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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:

I urge everyone to turn out SATURDAY MORNING to help Randy Fischer as he continues to wear shoe leather walking precincts and listening to his constituents. Scroll down for all details.

Don't forget--we have a real treat this week! Sen. George McGovern will be with us this Thurs. morning at the Coloradoan Community Room. There's still time to RSVP--but not much!!

PARTY NEWS

Wed, Sep 16: CAMPAIGN WORKSHOP

Come join us for an hour and hear about what it takes to be a campaign manager, treasurer, volunteer coordinator, and field operation manager here in Larimer County. Presenters will share first hand experiences about these roles and how they got trained to do the job. If you have ever thought you'd like to help on a campaign in this way, this is a great first step to find out more. Snacks and beverages will be served. Presenters are Gina Janett, Lucin Gilliland, Nancy Tellez, and Wendy Howell.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 16, 5:30-6:30 pm

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

For more info contact: Martha Coleman marthacoleman@earthlink.net, Nancy Tellez ntellez@frii.com, Kristina Bulik-Holcum fromtinatoyou@aol.com, Bob Massaro massaror2001@yahoo.com, or William Russell rwjr3@msn.com

Thur, Sep 17: GEORGE MCGOVERN IN FORT COLLINS

The Larimer County Democratic Party is pleased to present U.S. Senator and 1972 Presidential nominee George S. McGovern Thursday morning, Sept. 17th, in the Coloradoan's Community Room.

McGovern, 87, was a decorated bomber pilot in World War II, after which he earned his Ph.D. in American history and government at Northwestern University. A prolific author, he has lectured at more than 1,000 colleges and universities throughout the world. He has also received many honorary degrees and distinguished awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian honor. He lives in Mitchell, South Dakota.

He will be in Fort Collins to promote his newest book, *Abraham Lincoln*, which is part of the Times Books' American Presidents series, published by Henry Holt & Company, Inc. The Senator's book will be for sale at the Sept. 17th presentation, and he will autograph purchases. Attendees may also bring memorabilia for him to sign.

In a review of the book for the *Library Journal*, Randall Miller writes: "Former U.S. Senator McGovern – who is also a Ph.D. historian – knows something about Presidential leadership and the potential and actual abuses of power that come, especially during wartime. In this compact but convincing portrait, he assesses Lincoln's greatness in terms of his ability to use his humble origins, empathy, keen sense of justice, uncommon skill in seeing the essence of an issue, faith in American democracy, gifts of language, and personal self-confidence, all to become a masterly lawyer, a party leader, commander in chief, and a heroic figure with both the vision and the

practicality to realize his purposes ... This biography warrants reading to catch the sense of Lincoln's greatness, both for his own day and ours."

Date & Time: Thursday, September 17, 7:30 a.m. (presentation at 8:00) Coffee and rolls provided

Location: Coloradoan's Community Room, 1300 Riverside, Fort Collins

RSVP (Seating Limited): 689-6391, ldems@frii.com

Fri, Sep 18: LARIMER DEMS SOUTHERN BREAKFAST

Meet the Candidates for the November 2009 Elections. The ballots are set and the campaigns are running for the Loveland City Council and Thompson School District Board of Education. Join us to hear from an inspiring field of candidates seeking to make a difference in our communities. Cecil Gutierrez, candidate for Loveland Mayor, Cathleen McEwen, candidate for Loveland City Council Ward 4 Joan Shaffer, candidate for Loveland City Council Ward 2 Diana Greer, candidate for School Board Director District E Sharon Olson, candidate for School Board Director District E Lori Ward, candidate for School Board Director District E Leslie Robinson candidate for School Board Director District D (invited).

Date & Time: Friday, September 18, 7:00 am

Location: Schmidt's Bakery and Delicatessen 808 14th St SW - Loveland, CO 80537

Cost: Breakfast Buffet, \$15.00 per person, or you are welcomed to order a la carte from the delicacies at the bakery

RSVP by Noon, Wednesday, September 16, 970-461-5779 or email trenaryr3@msn.com

Tue, Sep 29: LETTER WRITING WORKSHOP

We will cover writing guidelines including: topical letter content, writing tips, letter submission processes and suggested methods of constructing a persuasive argument. We will also cover communication team processes including: data management, weekly topics, media monitoring/research and talking points.

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 29, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: 505 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland

RSVP: bridgetcassidy@msn.com

VOLUNTEER NEWS

VOLUNTEER TO HELP STAFF A BOOTH!

Summer is winding down, but we still have some events. **AND PLEASE NOTE THE SUSTAINABLE LIVING FAIR COMING UP ON THE 19TH/20TH. THIS IS A TWO-DAY EVENT SO YOU ARE NEEDED!**

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

September 19-20

Sustainable Living Fair

October 3

Berthoud Fall Festival

October 9

CSU Homecoming Parade

October 10-11

Harvestival at Grant Family Farms

ELECTION INFO

2009 LARIMER COUNTY COORDINATED ELECTION

There are a number of elections in Larimer County this November:

Poudre School District School Board, Thompson Valley School Board, Loveland City Council. School board candidates must live in their area but are elected district-wide, so everyone who lives in either school district will be voting for multiple school board candidates.

These elections are all mail-ballot elections. There will be no polling places on November 3.

Questions regarding Voter Registration, Ballot Status and Election Results should be directed to the Larimer County Elections Division at 970-498-7820 or [Larimer County Elections](#) website.

Important dates:

Monday, October 5: Last day to register to vote for the November 3, 2009 Coordinated Election.

Monday, October 12: First day allowed by statute for the designated election official to send mail ballot packets to eligible voters.

Friday, October 16: Last day allowed by statute for the designated election official to send mail ballot packets to eligible voters.

