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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.

Message from the Chair:

Summertime wouldn't be complete without a good old-fashioned back-yard picnic. Dian Sparling is generously continuing the tradition of opening her home to all Larimer County Democrats for an outdoor evening of fun and food. Read more below, then go to our website and sign up now!

PARTY NEWS

BIG ANNUAL PICNIC COMING UP!!! DON'T MISS IT!

Sat. Aug. 22nd Larimer County Democrats will be joined by some of our political stars: Congresswoman **Betsy Markey**, Governor **Bill Ritter**, Colorado Speaker of the House **Terrance Carroll**, State Senator **Bob Bacon**, Representative **Randy Fischer** & Representative **John Kefalas** .

The Picnic is the Party's second and last fundraiser of the year. Sign up NOW for good, Colorado-grown food, with your Executive Board working the grills. Talk with your electeds. And keep your Party financially strong for 2010.

Note: this year we will feature a separate grill with vegetarian options.

Come and picnic in Dian Sparling's backyard, don't miss this opportunity!

Three of a Kind---Cheri Nichols, Julie Hoest and Colleen Crosson, Larimer Dems all, will make great music for your entertainment. Don't miss the fun!

Date & Time: Saturday, August 22, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins

For more info, and to sign up: www.LarimerDems.org

VOLUNTEER NEWS

NEXT MAJOR EVENT -- NEW WEST FEST!

New West Fest is this Sat., Aug. 15-16. Please stop by the booth on Mountain Ave. and support our message for health care reform. Then the big Annual Picnic, Aug. 22, which needs many workers to prepare and put on this great summer party! And earlier on Aug. 22nd, we'll have a booth at Corn Roast in Loveland. Lots of important work to be done!

Check your newsletter or our website (www.LarimerDems.org) for details.

To volunteer contact the Larimer Dems, 689-6391 or ldems@frii.com

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| August 15-16 | New West Fest |
| August 22 | Corn Roast Festival Parade |
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| September 6 | Rist Canyon Festival |
| September 7 | Windsor Harvest Parade |

September 19-20
October 3
October 9
October 10-11

Sustainable Living Fair
Berthoud Fall Festival
CSU Homecoming Parade
Harvestival at Grant Family Farms

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Wed, Aug 26: REP. JOHN KEFALAS HOUSE DISTRICT 52 RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN KICK OFF

Join us for the kick off of Rep. John Kefalas' re-election campaign!

At 6:00 pm we are honored to present ...a very special guest speaker from Denver. Who? Stay tuned for details in the next newsletter.

After a few words from Rep. Kefalas, there will be plenty of time for people to mingle and "talk politics," or hang around Avo's for local bluegrass favorites The Poudre River Irregulars.

This will be a fun, family-oriented event with live music, mystifying magic, stimulating speakers and great food and drink in the wonderful atmosphere of Avo's back patio on a warm Summer evening. Local folk musician Joe Kissel will start things off, followed by The Great Loudini's magic and comedy act.

Suggested donation is \$52 for House District 52, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. (Maximum donation is \$400 per person per election cycle under Colorado law.) If you can't make it, you can contribute to Rep. Kefalas' campaign by visiting www.johnkefalas.org.

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 26, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

For more info: www.johnkefalas.org, Phone: 970-221-1135

Sat, Aug 29: BIG WALK DAY FOR REP. KEFALAS

On Saturday, August 29, we'll go door-to-door in selected neighborhoods talking to voters about their concerns and issues. The first two-hour shift will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Democratic headquarters at 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins. We'll provide everything you need – training, maps, flyers to hand out, bagels and coffee. Come back at noon for pizza, when the second shift will gear up and go out. No experience necessary!

