

The book is *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage* by Daniel Mark Epstein (paperback). Along with informative discussions, the club hopes to generate real enjoyment and a chance to share ideas and reactions with people of all walks of life. Whether you read, skim, scan, Google, or wait for the movie to come out, this non-partisan club welcomes you to join. The meeting is free and open to those who love to read and discuss books.

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

Wed, Mar 12: LARIMER DEMS MOVIE NIGHT: HOUSE OF CARDS

The movie "*House of Cards*" was produced by "CNBS" in which correspondent David Faber investigates the origins of the global economic crisis by interviewing home buyers, mortgage brokers, investment bankers and investors. Movie Night is sponsored by the Larimer County Democratic Party and is free and open to the public.

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

Sat. Mar 14: DATA COMMITTEE MEETING

Come join us for a kick-off to the spring data projects. We will start to form work groups and dive into the tasks at hand. 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, March 14, 4:00 pm

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

Contact: Martha Coleman, marthacoleman@earthlink.net

Sat. Mar 21: JANE JEFFERSON DEMOCRATS HOST FORT COLLINS CANDIDATE FORUM

The Jane Jefferson Democratic Club of Larimer County will return to Catalyst Coffee in March to host a candidate forum for the Democrats running for Fort Collins City Council and Mayor. Learn more about **Tom Griggs**, candidate for Mayor, and **Kelly Ohlson** and **Ben Manvel**, candidates for re-election to Fort Collins City Council. The focus will be on regional issues.

Catalyst will have food available for purchase, including quiche, breakfast burritos, pastries; many kinds of coffees and teas.

Please RSVP to Kathy Batterton so we can give Catalyst a general idea of numbers. People do not have to eat or drink if they don't want to, but it would be nice to support local business.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am

Location: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Shields, Fort Collins

Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com for reservations.

Sat, Mar 28: ANNUAL DINNER COMING UP FAST!!

Good times in store! Joining David Sirota for your enjoyment will be our own Betsy Markey, who sent Marilyn Musgrave home to the plains in Nov.! As well as our hard-working state legislators Bob Bacon, John Kefalas and Randy Fischer. Keep watching possible surprise guests.

DAVID SIROTA is a political journalist, nationally syndicated weekly newspaper columnist (*appears in the Coloradoan*) 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. David's books will be available for purchase and book signing.

Sign Up Now! Don't miss out on a rollicking evening of Democratic conversation and speeches (a little "red meat" guaranteed). The Marriott wants numbers from us by Mar. 23rd. 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

PLEASE PITCH IN WITH SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

We will have some AWESOME Obama memorabilia, including some really cool Obama posters in our silent auction this year. We're still looking for unique items that will be treasured by attendees. **Wine is always a good seller, especially Champagne (to go with the Obama champagne flutes).**

And please solicit gift certificates from your favorite coffee shop, liquor store, massage therapist, tax accountant, etc.

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

Wed., April 1: Dem Breakfast Forum: PROGRESS NOW COLORADO TAPS POST-ELECTION ENERGY

After a standing-room-only audience to hear the Fort Collins council candidates at the March Breakfast Forum, you'll want to get your reservations in early for the April 1 event--no fooling! On April 1, Dems and friends will have the opportunity to hear from one of the state's top, progressive issue-advocacy groups: Progress Now Colorado. With the high level of post-election energy among Larimer Dems, this is an opportunity to learn about an organization that advocates on the issues that matter to you. In the meantime, check www.progressnowcolorado.com. Reservations submitted to Anne Michaelson by March 25 will insure a sufficient number of breakfasts are ordered for all.

