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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:

Our biannual Fort Collins non-partisan city elections have come to a close. Congratulations to the progressive candidates who prevailed. As a public service, YOUR Larimer Dems will again offer yard sign recycling in front of our headquarters--starting today. No other group or organization has stepped up to take on this important effort, as a way to responsibly clean up after an election is over.

Some folks may think that this effort should be disconnected from any "partisanship." Be assured we are taking ALL yard signs. It is obvious that the Republicans are not known for taking the lead in "saving the planet" and to pretend there's an equivalency in policies and actions is just not acceptable.

So pass the word to people of all or no political stripes - yard sign collection at 606 S Mason begins today and ends Friday, April 24th.

NOTE: Your County Party meets tomorrow evening for its regular monthly workfest - EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Please come early for some social time and then join in the planning for 2010.

PARTY NEWS

Sat, Apr 25: JANE JEFFERSONS present *HEALTH, MONEY & FEAR*

Health, Money and Fear is a new short film which highlights reasons for the rising costs of health care and suggests solutions for corralling costs, an essential component of any health care reform proposal. The writer, producer and editor of the film is Dr. Paul Hochfeld, a physician certified in Emergency Medicine. He currently resides in Oregon, and is dedicated to educating the public about the need for taking the profiteering out of health care. After the film, there will be a facilitated discussion led by a local physician.

Bring a friend!

Date & Time: Saturday, April 25, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Shields, Fort Collins (Just north of Horsetooth)

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

Sun, Apr 26: BARACKFAST benefitting the LARIMER DEMS

April's Barckfast will benefit the Larimer County Democratic Party!

If you've been to Barackfast before, you know the drill. Donations will go to the Larimer Dems.

Bring a friend!

If you're new, here's the deal:

- Join us anytime between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
- Invite your friends
- Eat an excellent breakfast
- Meet interesting people
- Contribute the value of brunch to the Larimer County Democratic Party
- Not a pot luck: breakfast is provided

- No RSVP necessary

Date & Time: Sunday, April 26, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Dan Shaner's home, 3401 Terryridge Road, Fort Collins

For more info, email dan.shaner@gmail.com

Wed, May 6: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM presents *NEWSPAPERS: WHO NEEDS THEM?*

The Democratic Breakfast Forum will consider the future of newspapers on May 6, with special guests Fort Collins Coloradoan Executive Editor Bob Moore and Colorado Independent Editor Wendy Norris.

With major newspapers closing their doors around the country and others, like the Coloradoan, making cutbacks in staff and size of publication, the value of daily newspapers is in question. The Colorado Independent and other online news sources rely, to some extent, on newspaper reporting for their content. How is the public best served? With the surge in online news, amidst an economic downturn, is a balance achievable?

Larimer Dems are very familiar with the Coloradoan (<http://www.coloradoan.com>) but may wish to check out The Colorado Independent at <http://coloradoindependent.com>.

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 6, 7:45 AM

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

RSVP by April 29: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annemich@comcast.net

COMMUNITY NEWS

HELP A LARIMER DEMOCRAT WITH HER DOCTORAL RESEARCH

You may remember Christina Gonzalez as an important part of the Markey for Congress Team 2008. She has asked all Larimer Dems to take part in a research project for her doctoral program in the University of Colorado at Boulder's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. This study is about opinions of the media and the government. You are being asked to participate in this study because you are a member of a Colorado political organization. This project is being done under the direction of Professor Elizabeth Skewes (303-735-1096). Christina Gonzalez can be reached at 970-219-8890. Please click on the link below to assist Christina.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=5QHBjKEFQug8lGggaucPA_3d_3d

Sun, Apr 19: IMAGINE ACTION at NAMAQUA!

How can individuals and congregations become involved in shaping a sustainable health care system for our country? How can advocacy for health care justice extend beyond our borders? Three members of Foothills Unitarian Church in Fort Collins -Sally Broste, Ann Molison and Janet Seeley, M.D. -- will share the story of their evolving health care action team, how their congregation has become activated and their plans for the future.

And for a global perspective-- Dr. Christian Isichei, of Jos, Nigeria, will describe the Faith Alive Clinic he founded in 1996. It provides medical care at no cost to the poorest of the poor in a region hard-hit by poverty and HIV/AIDS. He empowers his patients who are 'living positively' with HIV/AIDS to live healthy and productive lives by addressing their issues with holistic responses.

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

Wed, Apr 29: HEALTH, MONEY AND FEAR

Meeting of the N.Colorado Chapter of Health Care for All Colorado

"Health, Money and Fear", a video production by Paul Hochfeld, MD, emergency medicine

physician in Oregon, will be viewed. It outlines the reasons behind the rising costs of health care and suggests proposals which can address the issues.

Discussion will follow the film and national and state legislative proposals will be reviewed.

Resources for education and opportunities for involvement will be provided.

The meeting is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Health Care for All Colorado is a state-wide organization dedicated to achieving guaranteed, affordable, quality health care for all.

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 29, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Harmony Library, 4616 South Shields, Fort Collins

For further information: www.HealthCareForAllColorado.org or (970) 484-2259

Thur, Apr 30: JuneRise CELEBRATION & PADDLING FILM FESTIVAL

The JuneRise -- the start of boating season on the Poudre -- is just around the corner, so Save the Poudre Coalition is having a fundraiser and film festival to celebrate!

Come watch great paddling films from the National Paddling Film Festival and enjoy great food & drink with all your Poudre-loving friends! Shop at our Silent Auction.

Date & Time: Thursday, April 30, 6:00 pm happy hour & silent auction, 7:30 pm National Paddling Films

Location: Avogadro's Number - Back patio, 605 S. Mason St., Ft. Collins

Tickets: \$10, available at the door

LARIMER COUNTY ANNOUNCES OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The deadline is Friday, May 1, 2009, for citizens to apply to one of the current openings on Larimer County Boards and Commissions. The spring application process is now underway so that new members can come aboard in July. Citizens can apply online at www.larimer.org/boards, or pick up an application from the County office nearest you.

You'll find a short video and a Q&A section addressing many questions about serving on a County Board, online at www.larimer.org/boards. Contact Diane Tokarz in the Larimer County Commissioners' Office at 498-7015, dtokarz@larimer.org for further information.

Also online at www.larimer.org/boards is an explanation of each Board or Commission, what they do, who the members are, and when they meet, etc.

These Boards have current openings:

Board of Adjustment	Juvenile Community Review
Board of Appeals	LaPorte Area Planning Advisory Committee
Board of Health	Larimer Integrated Family Enhancement (LIFE) Board
Citizen Review Panel	Office on Aging Advisory Council
Community Corrections Advisory Board	Open Lands Advisory Board
Environmental Advisory Board	Parks Advisory Board
Estes Valley Board of Adjustment	Planning Commission
Estes Valley Planning Commission	Rural Land Use Board
Extension Advisory Committee	Weed Control District Advisory Commission

Over 300 citizens provide Larimer County government with valuable insight by volunteering on nearly 30 County Boards and Commissions. If you would like to receive an email notification any time there is an opening on a Board or Commission please go to:

www.larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm, and sign up. Contact Diane Tokarz in the Larimer County Commissioners' Office at 498-7015, dtokarz@larimer.org for further information.

SAVE THE DATES

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 A Week Ahead: 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, April 25, 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. No meeting in December or January.

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.