This is a great way to get involved in the political process, get some exercise and meet your Fort Collins neighbors. If you can't make it – fear not! We'll also be walking in September and October. If you'd like to volunteer to walk precincts, make phone calls, staff the office, or any of the hundred other things that make successful grassroots campaigns run, please visit

www.johnkefalas.org.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 29, from 9:30 am to noon and noon to 2:30 pm

Location: Meet at Larimer Democratic Party headquarters, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

For more info: www.johnkefalas.org, Phone: 970-221-1135

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tonight: 4th ANNUAL COLORADO CONSERVATION VOTERS FUNDRAISER

Celebrate Our Environmental Values at the 4th Annual fund raiser for Colorado Conservation Voters featuring and honoring Senator Bacon and Representatives Kefalas and Fischer for their 100% environmental voting record in the 2009 state legislature!

Also, featuring Auden Schendler who is Director of Sustainability for Aspen Skiing who will speak

about his new book, **Getting Green Done**. Plus, the first annual "Larimer County Environmental Leadership Award" will be given to Mayor Pro-tem Kelly Ohlson! It'll be a great time!!

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

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

For more information, visit <http://coloradoconservationvoters.org/data/larimer-2009/>

RSVP: bgregory@coloradoconservationvoters.org or (303) 454-3349

Mon, Aug. 17: TRANSPORTATION FORUM: HELP MOVE AMERICA FORWARD

Congress is working on a new national transportation bill that will affect all Americans. Help us map out a new future for Northern Colorado's transportation system, one that recognizes our need for safe, clean and smart transportation options.

The Sonoran Institute is sponsoring a forum to educate constituents on federal and state transportation issues, and to allow locals share their transportation needs and concerns with their elected officials. Our state Reps. Kefalas and Fischer will be there to talk with you.

Date & Time: Monday, Aug. 17, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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

For more information: Sophie Glass at sglass@sonoraninstitute.org or (303) 605-3484

Sun, Aug 23: BARACKFAST: TOOTH FAIRY FUND FOR GROWN UPS

This benefit is very important as it presents an opportunity for so many of us who are working on the national health care issue to contribute to a local organization which has embodied for years what we've been advocating for our nation.

The Health District of Northern Larimer County serves residents of all incomes, but particularly families with low incomes or no health insurance. The "Tooth Fairy Fund for Grown Ups" provides dental assistance to those who are unable to pay even the low sliding scale at the District's Family Dental Clinic.

An anonymous donor has raised a \$20,000 dollar challenge grant for this program, it's tax deductible, and the State of Colorado even provides an additional 25% tax deduction for contributions of \$100 or more to the Health District of Northern Larimer County and this program. This Barackfast will be Sunday, August 23. It will be a beautiful day, and the Horsetooth Mountain Rangers will be serving Bluegrass while you have breakfast with your friends!

On a personal note, I am tired of one way many are trying to frame the national healthcare debate: "What's in it for me?" This is your chance to demonstrate that "It's not about me, it's about people with needs."

For those new to Barackfast:

It's a hearty breakfast on the house with people you bring and people you meet.

There is a contribution jar, and this month, all contributions go to "The Tooth Fairy Fund for Grown-Ups"

It is at my house, which is fit up with an open eating area, a deck, and plenty of weeds to look at.

Date & Time: Sunday, Aug 23, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

For more info, contact Dan Shaner, dan.shaner@gmail.com

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: August Meeting: LCDP HQ, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

Contact: Anne Wilseck for more information anneeliz73@gmail.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

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: August 1, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Larimer Dems South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

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

Democratic Business Coalition: Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon. No meeting in December or January.

Date & Time: This month only: special DBC fundraiser for Betsy Markey. See item above for details.

Location: Odell's Brewery

Contact: M.L. Johnson, 482-4979 or mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu

Larimer Democrats Southern Breakfast: Loveland

Date & Time: Third Fridays, 07:00 to 08:00 AM

Location: Schmidt's Bakery & Delicatessen, 808 14th St SW

Cost: \$15, including tip & a donation back to the LCDP

Contact & RSVP: LCDP South Office 970-461-5779, or email Ralph Trenary at trenaryr3@msn.com

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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.