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 1, 7:45 am

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

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

VOLUNTEER NEWS

FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE NEW LARIMER COUNTY CAMPAIGN CORE (LCCC)

contact Wm. Russell, 2nd Vice Chair, at 227-6303 or rwjr3@msn.com

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Sat, Mar 21: BETSY MARKEY AT THE EDWARDS HOUSE

SAVE THE DATE for a fundraiser honoring Betsy Markey, Member of Congress, Colorado's 4th District on Saturday, March 21, 2009, 6:30pm to 8:30 pm at The Edwards House.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 21, 2009, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Location: The Edwards House 402 W. Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins

Donation: Host: \$1,000 * Co-Host: \$500 * Supporter: \$250 * Friend: \$100

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Poudre Valley REA: CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS: PV-PIONEERS

Poudre Valley REA can improve our environment, decrease the potential for future catastrophe, promote national security and make the world safer for our children and grandchildren, simply by moving away from fossil fuel technologies and embracing the cost-effective innovations that America is famous for. Yet the current PVREA Board voted to tie its customers to coal-fired power production for another 50 years!

We should avoid being tethered to last-century production techniques when new, more-efficient technologies are rapidly changing the economics of power generation. We must be positioned to take advantage of new technology, not reduced to watching others do it while our costs continue to escalate.

The three candidates profiled below want a Cooperative where member-owners are fully

informed, not manipulated and a commitment to the well-being of future generations. They want to represent your best interests; to do so, they need your vote, and ask for your support. **Learn more about PV Pioneers at www.pvpioneers.org**

PVREA members should have received your ballot in the mail this week. To vote, you can either mail your ballot in by March 23rd to ensure that it is received on time; or you can bring your ballot with you to the March 28th annual meeting.

CANDIDATE PROFILE: ROGER ALEXANDER, LARIMER COUNTY

My name is Roger Alexander. I am a renewable energy systems designer, an energy auditor/rater and small business owner. I became involved with a small group of activists a few years back when I learned that Tri-State G & T was asking all of the REAs to extend their Sole Supplier contact with Tri-State to 50 years for the purpose of gaining \$4 Billion of financing for building 3 new coal-fired power plants. As a PVREA member/owner I felt like that was not in the best interests of me, my co-op or the world. I decided that I would try to do something about it. It was an opportunity to act locally on a global issue.

It became clear very early in the process that neither the PVREA Board nor management shared our view that it is imprudent to invest such a large sum of money in a dirty, destructive and possibly soon to be obsolete technology. The cost of generating electricity by burning coal is undoubtedly going up as more of the environmental and health costs, currently borne by the general public, are shifted back to the pollution sources. Do we want to be stuck with the bill for massive new coal plants when they are no longer the cheapest source of electricity? We need to start moving toward clean renewable energy sources and serious conservation programs to meet our current challenges. There will be options available in the future that we can't even imagine at present. Clinging to the past will hinder or eliminate the future possibilities. It became obvious that to alter the direction of our co-op it would be necessary to change the composition of the current Board. That is why I am running for the PVREA Board of Directors and why I am asking for your support.

CANDIDATE PROFILE: STEVE SZABO, BOULDER COUNTY

My name is Steve Szabo, and I am running for the PVREA Board of Directors for the Boulder County Position. I am running because I believe it is high time for new leadership on the PVREA board.

Our existing board of directors is not taking on the issues that affect all of us, including developing clean energy sources and reducing our energy consumption. Currently, there's not an adequate amount of diversity in the PVREA energy portfolio, which is a reliability issue. We must move away from our almost complete reliance on coal. We can also aggressively reduce the amount of energy each of us uses without changing our current lifestyle. This can be accomplished with energy efficiency programs, and would ultimately minimize future rate increases, as well.

I have the drive and leadership skills to make a significant contribution to the PVREA organization. My 28 years experience in the utility business was focused on network protection and reliability. I managed a large workforce and budget, which required continuous vigilance. I have served as a volunteer for the Governor's Energy Office, and continue to assist on special projects.

For the last three years I have attended the monthly PVREA board meetings as a concerned member, and have been influential in getting them to adopt a number of measures which have improved the organization: ballots sent to all members, net-metering, reduced cost of annual meeting, board agenda posted on the website (and other important changes). I am asking for your vote and your support to help me become an official member of the board, where I believe I can be of the most service in improving PVREA reliability and cost effectiveness.

