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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

Two words:

!ANNUAL DINNER!

See all details immediately below, and
RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT THE TABLE NOW!

From the Treasurer

Call me for late payment options ** 490-2772.

PARTY NEWS

BIG NIGHT AT THE MARRIOTT, SATURDAY March 28th!!

Saturday's Keynote speaker, **DAVID SIROTA**, is filling in on **AM760 Progressive Talk Radio this week in the morning**. Listen, and then join him and 300+ other happy Democrats at the Larimer County Democratic Party's Annual Dinner this Saturday. This is the party's biggest fundraiser of the year, and you are needed to help Keep Larimer Blue!

Betsy Markey, representing CD4 and all of us in Washington, looks forward to seeing you. **Colorado's Lt. Governor, Barbara O'Brien will be joining us, and bringing a message from Gov. Ritter.** Talk with your State Senator Bob Bacon, and Representatives John Kefalas and Randy Fischer.

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 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.

Seats Still Available! Don't miss out on a rollicking evening of Democratic conversation and speeches (a little "red meat" guaranteed). 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

****Reservations received AFTER NOON TODAY may receive chef's choice**.**

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 STILL WELCOME

Please drop off all donations AT HQ, 606 S. Mason, NO LATER THAN NOON, THURS., MARCH 26TH.

Please e-mail or a vivid, creative, enticing, description of your silent auction items to Charlotte Miller at cimiller44@hotmail.com. Or include with the item. Make sure we have your *name*,

phone number, address, occupation and employer. Also include a minimum bid and the fair market value. See examples below:

Striking Jewelry, one-of-kind. Made by our own treasurer, Lynn Alldrin (RavenWind Jewelry)

Fair Market Value: \$45, Minimum bid: \$25

Unique item, great for gift. Handmade predominately green patchwork quilted wall hanging

Fair Market Value: \$85, Minimum bid: \$40.00, Donated by: Charlotte I. Miller

4 loaves of Sue Radford's Famous Homemade Bread. *Moist and freshly baked on March 28. Judged the best! Fair Market Value: \$10 each, Minimum bid: \$5.00. Donated by: Sue Radford*

"Original Obama Hope Rhinestone Pin" *which can be viewed at www.obama-bling.com. Fair Market Value: \$50; Minimum bid: \$35, Donated by Cheri Nichols and Deb Cape*

"Obama Inaugural Hope Pin" *The Hope Pin was inducted into the permanent Smithsonian collection and **only 300 were made**. Fair Market Value: \$75; Minimum bid: \$55, Donated by Cheri Nichols and Deb Cape*

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

Drop off items at the LCDP office in Fort Collins or Loveland.

Thur, Mar 26: LARIMER DEMS MOVIE NIGHT: *US Healthcare*

The documentary produced by the BBC looks at the US health care system. The inequities of a for profit health care system are exposed. Discussion to follow.

Movie Night is sponsored by the Larimer County Democratic Party and is free and open to the public.

Date & Time: Thursday March 26. 7:30pm

Location: 505 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland

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

Sun, Mar 29: 2009 EXPLORATIONS, VISIONS AND OUR FUTURE FORUM SERIES

The Larimer County Democratic Party presents the second in the series: **Peak Oil**

Bill Demarco will present on world energy production. A question-and-answer period will immediately follow.

Date & Time: Sunday March 29, 2:00 pm

Location: LCDP South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

Contact: LCDP South Office, 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

Thur, Apr 9: DATA COMMITTEE MEETING

Our new meeting time is the **second Thursday of the month**, 6:00-7:30 pm at LCDP Headquarters.

The first half hour will be used to address a current data issue or learn a new skill. The rest of our meeting time is used to accomplish work. So please come, join in the camaraderie, and bring your laptop if you have one. Refreshments provided!

Date & Time: Thursday, April 9, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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

Contact: Martha Coleman, marthacoleman@earthlink.net

Thur, April 9: 2009 EXPLORATIONS, VISIONS AND OUR FUTURE FORUM SERIES

The Larimer County Democratic Party presents the third in the series: **Understanding TABOR**. This will be the first of a 4 part series on TABOR and its impact on Colorado. A question-and-answer period will immediately follow.

