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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:

Hey, all you procrastinators out there! The Big Picnic is this Saturday, so get online and sign up now. Or call our treasurer at 490-2772 to RSVP, and pay at the door with check or cash.

Two other notable events are upcoming.

First, this Thurs., a fundraiser at Kim Jordan's home for the Greenest Governor in America, Bill Ritter. Scroll down for details.

Save the date, Aug. 26th, NEXT WED. at Avos., to help kickoff John Kefalas' 2010 campaign See below for times and entertainment lineup.

PARTY NEWS

Join Governor **BILL RITTER**, Congresswoman **BETSY MARKEY**, Colorado Speaker **TERRANCE CARROLL**, State Senator **BOB BACON**, State Representatives **RANDY FISCHER** and **JOHN KEFALAS** at the

**LARIMER COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC PARTY
ANNUAL PICNIC**

Saturday, Aug. 22 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Dian Sparling's Backyard
324 Jackson, Fort Collins
\$20 per person, 12 & under Free
www.LarimerDems.org, 689-6391,
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LARIMER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Sat, Aug 22: LARIMER DEMS ANNUAL PICNIC

Join Congresswoman Betsy Markey, Governor Bill Ritter, Colorado Speaker of the House Terrance Carroll, State Senator Bob Bacon, Representative Randy Fischer & Representative John Kefalas at the Larimer County Democratic Party's Annual Picnic!

This year we will be featuring a Colorado menu (including vegetarian options). If you've never picnicked in Dian Sparling's backyard, you don't want to miss this opportunity! We'll hear from a

variety of special guests, followed by home-grown music from dedicated Larimer Dems Cheri Nichols, Julie Hoest and Colleen Crosson, known as "Three of a Kind". 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

Wed., Sept. 2: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 2, 7:45 am

Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, 802 W. Drake, NW corner of Drake & Worthington, Fort Collins

Cost: \$10 per person, payable at the door

RSVP by August 26 to Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annemich@comcast.net (Attendance by reservation only.)

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Fri-Sat, Aug 21-22: LCDP BOOTH AT CORN ROAST FESTIVAL

The Corn Roast is fun; be a part of it. Come visit with the public and talk about health reform. Then tour Loveland's wonderful new Fairgrounds Park; its playground, water park, dog park, food, activities and entertainment. Booths this year will be in the shade, under pavilions. On Friday we need two volunteers, 6:30 to 8:30pm. On Saturday we need volunteers for 2-hour shifts starting at 10:00 am and ending at 5:00 pm.

Date & Time: Friday, August 21, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, August 22, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Location: Fairgrounds Park, along South Railroad Avenue, Loveland. Park your car at Barnes Park (off U.S. 287 south of downtown Loveland). Walk across the bridge over the Big Thompson River.

Contacts: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, a.harroun@comcast.net or Julie Lechtanski, 412-8480, jtanski46@q.com

Sat, Aug. 22: LCDP FLOAT IN CORN ROAST PARADE

Start your day with a parade! Strut to the music or ride the float. Play a nurse or doctor for two hours. Help us stress the benefits of health insurance reform and clean, renewable energy. Get your exercise and build up an appetite for the Party picnic. Children under 8 must ride.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 22, decorate float, 8:00 am.; parade begins, 9:30 am.

Location: Walkers: Join us along Railroad Avenue in Loveland, anywhere from South 3rd Street to North 3rd Street. Riders: We have room. Essential that you contact us re where to meet.

Contacts: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, a.harroun@comcast.net or Julie Lechtanski, 412-8480, jtanski46@q.com

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

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

August 22	Corn Roast Festival Parade
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September 6	Rist Canyon Festival
September 7	Windsor Harvest Parade
September 19-20	Sustainable Living Fair
October 3	Berthoud Fall Festival
October 9	CSU Homecoming Parade
October 10-11	Harvestival at Grant Family Farms

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Thur, Aug 20: A GREEN SOIREE FOR THE GREENEST GOVERNOR!

Governor Ritter was recently named the "Greenest Governor in America"! WOW! [Click here for the story.](#)

Please join Kim Jordan along with co-hosts Dennis Dinsmore, Gary Wockner, Senator Bob Bacon, Katie Hoffner, Adam Bowen and Ross Cunniff for a green soiree including libations and lively conversation with The Greenest Governor in America, Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. in support of his 2010 re-election.

Date & Time: Thursday, August 20, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Location: Kim Jordan's home, 1427 W. Mountain Ave, Fort Collins

Suggested minimum contribution: \$50 per person

RSVP to Tegan Alexander, 303-825-0518 or talexander@ritterforgovernor.com

Wed, Aug 26: HOUSE SPEAKER TERRANCE CARROLL TO KEYNOTE KEFALAS RE-ELECTION FUNDRAISER

Terrance Carroll, Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives, will be the keynote speaker Wednesday, August 26, as State Representative John Kefalas kicks off his re-election campaign at Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins. The event includes music, magic, food and beverages in the inviting atmosphere of Avo's back patio on a warm summer night.

Local folk musician **Joe Kissel** will get the party started, followed by **The Great Loudini** performing his singular brand of magic. At 6 pm, State Representative **Randy Fischer** and State Senator **Bob Bacon** will say a few words, followed by Speaker Carroll. After brief remarks 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. 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

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

This benefit is very important to me, 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. And 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

Wed, Sept 2: A PHYSICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE AND PROPOSAL FOR REFORM WITH STEVEN THORSON, MD

What are the elements of our current system which need reform? Which proposals are most likely to create positive change? What advantages does a single payer system offer? Presenter: Steven Thorson is a family physician and co-founder of the Family Clinic of Fort Collins. He has served as the President of the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians and President of the Larimer County Medical Society and currently is a member of the Board for the Health District of N. Larimer County.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Council Tree Library, Harmony and Ziegler Roads in Fort Collins.

For further information contact 224-6122.

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 trenary3@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.