CANDIDATE PROFILE: JAN PETERSON, LARIMER COUNTY

I am an architect & planner who has decades of experience with energy efficiency issues in the siting and design of buildings. Professionally, I balance the trade-offs necessary to create new buildings that are increasingly energy-efficient and sustainable but still affordable. I want to use that experience to help change the direction of PVREA.

In my opinion, the current Board engages in green-washing rather than doing the things that are really necessary to effect required changes. They tell us that “clean coal” is the cheapest source of electrical energy generation. What they fail to mention is that:

(1) so-called “clean coal” doesn’t exist.

(2) coal-fired power is cheap ONLY because all the negative consequences associated with burning coal have been externalized -- which is to say, ignored.

We must avoid being tethered to last-century production techniques when new, more efficient technologies are rapidly changing the economics of power generation. We must be positioned to take advantage of new technology, not reduced to watching others do it while our costs continue to escalate. Yet our current Board voted to tie us to coal-fired power production for another 50 years!

We can improve our environment, decrease the potential for future catastrophe, promote national security and make the world safer for our children and grandchildren simply by moving away from “traditional” fossil fuel technologies and embracing the cost-effective innovations that America is famous for.

I want PVREA to make a commitment to the well-being of future generations. Global warming requires immediate action. What we do for ourselves, now, should not be destroying the Earth for our progeny. When new information becomes available --as it has-- then we have an obligation to act on it. I want to represent your best interests; to do so, I need your vote, and I ask for your support.

Please vote NO on the Restated Articles of Incorporation.

Please vote NO on the Restated Articles of Incorporation. The revisions appear to be simply cleaning up the language in our Articles of Incorporation, but buried in Article 5 is a major change to the structure of our Board of Directors. They propose to reduce the minimum number of directors from 11 to 7 at their discretion. There is no justification or discussion of this change. There is no effort whatsoever to bring attention to this issue. It appears that they are trying to “sneak” it through with the hope that you will accept all proposed changes as nothing more than a “cleaning up” of the document. This will give the Board the power to nullify your vote by eliminating the positions for directors that advocate change.

I was outraged when I read this and I believe that you will be too. It is underhanded, anti-democratic and in violation of the Co-op Principles. The Board of Directors of our Co-op should be seeking more input from members they supposedly represent, not trying to insulate themselves from the vote of the membership. Please vote NO on the revised Articles of Incorporation! If you have already mailed in your vote you have the right to change your vote at the annual meeting on March 28th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wed, Mar 11: SAVE THE POUDBRE BENEFIT: AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY FILM *RED GOLD* AND SILENT AUCTION

The Save the Poudre Coalition will host a screening of Red Gold and silent auction benefit on Wednesday, March 11 at New Belgium Brewery. Seating is limited so purchase tickets early. Filmmakers Travis Rummel and Ben Knight of Felt Soul Media produced the movie for Trout Unlimited Alaska. Red Gold has received several film festival awards including the Audience Choice and Festival Directors Awards at the 2008 Telluride Mountain Film Festival.

Benefit proceeds will go to the Save The Poudre Coalition to help restore and protect the Cache la Poudre River, and to Trout Unlimited Alaska to preserve, protect, and restore wild salmon and trout populations throughout Alaska.

[Watch the trailer by clicking here.](#)

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 11, Doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7:00 pm

Location: New Belgium Brewery, 500 Linden Street, Fort Collins

Tickets: \$15 and can be purchased at Mountain Shop 172 N. College, Fort Collins; St. Peter's Fly Shop 202 Remington, Fort Collins; and Outpost Sunsport 931 E. Harmony, Fort Collins.

Sat, Mar 14: TOWN HALL MEETING WITH KEFALAS, FISCHER AND BACON

Representatives John Kefalas (HD-52) and Randy Fischer (HD-53) as well as State Senator Bob Bacon (SD-14) host a Town Hall Meeting. *"Town Hall Meeting with Kefalas, Fischer and Bacon"* is scheduled for

Saturday, March 14th.