Date & Time: Thursday April 9, at 7:00pm

Location: LCDP South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

Contact: LCDP South Office, 970-461-5779

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Wed, Mar 25: DINE & DIAL

Join the Larimer County Campaign Corps (LCCC) on Wednesday, March 25 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. Beverages and a dinner of baked ziti will be provided. Please bring your own cell phone.

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 25, 5:30 pm

Location: LCDP Headquarters, 606 S. Mason

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

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Wed, April 8: CLAWS FOR THE CAUSE LOBSTER DINNER BENEFIT FOR MARKEY FOR CONGRESS

Join us Wednesday, April 8 for *Claws for the Cause*, a Lobster Dinner at Fish to benefit Markey for Congress. There are three seatings: 5:00, 6:30, and 8:00 pm. This is our fourth cycle, for the fourth CD, and it's all 4 you and your Congresswoman, Betsy Markey.

Early bird special for donations received before 3/31. Contribute before the quarterly reporting and choose from a fantastic selection of beverages and campaign swag at the dinner!

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 8, 5:00, 6:30, and 8:00 pm

Location: Fish Restaurant, 150 W. Oak, Fort Collins

Cost: \$104

For more info or to RSVP, contact: William Russell: 970-227-6303, rwjr3@msn.com, or John Morley: 970-484-6772, jmorleys@netzero.com. You can also RSVP online: [Click Here](#)

SPRING ELECTIONS

There are two elections in Larimer County: Fort Collins City Council and Poudre Valley REA Board of Directors. The results of both elections will have an effect on Larimer County as a whole, so even if you will not be voting in either of these elections, please consider volunteering for any or all of the progressive candidates in these races (Tom Griggs, Ben Manvel, Kelly Ohlson).

For more about information about Tom Griggs, visit: www.TomGriggsForMayor.com.

For more about information about Kelly Ohlson, visit: www.kellyohlson2009.com

Make sure your ballots are received by the deadlines in each election!

And don't forget to sign your ballot for the Fort Collins City Council Election!

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL ELECTION: Mayor, Districts 1, 3 & 5

If you live in Fort Collins, you should receive your ballot in the mail this week. Please return your ballot ASAP!

This is an all-mail ballot election. **Ballots must be returned to the City Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on April 7.** A postmark on Election Day does not count unless the ballot is physically in the hands of the City Clerk by 7:00 p.m.

There are several ways to return your ballot.

Mail your ballot to City Clerk (envelope provided) NOTE: The City of Fort Collins is prohibited by law from providing return postage.

Ballots may be deposited in a ballot box at the following locations:

City Clerk's Office, City Hall West, 300 LaPorte Avenue,

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday through April 6; 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 7

Fort Collins Police Services, 2221 South Timberline Road (ballot drop located in building entryway)

24 hours, beginning March 23 and only until 7 pm on April 7

Larimer County, Citizen Information Center, 200 West Oak

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday-Friday NOTE: This location is only available until 5 pm on election day, April 7

Ballots must be returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 7 pm on Election Day and must contain the voter's signature in order to be counted.

PV PIONEERS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As you may know, the Poudre Valley REA annual meeting takes place on Saturday, March 28th. PV-Pioneers will host a table to greet members and guests entering the meeting. Registration will be open from 7:30 am to 9:45 am.

If you are an REA member, please come to the meeting and support the progressive candidates for Board of Directors --and, perhaps, voice your displeasure at the current Board's attempt to sneak through changes to the Articles of Incorporation, with absolutely no explanation or discussion. Their proposal to reduce the size of the Board from 11 down to 7 --at their whim-- would effectively allow the current Board to nullify election results if the progressive candidates won.

Please vote at the meeting if you haven't already. If you did vote, but voted "yes" on the amendments thinking they were innocuous, please attend the Annual Meeting, ask to **revoke** your ballot, and re-vote; you have the **right** to do this! Vote **NO** on the Articles of Incorporation, and re-vote for Roger Alexander, Jan Peterson, and Steve Szabo.