Tuesday, November 3 Election Day. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. *All ballots must be received by the County Clerk and Recorder no later than 7:00 p.m. Postmark dates do not count as received.*

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Sat, Sep 19: WALK FOR REP. RANDY FISCHER

Start the day on Saturday, September 19, with a walk for Rep. Randy Fischer, as he continues his efforts to stay in contact with his constituents. Walking materials may be picked up at Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Shields, from 8:30 until noon. Please help our Representative do the good work of keeping voters informed.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 19, 8:30 am - Noon

Location: Pick up materials at Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Shields, Fort Collins

Contact: Nancy Tellez, ntellez@frii.com, or 970-443-7705

Thur, Sep 24: BOWLING FOR BILL RITTER

Put on your Poodle skirts and Blue Suede shoes, and cruise on over to Chipper's Bowling Lanes, in Ft. Collins. Fifties dress optional. Form your own team of six players, or make new friends there. There will be prizes given to the winning team. Suggested donation is: \$25.00 includes 2 games, shoes, dinner, and 1 drink ticket. Non-bowlers may also join in the fun. \$15;00 includes dinner, and a drink ticket.

Date & Time: Thursday, September 24, 6:00 pm

Location: Chipper's Bowling Lanes, 830 N College Ave, Fort Collins

For more info. and tickets contact: Erma Muehlbach, 970-215-4134 or emuehlbach@cs.com

Fri, Sep 25: FUNDRAISER FOR CONGRESSWOMAN BETSY MARKEY

Please Join Betsy Markey Member of Congress, Colorado's 4th District for a special reception at her home.

Date & Time: Friday, September 25, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Location: Congresswoman Markey's home, 430 W. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins

Suggested donation: Chair \$1000, Host \$500, Co-Host \$250, Guest \$100

RSVP to Patti Seitz at 970-221-1473 or email patti@markeyforcongress.com

Sat, Sep 26: NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASS FOR REP. KEFALAS

September 26 will be our next Big Walk for Rep. John Kefalas' 2010 re-election effort. We'll meet at 9 a.m. at Democratic Party headquarters, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins, for coffee, bagels, assignments and a quick training, then hit the streets in targeted precincts to talk to voters. If you can come, please e-mail Julia Weichselbaum at juliaw_5810@yahoo.com or Lenina Olivas at lmolivas@hotmail.com.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 am- Noon

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

For more info: www.johnkefalas.org, Phone: 970-631-4466

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wed, Sep 30: LOVELAND MAYORAL AND COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

Loveland voters will have an opportunity to ask questions and hear answers from the five Mayoral and eleven Council candidates at a Forum on Wednesday, September 30, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at the City Council Chambers, 500 East Third Street in Loveland. The Forum is an important way to find out the positions these candidates hold on local issues of concern to Loveland residents. The evening will begin by each candidate being asked, "Why are you running for office and what skills or experience do you bring to that office?"

Written questions concerning local issues, submitted by audience members, will be posed by the Forum moderator to the candidates.

The Forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Larimer County, a nonpartisan organization, in cooperation with the City of Loveland.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Location: Loveland City Council Chambers, 500 East Third Street, Loveland

For more information: 669-8230

Wed, Sep 23: AN INSIDER'S LOOK AT THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY: FILM AND DISCUSSION

With almost 20 years inside the health insurance industry, Wendell Potter saw for-profit insurers hijack our health care system and put profits before patients. In June 2009 he testified before Congressional Committees and in July Bill Moyers interviewed him about how those companies are standing in the way of health care reform.

Sponsored by Health Care for All Colorado

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Council Tree Library

For more information: 224-6122

Sun, Sep 27: NAMAQUA FORUM: NUCLEAR WEAPONS REDUCTION

The Namaqua Forum (formerly the Open Forum) will feature Dr. Robert Lawrence on September 27 from 7:00 to 8:30. His topic will be Nuclear Weapons Reduction. We will meet at our new location: Ferguson Hill School at 1101 Hill Top Dr, Loveland. Take Taft 2 blocks south of Eisenhower, turn west on 11th St. Sponsored by UU Congregation. Refreshments served. Free and open to the public.

Date & Time: Sunday, September 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Ferguson Hill School, 1101 Hill Top Drive, Loveland

Mon, Oct 5: WHERE ARE WE NOW ON THE PATH TO HEALTH CARE REFORM? with Earl Baumgartel, MD

As comprehensive health reform legislation makes its way through Congress what will it mean for Americans in terms of cost? What will be the impact on racial disparities? Will reform mitigate barriers to access? How can citizens engage with legislators in the decision making process? Earl Baumgartel, M.D. practiced as a Board Certified General Surgeon in Loveland for 27 years until his retirement in 2004. He's served as a member of the Board of Hospice in Larimer County, a member of the Larimer County Medical Society and as a Chief of Staff at McKee Medical Center.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Larimer County

Date & Time: Monday, October 5, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Council Tree Library

For more information: 224-6122

Wed, Oct 7: CANDIDATE FORUM FOR PSD SCHOOL BOARD

Candidates for the Poudre School District school board election will appear at a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at the City Council Chambers, 300 LaPorte in Fort Collins, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The public is invited and encouraged to submit questions in writing to the candidates. This election is for districts C, D and E. The Forum also will be shown periodically on Channel 14.

The Candidate Forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, political organization, which encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Fort Collins City Council Chambers, 300 LaPorte, Fort Collins

For more information, please call 225-8954.

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, 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: September 5, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Shields, Fort Collins

Contact: c.j.quigley@comcast.net for reservations or more info.

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.

Larimer Democrats Southern Breakfast: Loveland

Date & Time: Third Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 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.