These town hall meetings are open to the public, and all residents are invited to share a lively conversation with Representatives Kefalas and Fischer and Senator Bacon about the issues facing Northern Colorado residents.

The public is encouraged to participate in the democratic process by voicing opinions and concerns about State level politics.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 14, 10:30 am– noon

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

Sat, Mar 14: BEE GUARDIANSHIP: INTRODUCTION TO THE TOP BAR METHOD

Rocky Mountain Sustainable Living Association Year Round Workshop Series: The Abundant Backyard Series

Bee Guardianship: Introduction to the Top Bar Method

This class is for you if you are new to beekeeping or the top bar method. We will cover how to get started with bees in a top bar hive for your backyard. Learn the benefits of the pollination the bees bring to your garden and flowers and to your local environment. You will learn the first year of getting started and the important role of Bee Guardianship (caring for bees).

Date: Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins

Cost: \$60

More info or to register: www.SustainableLivingAssociation.org, 970-224-FAIR, Workshops@SustainableLivingAssociation.org

Sun, Mar 15: BACKYARD CHICKENS - CHICKEN COOP: A HOME FOR YOUR FLOCK

Rocky Mountain Sustainable Living Association Year Round Workshop Series: The Abundant Backyard Series

Beyond the basic necessities; coop designs for the thrifty as well as the architecturally gifted. Convenience of access and cleaning, building within your budget, use of salvaged and re-purposed materials, passive solar possibilities, weather protection, and predator proofing will be among the topics discussed. Lecture time will be accompanied by hands-on assembly demonstrations with instructions on materials and construction practices. Various coop designs will be on display. This class will NOT cover Basics of Poultry Management, so it is strongly recommended that you've taken the introductory class or have experience and a working knowledge of the subject before attending this workshop.

Date: Sun. March 15, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins

Cost: \$50

More info or to register: www.SustainableLivingAssociation.org, 970-224-FAIR, Workshops@SustainableLivingAssociation.org

Sun Mar 22: NAMAQUA FORUM: WHAT CAN THE U.S. LEARN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO REFORM OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM?

Film: *"Sick Around the World"* and discussion with Kevin Mabry, DPM

Veteran Washington Post correspondent, T. R. Reid, traveled to five other capitalist countries that

provide health care to all -- with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S. 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: Kevin Mabry, D.P.M., a retired podiatrist, who has recently completed a Master's degree in Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. He is a graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine and Luther Seminary. He is a member of Physicians for a National Health Program and a Board member of Health Care for All Colorado. **Date & Time:** Sunday, March 22, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Location: Namaqua Unitarian Church, 503 East 7th Street, Loveland 80537
For more info: 484-2295

NAMAQUA FORUM: UPCOMING EVENTS

Namaqua Unitarian Church is hosting several health care events in March and April. Join us to learn about how to fix our health care system.

**Sun, April 5: What Health Care Reform Proposal Is Best for the United States?
 Presented by Earl Baumgartel, MD**

What elements are essential for comprehensive health care reform? Which proposals are most likely to create positive change? Presenter: 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: Sunday, April 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Location: Namaqua Unitarian Church, 503 East 7th Street, Loveland 80537
For more info: 484-2295

Sun, April 19: Imagine Action!

How can citizens get involved in shaping a sustainable health care system for our country? What are the ways congregations can help create a just and sustainable health care system? Panel discussion with representatives from Foothills Unitarian Church, Fort Collins.

Date & Time: Sunday, April 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Location: Namaqua Unitarian Church, 503 East 7th Street, Loveland 80537
For more info: 484-2295

SAVE THE DATES

Sat., Mar. 28	Larimer Dems Annual Dinner, Marriott Hotel
Sat., Aug. 22	Larimer Dems Annual Picnic,

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: LCDP Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins
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: Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am

Location: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Shields, Fort Collins

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.