Learn more about PV Pioneers and candidates Roger Alexander, Steve Szabo, and Jan Peterson at www.pvpioneers.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sat, Mar 28: ISSUE FORUM with FISCHER AND KEFALAS: FOCUS ON THE ECONOMY, CREDIT AND AVOIDING FORECLOSURE

State Representative John Kefalas (HD-52) and State Representative Randy Fischer (HD-53) host an Issue Forum on current economic issues. "Community Issue Forum with Kefalas and Fischer – Focus on the Economy, Credit and Avoiding Foreclosure" is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th.

These issue forums are open to the public, and all residents are invited to experience an informative presentation and share a lively conversation with Representatives Kefalas and Fischer about the economic issues facing Northern Colorado residents.

A speaker from the Colorado Banker's Association will make a presentation then guide a discussion.

The Downtown Fort Collins Library is wheelchair accessible.

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

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

Sun, Mar 29: BIOINTENSIVE GARDENING--GROW MORE VEGETABLES ON LESS LAND

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

If you'd like to get optimal food production from an area as small as your own backyard (and front yard for that matter!) this workshop is for you. Learning from the work of biointensive method pioneer John Jeavons through his book, /How to Grow More Vegetables...Than You Ever Thought Possible on Less Land Than You Can Imagine, /discussion will focus heavily on soil biology, fertility and preparation. Other topics will include compost production, mulching, plant propagation, crop rotations, companion/succession/inter-planting, seasonality, localized sustainability, seed saving, tools/techniques, and more. This workshop will include lecture as well as garden time with hands-on trials, instructions, and demonstrations. This is intended for the beginners, as well as advanced gardeners interested in the biointensive method.

Date: Sunday, March 29

Location: Fort Collins

Cost: \$50, 4 hour class

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

Sat, Apr 4: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD PASSENGERS MEETING IN CHEYENNE

The mission of the National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP) is to work for a modern, customer-focused national passenger train network that provides a travel choice Americans want. NARP is the largest national membership advocacy organization for train and rail transit passengers. We have worked since 1967 to expand the quality and quantity of passenger rail in the United States. Our work is supported by over 23,000 individual members.

ColoRail has a bus providing transportation from Denver to Cheyenne, and we have coordinated a stop in Loveland. The cost of the transportation, NARP membership, and the meeting, including lunch should be approximately \$50. If you are interested in joining us in Cheyenne or if you are interested in joining us in advocating for passenger rail on the North Front Range, contact Anne Wilseck.

For more information, contact Anne Wilseck, anneeliz73@gmail.com, 970-484-4399

Sat, Apr 4: HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Rocky Mountain Sustainable Living Association Year Round Workshop Series: The Sustainable Building and Energy Series

Although Home Energy Efficiency is as old as thinking men and women, it is now described as newest member of the renewable energy club. It make sense, homes that are energy efficient save tremendous amounts of fossil fuels and make RE systems possible. This workshop will teach you the whole process of home energy efficiency, from assessing your energy use to simple lifestyle changes that will save energy and money. This day long workshop will go beyond the basics, studying conservation measures, energy retrofits, energy audits and the whole house makeover. This workshop includes lecture and lab work.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins

Cost: \$95, 8 hour class

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

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

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 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

Mon, Apr 13: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENT: THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN LARIMER COUNTY

The Juvenile Justice system in Larimer County -- what happens to youngsters caught up in this system? It is a complex story, and one that probably will surprise you. At a program sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Larimer County, two experts will talk about and discuss this important part of our judicial system which affects many youngsters and their families in Larimer County.

They are: Randall Lococo, Fort Collins attorney with extensive experience defending juveniles in Larimer County, and Robert Percifield, Deputy District Attorney, Juvenile Division, 8th Judicial District. Their viewpoints will reflect their separate perspectives -- defense and prosecution -- each with its differing responsibilities and accountabilities.

Date & Time: Monday, April 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: The Coloradoan Community Meeting Room, 1300 Riverside Ave., Fort Collins

For more info: 484-2295

For more information, call Rachel Cassidy, 530-0558.

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, annewmich@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: 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.