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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:

THANK YOU to all who were at the Larimer Dems Annual Dinner on Saturday, and especially to those who worked so hard to make it another stellar Larimer Dems evening!

Our featured speaker David Sirota, along with Lieutenant Governor Barbara O'Brien and Congresswoman Betsy Markey each had their own special moments with the attendees.

Additionally, Senator Bob Bacon, and Representatives Randy Fischer and John Kefalas gave updates from the State House as well as heartfelt thanks for the community of Democrats who have supported them over the years. They then introduced our Volunteers of the Year: Jim Neubecker and Merete Cunningham, as well as two Lifetime Achievement Award winners: Gina Janett and John Gascoyne.

To Gina, Jim, Merete and John: I'd like to add my own congratulations to you all, as well as my thanks for your invaluable contributions to our party.

Watch for the photo gallery link in next week's newsletter. Lots of pictures of happy Democrats - perhaps including you!

PARTY NEWS

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, April 1: DINE & DIAL

Join the Larimer County Campaign Corps (LCCC) on Wednesday, April 1 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 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

Mon, Apr 6: NEW IDEAS AT NEW BELGIUM WITH SEN. MICHAEL BENNET

Join U.S. Senator Michael Bennet for a conversation and exchange of ideas Monday, April 6, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the New Belgium Brewing Company in Fort Collins.

People have a great interest in our Democracy right now and Senator Bennet looks forward to listening and engaging in a meaningful discourse with the people of Northern Colorado.

For more information and to RSVP please visit this link: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/meeting/gptwzv>

Wed, Apr 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.

Choose from a fantastic selection of beverages and campaign swag at the lobster 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](#)

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

Have you returned your Fort Collins ballot yet?

The results of the Fort Collins election will have effect on Larimer County as a whole, so even if you will not be voting in this election, please consider volunteering for any or all of the progressive candidates.

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!

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.

GOTV FOR TOM GRIGGS

Volunteers are needed for phoning every day from now until the election.

Call or email James Thompson, 970-222-6397 or james@tomgriggsformayor.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Sat, Apr 4: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP. KEFALAS

Join Representative Kefalas for a community conversation at Dazbog Coffee this Saturday from 9:00 - 10:00 am. Come share good coffee and conversation about issues facing Northern Colorado residents.

Date & Time: Saturday, April 4, 9:00 - 10:00 am

Location: Dazbog Coffee, 401 Mason Ct. #105, Fort Collins

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.

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

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, annemich@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.